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And the Award Goes To ...

by Carol Henning

It had been quite a while since the **Lori and Robin Ives Media Award** had been given to anyone. In a rare lucid moment, it occurred to me that our Verdugo Hills group was harboring the perfect recipient. This was David Eisenberg.

In common with many Sierra Club members, I was a big fan of the Angeles Chapter *Schedule of Activities*. This gem, which was sent out three times a year to all Chapter members, contained so much helpful information. Besides the actual schedule of outings, meetings, etc., there were short articles about particular committees, membership and leadership training applications, lists of the officers of the Club, the Chapter, the regional groups, the sections, committees and task forces, and the best part: a directory of outings leaders. I always tried to get ahold of two copies of each Schedule—one to keep at home and the other to stash in my car.

David has always been a talented photographer, and he often took the color cover photographs for the Schedule. Since he retired from teaching math, David has traveled the world and taken many more beautiful photos, which we see in the travel programs he crafts and presents to his Verdugo Hills colleagues and other groups. I thought I had traveled far and wide, but David has matched me and then some.

Since 2003, he has been the editor of Verdugo Views, the electronic and also hard-copy newsletter. Sometimes he puts the newsletter together in remote locations—aboard a ship, in a time zone where it is tomorrow, or in a hemisphere where the night sky is decorated with different constellations. When he returns to Southern California, he leads car camps and city walks, museum and garden tours. He serves as a docent in one of those museums and one of those gardens.

When the Sierra Club and the Angeles Chapter experienced hard times during the economic downturn of the previous decade, Chapter staff decided they could



no longer manage the expense of printing and mailing the **Schedule of Activities** to all the members. To our sorrow and chagrin, the thrice-yearly arrival in our mail boxes of that handy reference ceased.

For the excellent *Schedule of Activities* he produced, and for the fine newsletter he still puts together for Verdugo Hills, we thought it appropriate that he receive an award, and not just any award. Thus, along with Jane Simpson, Ron and Mary Ann Webster, Congressman Ted Lieu and others, David was given one of the “Angeles Chapter’s Highest Honors” at the Annual Awards Banquet on May 7 of this year. And, if you ask me, it was high time.

Conservation Alert

Deadline July 10

Our National Monuments are under attack. See page 5 for Action Steps

NEWS & NOTES

Dogwood Camping Weekend

By Delphine Trowbridge

Dogwood Campground is located in the heart of the San Bernardino National Forest near Lake Arrowhead. This camp is a dense woodland of cedar, oak, pine and fir trees and is home to a variety of wildlife and birds. We had 16 participants camping for the weekend and all said they enjoyed the event, in spite of the bad weather. The highest the temperature got was about 64 degrees and Saturday night it went down to 40 with a night of rain and heavy fog. We had our Happy Hours, Friday night potluck and 4 campfires.

On Saturday, we went to Lake Gregory and walked around the 2.5-mile trail with 10 fitness stations along the way. Some of the group tested their ability on some of the stations. That afternoon Evelyn led a hike on the Dogwood trail in the campground. There we no Dogwood blooms but we had beautiful wild Iris in blossom.

Saturday night we had our famous BBQ of tri-tip roast and salmon. Janet made a pot of baked beans and a rum cake for dessert. Others made contributions also so we all ate a lot. During our evening campfire Aaron and Dotty entertained us with show tunes and Bill told stories which rhyme. Because it was so cold we all went to bed around 9 and shortly after that the rain started. We had planned to have a morning in Arrowhead but most of us stuffed wet tents in trash bags and headed for home.

I want to thank Bill Karasick, Mike Sandford and Marilyn Jones for helping break down camp in the rain. Evelyn and I really appreciated it.



