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**Elizabeth Deureling—
A Remembrance
June 19, 1928–April 17, 2019**

By Bruce Hale

Elizabeth Deureling, longtime member of VHG, died in April after a brief illness. She participated in Sierra Club outings and activities since the 1980s and continued to attend meetings this year until spring. Judy Anderson and I attended her funeral service on April 27, 2019 on behalf of the VHG. Elizabeth's daughter, Caroline, opened the service with an eulogy to her mom. I learned facts about Elizabeth's life history that I did not know. Elizabeth was a private person and rarely talked about her past.



She lived in Germany [b.1928 in Bavaria] during a most difficult time. She learned to play the piano and entertained family and friends with her music. She also became accomplished at needle point. In 1950, her father told her to come to U.S. for a better life. She came here on her own but connected with family in LA. She went to a German festival at Crescenta Valley County Park in 1950, then called "Hindenburg Park" where she met George Deureling. She married him around 1954. She had two daughters, in 1957 and 1959. Her second died in 1970. George died in 1969.

After these tragedies, Elizabeth moved to La Crescenta in 1972 where she remained in the house on Brookhill Ave until her passing. She established her own life. She valued her independence and remained independent until her final, brief illness.

Elizabeth was active with a group called "New Beginnings" at her church. She did many Sierra

Club activities over the years. In years past, she often participated in Griffith Park hikes. She used to take trips on her own as well as with the Sierra Club. She traveled to China with a friend in the early 1990s. Descanso Gardens was another mainstay in her life. As she slowed down, she would always still go walking in the gardens on a regular basis. Elizabeth was ever thoughtful with respect to others and never wanted to impose on anyone. But everyone would gladly give her a helping hand. She would express her gratitude so many times with saying, "Thanks a million!". She had a positive attitude about life even though she had experienced family tragedies. She always had a smile and a kind word. She always had something nice to say about everyone. She dressed stylishly and was remarkably well preserved for 91 [I thought she was at least 10 or more years younger]. She kept up with current events; one could always have an informed discussion with her. Her politics were on the liberal side, particularly after the difficulties she had experienced in Germany in the 1930s and 40s.

My connection with her started in 1996 when she called me about giving her a ride to the busing point for a Sierra Club weekend trip to San Simeon led by a noted trip leader of the time, Harry Goldstein. It turned out that she lived less than ½ mile from my house. The rest is history. I would pick her up for Sierra Club outings, meetings, and parties. She would sometimes serve me mint tea before we left for the particular event. In recent years, we attended some concerts at Disney Concert Hall. We occasionally had lunch or dinner at Dish, her favorite restaurant [in La Canada]. I helped her by doing things like changing light bulbs and by giving her advice on house repairs. Finally, I took her to grocery shop a few times during her last weeks. I sent her postcards while traveling; she would call me to let me know when she received one.

I was fond of Elizabeth and will miss her. But she has now gone on to the next life where she does not have any infirmities. Her funeral mass sent her off with lots of classic, inspiring music and solos and lots of prayers

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and incense. To me the music and solos made the service special and particularly appropriate since Elizabeth loved music. Selections included, Sibelius' Finlandia, Handel's Largo, Groban's Panis Angelicus, and Shubert's Ave Maria. I was honored to serve as one of the pallbearers.

Carnivore King of the Arctic

By Bruce Hale

Why is the polar bear so special? The polar bear, *ursus maritimus*, is the highly specialized predator of the far North. It evolved from the brown bear over 150 million years ago. The species is recognized as a marine mammal by Canada and the United States so that it is protected as whales and dolphins are. There are an estimated 31,000 polar bears. Of these, 1000 spend their time on land around the town of Churchill, Manitoba, Canada, which has become the "polar bear capital of the world". At the top of the food chain, eating primarily the ring and bearded seals, the polar bear is particularly vulnerable to climate change as the ice diminishes. Since 1981 arctic ice has already diminished 13%.

In the native Inuit language of the North, the word for polar bear is nanuq, meaning "the wanderer". Polar bears travel from seal to seal, smelling their way to the next seal meal. During a year, the bears will travel at least 200km. They are also good swimmers, able to swim at least 6 miles per hour, using their front legs to propel and their rear legs as a rudder. They can stay underwater for up to 3 minutes. They cannot, however, out-swim seals, so they usually grab them from seals' ice holes. They have a sensitive sense of smell; they can smell seal birthing dens and breathing holes in the ice from 20 miles away!