Photo by Shaune Hand



Photo by Evelyn Alexander



Photo by Dotty Sandford

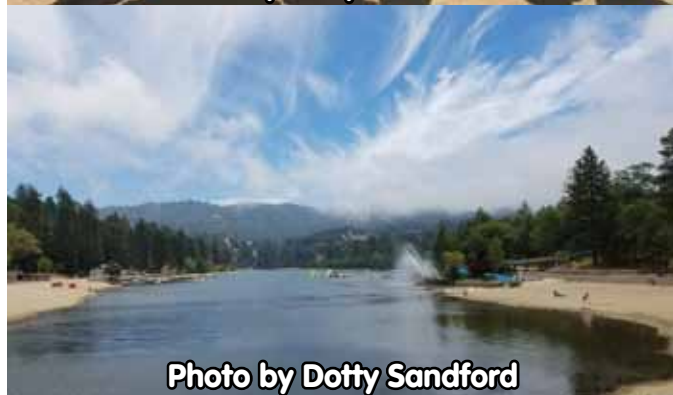


Photo by Dotty Sandford

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Chapter-Sponsored China-Tibet Trip of May 2017

Part I: Tibetan Adventure

By Bruce Hale

Photos by David Eisenberg

If for one always feel an exhilaration when visiting Tibet. What is so special about Tibet? A few things come to mind: The rarified atmosphere of ‘the roof of the world’. The deep blue sky. The smoke and smell of incense at Tibet’s many temples and monasteries. The Yak butter candles ever-burning inside the temples. The chanting of monks. The squeak of spinning prayer wheels. Endless numbers of pilgrims prostrating themselves before temple entrances. The vibrant shopping district of the Barkor in Lhasa. The vastness of the Yarlung Tsangpo River, the highest major river in the world. The Lhasa River, Tibet’s “Mother River.” The “Holy Lakes” in the mountain passes. The glacier at the Karola Pass. The panoramic vistas seen from the train traveling across the Tibetan Plateau. Farmers plowing their barley fields as they have for centuries using yaks.

Twenty-five travelers on the Chapter-sponsored trip to China-Tibet led by Fred Dong and Bruce Hale last month enjoyed these experiences. This trip included visiting more rural areas of Tibet besides Lhasa. This article will describe our first week which we spent in Tibet. A second article will cover the second half of the trip in China.

Fred and I had not led a trip to Tibet since 2011. There has been lots and lots of new construction in Lhasa since then. The population now exceeds 500,000. But the Old Town looks about the same, except for greater security presence. Our hotel in Lhasa, conveniently located right in central downtown, allowed us to walk to the Barkor shops and the Jokhang Temple, one of the most important temples in Tibet and to which many Buddhists make pilgrimages. Walking to the temple from our hotel on our first morning there revealed huge crowds of pilgrims doing prostrations at the temple entrance. We went to the roof of the temple for one of the best views of downtown Lhasa.

That afternoon we tour the Potala, the iconic symbol of Lhasa, dating back to 7th century and expanded in



Jokhang : Inside the Courtyard



Potala Palace: Iconic Frontal View

the 17th century. It reportedly has 10,000 rooms. One climbs the 400 steps to reach the inner courtyard, the Dalai Lama’s headquarters, and the chapels and tombs. Of course the Dalai Lama has not been here since 1959 when the Dalai Lama fled to India. In old times Tibet was a theocracy, so that the Potala was the seat of both religious and political power. The red portion houses the spiritual side, the white portion the secular.



**Yumbulagang Palace:
Perched over the Tsedang Valley**

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We head for Tsedang, a 3-hour drive west of Lhasa. For a while the highway parallels the new railroad tracks going west and the vast Yarlung River. Tsedang, population 80,000, nestles in a lush, rich agricultural valley growing wheat and barley. In Chinese mythology the Tsedang Valley is where monkeys became men. The Yumbulagang Palace, perched on a hilltop overlooking the valley, once held importance as a strategic spot for the Tibetan kings. In the afternoon we visit the remote Samye Monastery, noted for its lush green gardens right in the midst of desert which is otherwise dotted with purple-flowering plants of the pea family.

Driving on to Gyantse the next day required crossing the Kambala Pass [15,820'] and the Karola Pass [16,622']. The Nyenchen Kangchen Glacier at the latter was hidden behind heavy clouds. In fact, we have some light snow fall and rain. Our hotel in Gyantse is basic. It is undergoing renovation. Not many western tourists spend time in Gyantse. But Gyantse has an authentic old town and an imposing monastery, the Pelkor Chode, dating back to the 15th century. Its Kumbum, the big stupa, with 6 levels through which one walks clockwise peering into seemingly innumerable tiny chapels, each with its own distinct, exquisite Buddha paintings.

Eighty km from Gyantse is Tibet's second largest city, Shigatse. On the way, we stop to visit a family farmhouse. We go in the house and meet some of the family. Jimmy, our Tibetan guide, translates. In this part of rural Tibet, when a woman marries, her husband's brothers also become her husbands. This custom is limited to this area. Jimmy's brother recently married; jimmy told us that he



Gyantse Old Town: Weaver



Family Farm Visit: Mother with New Baby

is not going to be another husband to his brother's wife. In Shigatse we visit the Tashilhunpo Monastery, just 1.5 mile from our hotel. Built in 1447, it is the seat of the Panchen Lama whose modern history is filled with intrigue from the disappearance of the actual Panchen Lama and the reappointment of his successor by the Chinese. The monastery itself is famous for its 27m high Maitreya Buddha statue.

Out of Shigatse we drive along the Friendship Highway and cross a 14,600' pass to descend into the



Kambala Pass: David on a Yak looking down at Yamdrok Lake

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Tashilhunpo Monastery: Group Photo



Sakya Valley. The town of Sakya is being expanded and modernized on a huge scale. Temples are being rebuilt into the hillside with paths for pilgrims. We tour the main complex dating to the 13th century. Sakya was a major center until the 15th century when a different Buddhist tradition took over, so Sakya declined. In its heyday, Sakya was renowned as a center of knowledge. It still houses a big collection of Tibetan texts reflecting wisdom of the ages and dating as far back as the 7th century. Jimmy tells us that the texts have been digitized but never printed.

Upon our return to Lhasa in the afternoon we stop at the Sera Monastery on the north side of the city. We are on time to watch the monks' debates. The monks clap and slap their hands and gesture and gesticulate and seem to take their positions seriously. But this show is a part of the monks' training. The subject matter is not political but philosophical questions. This monastery, dating back to the 15th century, is also known for its big mandala made of colored sand. But it should be known for the ever-present roadwork going on around it and for



Sera Monastery: Monks Engaged in Debate

the series of sleeping dogs on the cobblestone entrance road. That evening some of us walk into the Muslim Quarter in Lhasa. The street vendors are selling many foods and produce. So exotic!

The next morning we board the train to cross the Tibetan Plateau in about 23 hours to arrive in Xining, China. It is always surprising to me that the 23-hour train ride passes so quickly. How one could be bored with the scenery! Besides snowcapped mountain ranges in the distance, the scenery includes wildlife more proximate to the train. The highest point of the rail line is 16,500' around the Tongtian Heyan Station. As the miles go by the landscape becomes more prairie-like. During the night our first class cabins are relatively comfortable. The train arrives in Xining at 6:40 am and our adventure continues now in China.

Notes:

- Part II will describe the second half of the trip.
- Complete sets of David's Pictures may be found at [flickr.com/photos/davideisenberg/collections](https://www.flickr.com/photos/davideisenberg/collections)

We Can Do It! Save the Monuments!

By Judy Anderson

Get involved!—No money, and only little time—Its a chance use your creative side, and dream about future adventures in the ones you haven't seen but value. We need your voice to keep National Monument designations from being overturned!

Former Congressman, now CA Attorney General, Xavier Becerra has sent 11 pages to Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, pointing out both the faulty legal standing of the 'review' of monuments designations by several previous presidents, and specifically on the six California monuments. Now the public needs to step up.

California Threatened National Monuments

- Berryessa Snow Mountain
- Carrizo Plain
- Giant Sequoia
- Mojave Trails
- Sand to Snow
- San Gabriel Mountains.