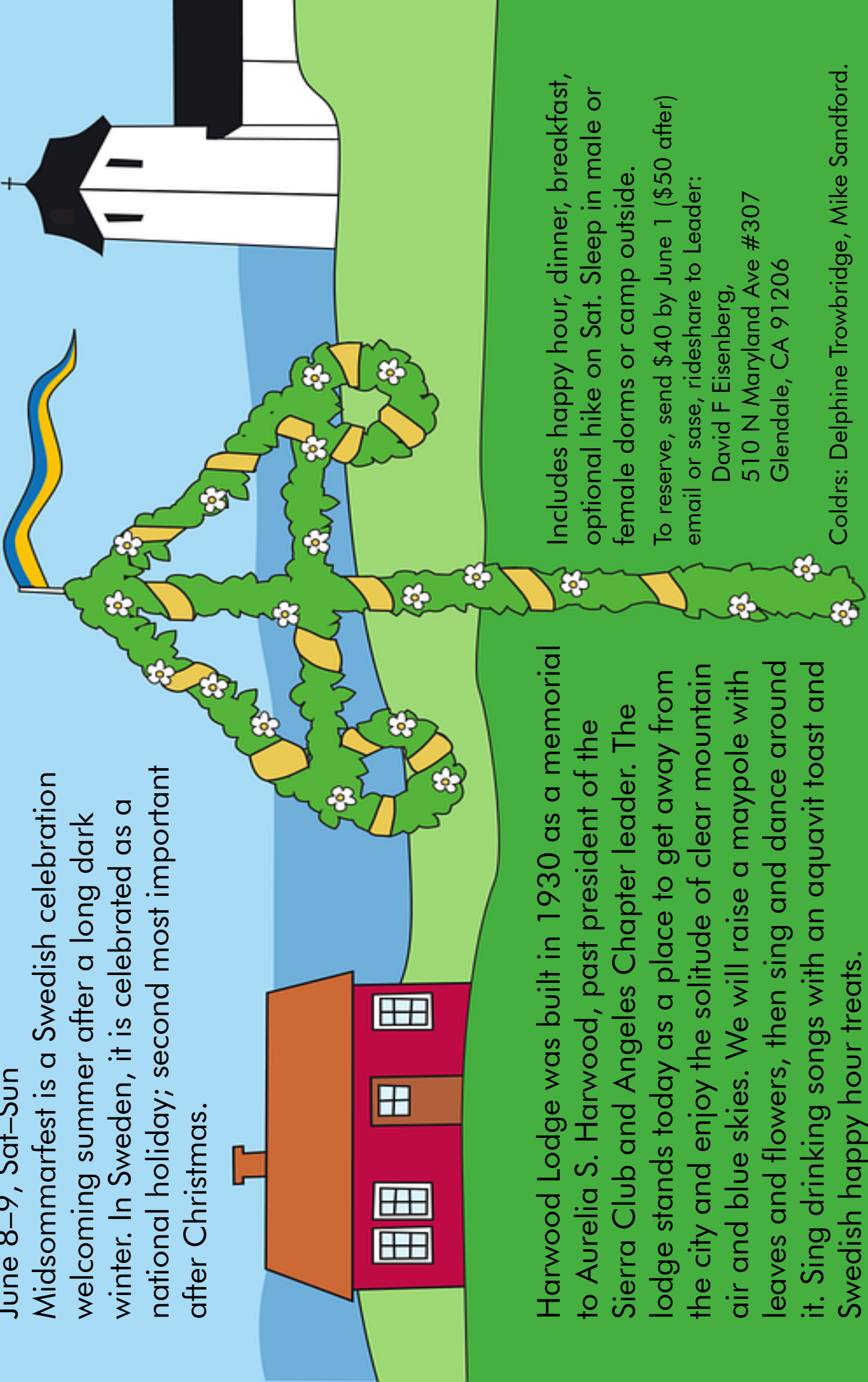


The nose is large, both to warm air and track seals. The tail and ears are small to conserve warmth. The fur coat, a yellowish white, is actually double with dense fur to keep the bear warm in the coldest arctic weather. The feet are furred and large to serve as either snowshoes or paddles.