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Verdugo Hills Group has led trips to nearly all. So we have memories, if not photos for personal notes in letters about them to Secretary Zinke.

The **Sand to Snow** proposal has been under consideration since the 1994 designation of Joshua Tree National Park. NPS staff realized that JTNP was nearly an island, about to be surrounded by urbanity, and leaving key wildlife in danger. Key species? Desert Bighorn Sheep migrate from San Geronio wilderness to JTNP for winter range, and the migration routes were only partly protected by the Park and wilderness before designation. The curious sheep were watching on the fall day Senator Feinstein held a Senate hearing at Whitewater—20 years after the problem was identified. It brought many diverse groups together in support. Sand to Snow is important!

When the **Carrizo Plain**, has tens of thousands of acres of wildflowers in bloom, its a wonder to behold, but sitting quietly and watching Pronghorn bound across the valley is a treasured present. If you climb the foothills or go into the Temblor range to the east, you won't be able to miss the reflections on the valley floor to the north... is that sun glinting off water? No, its rows and rows of silicon panels, gathering electricity. Who will protect the pronghorn habitat, the cultural artifacts? You will!

The AG's comments noted that the **Giant Sequoia Monument** protects 26% of the remaining Sequoia in the World. Yes, there are some in the National Parks of the Sierra, but they grow nowhere else in the world except in tiny arboretum groves. The struggle to keep these few trees from being logged has been continuous for over 30 years! We can do it again!

Mojave Trails Monument is a favorite of Senator Feinstein. She carried the CA Desert Protection Act, without re-shaping to include areas of special interest to her—the historic, geologic and cultural areas along Route 66. The threat? The aquifer that sits under the eastern Mojave portion is extensive; its recharge depends on unpredictable California desert snowfall. The MWD and customer districts, e.g. eastern OC want to mine the water—betting on future desert rain instead of re-use and recycling and hoping that isolated desert seeps and springs won't dry up, and devastate the area, or allow salt to blow off the old Morton Salt works near Amboy.

Protect these lands that link the Mojave Preserve with Joshua Tree.

The coastal range of California, north of San Francisco, is a corduroy of mountains paralleling the coast and home to Hwy 101, famous for its access to the coastal redwoods. The largely ignored **Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument** to the east includes the higher ridges just west of I-5 in a long strip from Lake Berryessa (west of Sacramento) NNW to Mendocino NF. The monument is a mix: BLM and N.F. with wilderness in each. Its unruffled nature has few E-W crossroads, but geologic features unusual in CA abound, including exposed and rising seamounts pushed up by tectonic plates action. Varied geology leads to varied botany, and in this case, also a variety of cultures, reflected in the languages spoken by dozens of nearby Native American tribes. Endorsed by the five counties surrounding it, the entire region is just beginning to enjoy the economic benefits of Monument status as Californians are discovering the hidden gems of wildflower displays, Tule elk herds, birding, and impressive vistas.

And finally, the **San Gabriel Mountains Monument**, the backdrop for all Angelenos, and the most visited National Forest. The Monument brings additional attention to protect the still-growing mountains' resources from unintended abuse from the adjacent urban area, and overuse. From 4th of July mountain top hikes to a first experience with snow, the range of experiences are myriad and worthy of special attention. Share your favorite memories in your letter supporting San Gabriel Mountains Monument.

How to Comment

- Comment directly to the Department of Interior: [regulations.gov/document?D=DOI-2017-0002-0001](https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=DOI-2017-0002-0001)
- Use the National Sierra Club Action Page addup.org/campaigns/stop-the-monumental-rollback
- Send by mail to Monument Review, MS-1530, US Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240.

The AG's press release and letter are at oag.ca.gov/news/press-releases/attorney-general-becerra-trump-administration-protect-california%E2%80%99s-national

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Beachwood Gate: The Public Pays; Private Business Profits

by Carol Henning

STOP: NO ACCESS TO HOLLYWOOD SIGN warned the sign on the then (January, 2015) new tax-payer funded gate in Upper Beachwood Canyon. On the other side of the gate is the Hollyridge trailhead. The gate was closed to pedestrians on May 18 this year. As a result, the Hollyridge Trail, which winds its way up to a road above the Hollywood Sign, is inaccessible. A March 14, 2017 photo in the Los Angeles Times shows a sign on the motor vehicle gate advertising HORSEBACK TOURS IN THE HOLLYWOOD HILLS. These are offered by Sunset Ranch Hollywood. Their customers may use a call box, or they can punch in a code, and the gate will glide inward to allow them ingress. So the Great Gate of Beachwood Canyon will open for paying customers of Sunset Ranch but not for members of the public hoping to hike a public trail (Hollyridge) in a public park (Griffith Park). But public money paid for the construction and installation of the handsome gate that shuts out the public. Whoa.

In 1902, Col. Griffith J. Griffith asked: “Cannot the City Fathers, acting on behalf of the people, expend a modest sum to make the beautiful meadows and cañons and the commanding heights of the park accessible to the lovers of nature?” Apparently not—at least not via the Hollyridge Trail.

“To me it would seem like the city would want to fight for the right of public access, and deciding to close off access through Beachwood Canyon permanently doesn’t show that they made that effort to represent the public,” said Gerry Hans, a vice president of Friends of Griffith Park (quoted in *Curbed LA*, May 3, 2017). The public access issue led Friends of Griffith Park, together with the Griffith J. Griffith Charitable Trust and the Los Feliz Oaks Homeowners Association, to file a Motion in Los Angeles Superior Court challenging the City of Los Angeles’ decision to close the Beachwood gate to the Hollyridge Trail in Griffith Park. The Motion to Intervene permits entities not named in the lawsuit to become parties to protect an important interest. The reasons for the Motion, besides public access, include improper transfer of public land to a private party. The

legal filing argues that, at a minimum, these actions violate the L.A. City Charter, the L.A. Municipal Code, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and various provisions of state law. Attorney Mike Gatto is representing the Griffith Family Trust, Friends of Griffith Park and the Los Feliz Oaks Homeowners Association.

The popular trail, used by hikers since the 1920s, offers comparatively easy access and very good views of the landmark Hollywood Sign. But Sunset Ranch, a privately owned and run horse stable complained that the constant pedestrian traffic was interfering with its use of a dirt road easement that allows vehicles in and out of its property. The ranch’s right of way easement was established around 1940. Then, in 1945, the land surrounding Sunset Ranch Hollywood Stables was sold to the City of Los Angeles. This land became part of Griffith Park. When, in recent years, the Hollywood Sign became a goal of tourist pilgrimage, the number of sign-seeking hikers grew alarmingly, swarming over the hillside communities underneath the sign. Shortly before the Beachwood Gate got closed to hikers, a guard hired to monitor vehicular and pedestrian traffic through the gate told me, “You ought to see this place on weekends!” New parking regulations, DASH service to the foot of upper Beachwood Canyon and a ban on large tour buses have helped. Rerouting hikers to Brush/Bronson Canyon, however, does not help. It simply shifts the problems to someone else’s back yard.

When the case of *SUNSET RANCH HOLLYWOOD STABLES VS CITY OF LOS ANGELES, ET AL*, was heard on February 3, 2017, in Superior Court, the judge observed that the Right of Way was not exclusive and that “members of the public (i.e., pedestrians/hikers) cannot be excluded from using the easement.” Because of pedestrian traffic further along the easement road sometimes blocking access to and from Sunset Ranch, however, the court ordered the City “to provide public pedestrian access to the Hollyridge Trail” at an alternate location as close to the Beachwood gate or Hollyridge Drive “as practicable.”