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June 8-9, Sat-Sun

Midsommarfest is a Swedish celebration welcoming summer after a long dark winter. In Sweden, it is celebrated as a national holiday; second most important after Christmas.



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Includes happy hour, dinner, breakfast, optional hike on Sat. Sleep in male or female dorms or camp outside.

To reserve, send \$40 by June 1 (\$50 after) email or sase, rideshare to Leader:

David F Eisenberg,
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Coldrs: Delphine Trowbridge, Mike Sandford.

Verdugo Hills Group Celebrates the 80-Year Legacy of Keller Peak Ski Hut August 17-18, (Sat-Sun)



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The polar bears hunt the seals during the winter while the sea ice is in. Thus, they depend on the sea ice in which the seals make their dens. During summer the bears come on the land where they largely fast but will search for beached whales and walrus and small animals to help tide them over till the ice forms again. But they cannot sustain themselves on small wildlife. They need the fat of the seals. In fact, polar bears eat only the seal fat and leave the rest of the carcass for other wildlife such as the arctic fox, which often follows a polar bear to eat the remains. On account of the almost exclusive seal fat diet, the polar bear liver has extra lobes to process extreme amounts of vitamin A which would be highly toxic to humans. The polar bear stomach can hold up to 150 lbs. of food at one time. A typical male weighs up to 1300 lbs. while the female weighs up to 900 lbs. The biggest ever recorded was 12 feet long and weighed in at 2210 lbs. The life span is about 22 years, with the oldest recorded at 32 years. Polar bear cubs are usually born in litters of 2 or 3 in January.

Churchill, pop 900, right on the edge of Hudson Bay, is now on the map as the prime tourist place for viewing the Nanuq. The best time for viewing is in November as the bears are along the coast waiting for the ice to form on the bay. They instinctively know the ice will be forming. They are ready to get on the ice to eat seals and replenish their body fat. Visiting tourists cannot just go out on the tundra preserve. They must go with one of the two tour operators in Churchill. Both vendors use specialized vehicles to rove the tundra in search of the great white bear. The special vehicles allow personalized viewing since passengers can be just inches away from a polar bear leaning on the side of the vehicle or curiously sniffing under the steel mesh of the vehicle's rear "balcony." In this pose, the bear looks so deceptively gentle, peaceful and cute, but, of course, the bear is ferocious in attacking seals and in fighting over dominance. Males are often badly scarred from past battles.

Because of loss of sea ice habitat, already underway from climate change and all too likely to accelerate in the future, the United States listed the species as endangered in 2008. What will happen to the polar bear? Will it become extinct once the sea ice is gone to the point where the bear cannot hunt enough seals?

Or will it adapt and hybridize with an ability to eat a less specialized diet and still maintain body fat? Or will the nations of the earth band together to undertake the drastic measures required to stop what now seems to be an inevitable ice-melting progression of climate change? Time soon will tell.

Note: This article is an excerpt from Bruce's slide show, "The Polar Bears of Churchill," presented to the VHG on 4/1/19. It is based on materials from WWF, NWH, and NHM as well as Bruce's travel notes.

Corralitas Spring Cleaning

By Michael Beck

This year's spring really sprang up – with chest high weeds smothering much of the garden. Annette again came to the rescue, obtaining the services of a wonderful crew of the Glendale City College (GCC) ESL volunteers. On April 15 they showed up at 9:30 under the tutelage of ESL instructor Margaret and dove in. By 11:30, not a weed was left standing. They also cleared the sidewalk and trimmed the other side of the stairway to keep weed seeds from blowing across.

Once the other work was well under way, Delphine re-tasked some of the crew to help dig out a second lower terrace to improve our access to the bottom half of the garden. The lower middle area has remained starkly bare due to our inability to reach it for planting and watering. That will change now since we have big plans for our new terrace.

Of course big plans are only as good as the volunteers to execute them. We sure could use a few more Verdugo Hills folks eager for a little healthy outdoor exercise



GCC Volunteers busy at work

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After finishing, the volunteers posed for a group photo along with Michael, Delphine, and Charlotte (wearing the big hat).



to help the garden bloom more widely. Special kudos go here to Delphine. For the last year she has been coming in almost weekly from Santa Clarita to haul new plantings and lots of water all the way to the top of the first flight of stairs. Also kudos to Irene (who lives right on Corralitas) for engaging her whole family all through a long, hot summer to water the lower right section – the only really established part of our garden at the time, so that it would not only survive but thrive.

And thrive it has. This winter and spring that section (see photo) bloomed into California Poppy heaven. By early June, once the poppies have died off, the lush understory of drought-tolerant succulents will again come to the fore.

Also kudos to the rest of the Corralitas Committee for pitching in on gardening and attending planning meetings: Michael, Charlotte, Evelyn, Judy, and Carol.

Contact Delphine or Michael for more info.

Griffith Park's Silent Stakeholders

by Carol Henning

Not all of them are silent. Some of them bark, growl, chatter, squeak, hiss, squawk and chirp. Many have four legs. Others have six or eight legs. The two-legged ones have wings. Let us not forget them. Along with their botanical brothers and sisters, the soil and the rocks, they compose ecosystems.

The ecosystems about which this article is written are in Griffith Park, the largest municipally-owned urban wilderness within a U.S. city's limits. Most major cities have landscaped parks with built amenities. Los Angeles

is one of the few cities that contains an authentic and accessible wilderness in its urban core. Griffith Park's 4200-plus acres comprise numerous distinct ecosystems that nurture diverse species of native plants and wildlife. The Park is considered one of 34 biodiversity hotspots for conservation worldwide due to its high level of diversity, endemism and the degree to which it is threatened. Unfortunately, Griffith Park, a linchpin in the survival of Southern California's native ecosystems, has constantly been threatened.

Got something people don't want in their neighborhood? Put it in Griffith Park. Nobody lives there. (Oh? Tell that to the birds, bats, beetles and bobcats.) That sort of thinking led to one garbage dump and plans for another in the Park and to two freeways being bulldozed through the Park's eastern and northern boundaries.

Colonel Griffith donated his Rancho Los Feliz land to the City of Los Angeles. He wrote that, "Public parks are a safety valve of great cities," and he offered this advice: "Give nature a chance to do her good work, and nature will give every person a greater opportunity in health, strength and mental power." Parks are supposed to provide respite from the relentless drumbeat of commerce. Griffith Park's hills and valleys are important habitat for native animals and plants that have managed to persevere despite urban encroachment. These areas should be respected and protected, instead of being eyed as opportunities for commercial development.

But the popularity of the Hollywood Sign, which sits near the top of Mt. Lee in Griffith Park, has attracted the attention of swarms of tourists, seen as potential revenue sources by certain business interests and public officials. In early July 2018, Warner Bros. Studio proposed spending \$100 million to build an aerial tram to take ticket holders from its parking lot on Forest Lawn Drive, in Burbank, to Mt. Lee. A Warner Bros. representative called this "the Hollywood Skyway."

The Sierra Club Angeles Chapter has approved a resolution to oppose the Warner Bros. skyway and, indeed, any proposed aerial trams into or within the Park. Recently, members of the Angeles Chapter's Central Group, Verdugo Hills Group and Griffith Park Section met with representatives from Warner Bros.

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Studio. They answered our questions, and we had a lively exchange of ideas. The skyway, they said, could alleviate Hollywood Sign traffic in the hillside neighborhoods south of Griffith Park. This is an oft-made claim, but no one knows yet how effective an aerial tram from north of the Park would be in alleviating Hollywood Sign traffic south of the Park.

Presumably, the skyway would fly over Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills. The Warner Bros. representatives admitted they had not yet met with people from Forest Lawn. Most of the guests residing there are silent, but friends and relatives gathering to honor the dear departed might take a dim view of gondolas full of camera-clicking tourists hovering overhead. Just how high off the ground the skyway would go has not been determined.

A better photo from closer up is “what we would like to offer from a selfie perspective,” we were told. This would necessitate a swoop over the Hollywood Sign, as it faces south and the aerial tram would approach from the north. On the front side of the Hollywood Sign an “education center” is to be built. This would include an exhibit about Griffith Park and the Sign as well as the usual amenities. The building would be designed to fit into the surrounding environment, they assured us. A fenced-off area and a security system would keep out mischief makers and, one assumes, the non-paying public. That sounds like more privatization in a public park, which Col. Griffith meant to remain “open space, rustic and available to all.”