At a hearing on March 13, Deputy City Attorney Michael Kaplan announced that the City had decided to close the Beachwood gate to pedestrians. It chose an

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entrance “1,500 feet to the east of Beachwood Drive.” This is the Bronson/Canyon Drive terminus. Mike Gatto remarks that this Hollyridge Trail access point is “1,500 feet away if you’re an eagle.” It adds at least a strenuous mile, and that doesn’t include the distance involved in getting to the trailhead. The City’s alacrity in surrendering the public’s right to use the Beachwood access was regrettable. It is said that the surrender was encouraged by L.A. City’s Department of Recreation and Parks. If true, this is especially disheartening.

On June 13, a Los Angeles Superior Court judge rejected the attempt of Friends of Griffith Park, the Griffith Family Trust and the Los Feliz Oaks Homeowners Association to intervene in the case. The judge said the groups could still have their day in court by filing a separate lawsuit. Both the City and Sunset Ranch argued against allowing the three groups to intervene. The attorney representing Sunset Ranch maintained that the groups “did not establish what was required of them in order to intervene,” (quoted in the *Los Angeles Times* on-line article by Emily Alpert Reyes, June 13, 2017).

Has the Griffith Park Advisory Board (GPAB) ridden to the rescue? It has proposed a new public access point to Griffith Park at the top of Beachwood Drive to be constructed as close as possible to the former access point for the Park and the Hollyridge Trail. The GPAB “supports the opening of a new access gate and path to the Hollyridge Trail through the current fencing immediately to the south of the Sunset Ranch road extension off Beachwood Drive,...which is only a few feet distant from the former access gate and which fully complies with the letter and spirit of the court order,” (letter of May 26, 2017, from GPAB signed by Susan Swan, Don Seligman and Kris Sullivan—Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary). Using Google Earth maps and the L.A. Zimas system, the GPAB has shown a proposed access to the trail without utilizing the existing gate to Sunset Ranch. With an elevation gain of roughly 50 feet vertical, the trail access would be achieved by a series of switchbacks and/or installation of modular stairs.

Gerry Hans told me: “It is a fairly safe assumption that we will press further...unless the City decides to... go forward with the alternate proposal which the GPAB has officially supported.” Clare Darden of the Griffith J.

Griffith Charitable Trust points out that, “A basic right of Angelenos is access to its public parks. Any access threatened by special interest groups to Griffith Park land is in violation of Colonel Griffith’s declaration that the park be free and open to all,” (quoted in Friends of Griffith Park press release).

In *America at War with Itself*, Henry Giroux writes about “systemic attempts to eliminate public spheres—institutions whose first allegiance is to the noncommercial values of the common good rather than to the manipulation of every human activity into an opportunity for a profitable extraction.” In Griffith Park, as elsewhere, we see a continuous pattern of private gain at public expense. Consider the Haunted Hayride and the Great Horror Campout. Consider the possible uses of the permanent performance stage to be built at the Old Zoo. In the case discussed here, the City of L.A. decided to give control over a gate funded by public money, and a trailhead belonging to the public to a private business. Though some of the lyrics change from time to time, it’s the same old tune.

Email the Griffith Advisory Board at rap.griffithpark@lacity.org. Tell them you support their alternative proposal for a new public access point to Griffith Park at the top of Beachwood Drive.

Volunteers Needed

Verdugo Hills Group is always looking for new people for our Management Committee.

We are 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 ()

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ACTIVITIES

No Monthly Meeting in July and no hikes. Have a happy Independence Day.

Aug 6 Sunday

USS Iowa and Pt. Fermin Light House

Enjoy a visit, or revisit, to the USS Iowa, (a decommissioned battle ship that is now open to the public in San Pedro Harbor). After lunch, we will tour the Pt. Fermin Light House in nearby Pt. Fermin. Bring \$ for lunch. Wear comfortable shoes. Send \$17. (seniors) or \$20. (adults) with a sase/email to Evelyn Alexander. Ldrs: Evelyn Alexander, Bruce Hale

Aug 7 Monday

Monthly Meeting

A speaker from Congressman Adam Schiff's office will discuss some of the attempted and expected changes to our environmental protections that we might expect during the present administration and what we might do about it. Everyone is welcome at 7:00 for social time and refreshments. The meeting begins at 7:30 in the auditorium of La Crescenta Library (2809 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta). There is plenty of parking, enter from the back.