The issue of environmental justice permeates the proposed monetization of Griffith Park by a private entity and its office-holding enablers. Converting a free, open and wild section of the Park into an attraction only available to those who can afford to purchase tickets chips away at the Park’s communal abundance, intended for all to enjoy at no charge. Public goods are often undervalued, even disdained, in the Neoliberal model of Capitalist enterprise to which our economy seems addicted. In Washington, D.C., lives the Enabler in Chief and his minions.

Let us look at two of the creatures put more at risk by a project such as the Hollywood Skyway. The gondola will disgorge gangs of visitors into the sensitive hilly core of the Park. In 2009, Dan cooper, Scientific Advisor for the Griffith Park Natural History Survey found a Coastal Horned Lizard in the Park. He had looked for

one of these “Horney Toads” for three years, and he was delighted to see that these shy lizards were still in Griffith Park. This species’ numbers have diminished greatly in Los Angeles, mostly due to urban development. The lizards need loose sand in which to bury themselves. They rely on native harvester ants, the big red ones, for their fine dining opportunities. That the Coastal Horned Lizard has managed to retain its foothold in Griffith Park suggests the healthy status—so far-- of a complex ecosystem.

In February 2012, cameras belonging to the Griffith Park Natural History Survey’s Wildlife Connectivity Study captured an image of a mountain lion moving east towards Griffith Park. Puma populations were known to exist in the western Santa Monica Mountains and in the Verdugo Mountains north of Griffith Park. The mountain lion (*Puma concolor*), P22, almost certainly came from the western Santa Monica Mountains, crossing both the 405 and the 101 freeways to get to Griffith Park. P22 has had his photo taken with the Hollywood Sign, the very juxtaposition tourists crave. Mountain lions, also called cougars, often live in remote, dry areas with deep canyons and steep cliffs. Their claws retract into protective coverings in their paws and their long graceful tails help them keep their balance while stalking, running, leaping and climbing. These cats are apex predators. They prey mainly on deer, elk and hares. Mule deer, the largest herbivores in the Park, are P22’s entrée of choice. Some years ago he became very sick with mange from eating an animal poisoned with rodenticide. (A bill, AB 1788, has been introduced in the California State Legislature by Assemblymember Richard Bloom, D-Santa Monica. The bill is called the California Ecosystems Protection Act, and it would ban second generation anticoagulant rodenticides in California. These are the most toxic, “one-feeding kills” poisons. AB 1788 would also ban first generation anticoagulants on state-owned properties. These products are threatening wildlife as well as creating risks to the health and safety of children and household pets.

300 native plant species have been found in Griffith Park. Ten of these are considered “rare” by the California Native Plant Society. These plants, along with over 200 species of birds, as well as bugs, spiders, frogs, toads, lizards, snakes, salamanders, rabbits, moles, squirrels, skunks, opossums, raccoons, bats, deer, fox, coyotes,

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bobcats and our mountain lion, all live in Griffith Park and depend on its wild areas. Is it worth damaging their habitat and scaring many of them away to install an aerial tram to the Hollywood Sign so that tourists can score the optimal selfie (while greasing Warner Bros.' palms and leaving a lagniappe to the City?)

A meeting with staffers of Los Angeles City Councilmember David Ryu, in whose council district (CD-4) Griffith Park sits, yielded the following information. It was decided to “move forward” on 22 of the proposals in the Dixon Report. (Dixon Resources Unlimited, a transportation consulting firm, after talking with various community stakeholders—not including the Sierra Club—released an access, safety and mobility study for Griffith Park and the Hollywood Sign early in 2018. Councilmember Ryu introduced a motion instructing certain City departments to study each strategy for its feasibility. Two of these strategies were aerial trams and a Hollywood Sign Visitor Center.)

In addition, the City Council has told Recreation and Parks to do a feasibility study of the Warner Bros. skyway proposal. At the time of our meeting, the company to do this study had not yet been chosen. The councilmember's preference, we were told, was that an aerial tram should originate north or east of the Park.

Our discussion moved on to a consideration of alternatives to the Grand Proposal of a skyway flying visitors to the Hollywood Sign from north of the Park. First, a trail at the Ford Theatre in the Cahuenga Pass is underway. This trail will offer excellent, if distant, views of the Hollywood Sign, and it will be built to allow access to visitors with wheelchairs and walkers. There will be toilets and interpretive signage. Parking is available, and more might be added. Next, the ranch at the top of Beachwood Canyon existed before the City's easement on the road up to the ranch. Horses can be rented, and one can ride close enough to the Hollywood Sign to get a good look and a worthwhile photo. Also, most readers of the Dixon Report liked the proposal for electric shuttle buses up Beachwood Canyon Drive and through the now locked gate providing access to the Hollyridge hiking trail up to the Hollywood Sign. However, two lawsuits pertaining to this access are still pending, and an Environmental Impact Report will likely be necessary. Finally, why not have a Hollywood Sign Visitors' Center in downtown Hollywood? A 1992

settlement resulted in the Hollywood Sign's ownership by the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. Wouldn't this alternative appeal to them? As previously suggested by this writer and many others, a viewing platform atop one of Hollywood's tall buildings could be easily reached by public transit. Part of the Hollywood Sign experience could be a virtual swoop over the Sign. Virtual reality technology improves apace. Think of the inconvenience this would eliminate for the tourist in a hurry or for the mobility challenged.

“Community concerns will help us design a better project,” the Warner Bros. representatives earnestly assured us. One appreciates their efforts at outreach, but one must ask whether there should even be such a project. The attention given to this proposal, and the money spent on studying its feasibility, gives one pause. It indicates that most of us humans are still thinking in the old ways, still viewing the natural world as insignificant, or as a waste land, or as a resource to exploit, an opportunity to extract revenue.

Our arrogance and our greed have led us here and have gotten us, other living things and the planet itself, into a mess. A new report has found that more than 40 percent of insect species around the world may become extinct in the next few decades. According to the Rainforest Action Network, the Bramble Cay melony, a small rodent from Papua New Guinea, has become the world's first mammal victim of extinction because of climate change. Let us remember that every little life is big to the one living it.

Dahr Jamail, a prize winning journalist and author of *The End of Ice: Bearing Witness and Finding Meaning in the Path of Climate Disruption*, told about an indigenous man he met and interviewed for his book. The man, of Cherokee descent, reminded Jamail that the “Western colonial mindset is that we each have rights, whereas indigenous wisdom teaches that we're all born into this world with certain obligations....we have a moral obligation to future generations and to serve and take care of the planet.”

Griffith Park: an urban wilderness, a bit of what is left of the natural world, versus the lure of commerce. When will the former surpass the latter in our value system? Ever? Will it already be too late?

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May 2 Thursday

O: Glendale Urban Walk

Today's event is a walk in the Atwater Village area. This area covers the Frogtown area of Los Angeles bordering the SW corner of Glendale. We will walk along the Los Angeles River and through parts of Frogtown. 4-6 mi, mostly level ground. Meet 9 am at North Atwater Park (3900 Chevy Chase Dr, Los Angeles, 90039). Bring water. Leaders David F Eisenberg, Bruce Hale.

May 6 Monday

Monthly Meeting

Verdugo Hills member and world traveler Sandra Odor recently visited Central Asia to see the Stans (Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan). She will present her pictures and tell us about her trip. Everyone is welcome at 7:00 for social time and refreshments. Program starts at 7:30. Meet in the auditorium of La Crescenta Library (2809 Foothill Blvd, La Crescenta). Enter from the back. Handicapped accessible.

May 13th Monday

Hike in Descanso Gardens

Enjoy late spring blooms and more at Descanso Gardens, La Canada. Bruce Hale, a Descanso volunteer, will provide a custom tour, including the rose garden, bird observation station, oak woodland, California natives, and the Japanese Garden and aspects of history. 1.5 mi. Meet 10 am. Bring money for admission unless you are a guild member who has free entry. General admission \$9, senior \$6. Ldrs: Bruce Hale, Delphine Trowbridge, Carol Henning, Charlotte Feitshans, John Redalj

June 3 Monday

Monthly meeting

"Recycling, Legislation and the National Sword", is the title and subject of our program. Regina Wheeler, Recycling Coordinator for the City of Glendale will present a slide show explaining how China's new policy, the National Sword, is affecting recycling programs throughout the country. Once our largest customer of recycled items China is now severely limiting the goods she will buy based on this new law. Wheeler will speak about what we can do to deal with our recycling and limit the amount going into our overstressed landfills especially Scholl Canyon. Everyone is welcome at 7:00 for social time and refreshments. Program starts at 7:30. Meet in the auditorium of La Crescenta Library (2809 Foothill Blvd, La Crescenta). Enter from the back. Handicapped accessible.