Aug 13 Sunday

Sandstone Peak via Miche Mokwa

Meet 8:00 AM for a moderate 7mi loop hike with 1300' gain hiking through interesting terrain and good views of surrounding ranges and canyons along with Balanced Rock and Split Rock. Hike is primarily on dirt roads and trails. Meet 7 am at the Verdugo Hills rideshare point, Joslyn Adult Center, 1301 W. Olive, Burbank. Park in rear lot next to Clark St. (map); or 8 am at the trailhead (same as Sandstone Peak): take Route 23, Decker Canyon Road south from Ventura Freeway (101) or north from Pacific Coast Highway (1). Turn west on Mulholland Highway then right on Little Sycamore Canyon Rd. Look for Sandstone Peak Trailhead sign and parking. Bring water, lunch, sunscreen, walking shoes or boots, and hat. Leaders: Bruce Hale, Garen Yegparian

Aug 17 Thursday

Venice Canals, Oceanfront Walk and Venice Beach

Revisit this trendy and fascinating area. See the beautiful Venice Canals, exotic street life along Oceanfront Walk and interesting Venice Beach. Wear Comfortable shoes. Bring \$ for lunch. Meet 8:45 at the Verdugo Hills rideshare point or 10:00 at West Washington Blvd and Dell Ave. Ldrs: Evelyn Alexander, Bruce Hale, Delphine Trowbridge, Carol Henning, Charlotte Feitshans.

No Meeting in September. Have a happy Labor Day.

Oct 2 Monday

Monthly Meeting

Casey Schreiner, author of "Day Hiking in Los Angeles" and editor and chief of "Modern Hiker Magazine" will present a program about great hikes in our area. He will talk about the mountains around Los Angeles and how he got interested in hiking in the first place. He will also lead a question and answer session about hikes and hiking and autograph his book . Everyone welcome at 7:00 for social time and refreshments. The meeting will begin at 7:30 in the auditorium of the La Crescenta Library (2809 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta). Enter from rear door. Handicapped accessible.

Nov 6 Monday

Monthly Meeting

David Eisenberg recently spent 6 weeks touring Australia; riding trains, visiting botanic gardens, looking for birds and seeing the sights. Some of the places he went include Darwin, Alice Springs, Uluru, Sydney, Perth and Kangaroo Island. Join Verdugo Hills for David's program of pictures and stories. Everyone welcome at 7:00 for social time and refreshments. The meeting will begin at 7:30 in the auditorium of the La Crescenta Library (2809 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta). Enter from rear door. Handicapped accessible.

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Dec 4 Monday

Monthly Meeting

See Indonesia through the eyes of Carol Henning. Join us for a program of pictures and stories about this island nation. Everyone welcome at 7:00 for social time and refreshments. The meeting will begin at 7:30 in the auditorium of the La Crescenta Library (2809 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta). Enter from rear door. Handicapped accessible.

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All participants on Sierra Club outings are required to sign a standard liability waiver. If you would like to read the Liability Waiver before you choose to participate on an outing, please go to: sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/ or contact the Outings Department at 415-977-5528 for a printed version.

Concerned about...

- ✓Global warming? ✓Protecting our national parks?
- ✓Preserving open spaces for future generations?
- ✓Conserving land for present and future wildlife?
- ✓Protecting hiking and biking areas from development?

Get involved on a grass roots level

Join the Verdugo Hills Group of the Sierra Club.

Already a member? Then become more active

- ✓Join our round table group ✓Participate in our activities

And have fun and adventures along the way!

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VERDUGO VIEWS

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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(Directory of Support Committee and Leaders is on inside back page.)

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Carol Henning, Michael Beck, Gene Paulin, Evelyn Alexander, Delphine Trowbridge, Judy Anderson, Marlene Vella, Charlotte Feitshans

Submission Instructions


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