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June 10 Monday

Monthly hike

Moderately paced 3 ½ mile walk in beautiful Hancock Park and Windsor Square from the LA Tennis Club to Marciano Art Collection. Learn about Historic Preservation Overlay Zones and see consulates, buildings by famous architects and homes of the rich and famous. Optional Lunch. Meet 9:45 AM at Hancock Park Terrace, just south of Melrose on the west side of Wilcox. Visitor Parking at HPT will accept 2 or 3 cars. Otherwise, park on street nearby. (Read signs Carefully) Ldrs: Carol Henning, Delphine Trowbridge, Evelyn Alexander, Bruce Hale, Charlotte Feitshans

June 28 Friday

Glendale Evening Urban Walk

We will do an evening stroll through Glenoaks Canyon. We will be able to look into the Scholl Canyon Landfill and discuss the environmental impacts on the homes we are walking past. Meet 6:30 pm at the corner of Glenoaks Blvd and Mt. Carmel Dr. (Take the Holly Dr exit from the 2 or Harvey Dr exit from 134. Park on Carmel Dr or on Glenoaks Blvd.) Bring water, optional flashlight, layers. Ldrs: David Eisenberg, Bruce Hale

July 8-11 Mon-Thursday

Dogwood Car Camp

Join us for a camping adventure in the San Bernardo National forest in beautiful Dogwood Campground near Lake Arrowhead. We will have BBQ's, campfires, hiking and field trips with optional brunch in Arrowhead Village. Trip includes campsite with parking, 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts and all activities except brunch. Send check for \$45.00 (made out to Verdugo Hills) to Delphine Trowbridge, 21308 Jimpson Way, Canyon Country, 91351. Include email address/sase. Motels are nearby-contact David. Ldrs: Delphine Trowbridge, Evelyn Alexander, David Eisenberg

July 14 Sunday

Walk in Ventura, the Olivas Adobe and downtown Ventura

Celebrate Ventura's rancho heritage by touring the last remaining Monterey style adobe in the country. After lunch we will visit some of the sites of downtown. Enjoy seeing the funky shops along Main Street. Visit the Ventura County Museum and Mission. Wear comfortable shoes. Meet 9:45 am at Verdugo Hills ride share or 10:45 at the Olivas Adobe (4200 Olivas Park Dr, Ventura). Bring money for Museum and adobe (\$3 for seniors \$5 for adults) and lunch. Extreme heat, 90°+ or heavy rain cancels. Ldrs: Evelyn Alexander, David Eisenberg

Aug 5 Monday

Monthly meeting

Professor of Geography Ron Davidson from CSUN will discuss why cities evolve the way they did in the second half of the 20th Century. Davidson will speak about the top ten factors that influenced the evolution of American Cities from 1950-2000 based on a survey by urban historian Robert Fishman. Everyone is welcome at 7:00 for social time and refreshments. Program starts at 7:30. Meet in the auditorium of La Crescenta Library (2809 Foothill Blvd, La Crescenta). Enter from the back. Handicapped accessible.

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Volunteers Needed

Verdugo Hills Group is looking for hike leaders, event planners/leaders, committee members, etc.

If you would like to help in directing our wonderful group, please talk to our membership chair, JUDY ANDERSON

All links are live. You can email leaders or visit websites by clicking on a link.

Email and Phone info is not available in the web version to protect privacy.

To contact leaders or for more information on our Group, email VerdugoHillsGroup@gmail.com.

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Meetings

Verdugo Hills meets first Monday of each month except July and January. Meetings are located at the La Crescenta Library (2809 Foothill Blvd—Enter in the back). Social Hour: 7 pm, Meeting: 7:30

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