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Verdugo Hills News

By Delphine Trowbridge

New Meeting Location and Date Changes

Verdugo Hills has moved to a new location that is more comfortable, modern and handicap accessible. Our new location is La Crescenta Library at 2809 Foothill Blvd. It is on the northwest corner of Foothill Blvd and La Crescenta Blvd. There are two parking lots with ample street parking. Our room is on the second level.

Verdugo Hills has a date change. In order to have our new wonderful location each month, we had to change the dates of our monthly meetings. Our February meeting will be on our current Wednesday, February 24 day but starting in March, we will meet the first Monday of the month. Our March meeting will be March 7th with an exciting program by Michel Beck. Our schedule will now be April 4, May 2, June 6 and no meeting in July. We continue with Aug 1, no meeting in September, October 3, November 7 and December 5. I hope this will be acceptable with everyone.

Conservation Round Table

The California Coast Act has lost its environmental leader, Charles Lester. The California Coastal Commission has bowed down to the developers and dismissed Lester even though the public wrote letters and emails to Governor Brown. Now we must watch and continue with our objections to save our coast.

Our Round Table Meetings will now be held on Wednesday and the next meeting will be March 23. We are working on stopping expansion of Scholl Canyon Landfill, protecting Griffith Park and other environmental concerns. Everyone is welcome. Contact Delphine if you are interested in attending our meetings and helping with our conservation work.

Whitley Heights: A Stairway to Paradise

by Carol Henning

At least Whitley Heights was a kind of paradise until the Hollywood Freeway sliced it in half and took down many homes in the late 1940s. Despite the assault and battery committed by freeway construction, the area remains a charming enclave containing some of Hollywood's oldest and prettiest hillside streets, hidden staircases and stars' homes from the film industry's golden age. The neighborhood is a national historic district, and, in days of yore, it hosted such movie stars as Jean Harlow, Gloria Swanson, W.C. Fields, Rudolph Valentino and Marie Dressler.

Whitley Heights got its name from a Canadian-born developer named H.J. Whitley. In 1900 Whitley lived in downtown L.A., near his jewelry store. But he cast covetous eyes on "the Cahuengas." He bought a house on Wilcox Avenue and Prospect. (Prospect became Hollywood Boulevard.) Whitley formed a property development company with men of Los Angeles finance, including General Otis, Harry Chandler, Moses Sherman and Colonel Griffith J. Griffith. As a bonus for closing a successful development deal, Whitley was given a piece of property and he got to name a street after himself. In a celebratory mood, he installed the first streetlights in Hollywood, incandescent bulbs on poles along Wilcox Avenue, in front of his home. Whitley named some of the streets on his chunk of real estate and planted appropriate tree species along the streets, e.g., palms on Las Palmas and sycamores on Sycamore.

The walk begins on Milner Road, a right turn (east) off Highland Avenue, just north of Franklin. Park in the lot (entrance on Milner) near the Hollywood Heritage Museum, which will be north of you for now. Walk straight up Milner and, just past the house at 6676, find the first (and, alas, possibly the only publicly accessible) stairway. These are the Whitley Terrace steps. Charles Fleming remarks that this staircase is "one of the few

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sets in the city to have its own signpost.” There are 160 steps and, from various landings, one has excellent views of the High Tower residential area on the other side of Highland. The staircase forms a double L.

At the top (6670 Whitley Terrace) turn left and follow the road to where it merges with Grace Avenue. Take time to look at the houses. Stay on the left (downhill) side. Pass the turn for Milner; then, turn left onto Wedgewood Place. Follow Wedgewood around in a loop. Fleming advises “pausing at 6758 to mourn the loss of a staircase,” which went down to Fairfield Avenue and facilitated a shortcut to the Hollywood Bowl.

6776 Wedgewood was the home of Rudolph Valentino. It was removed in the late 1940s to make room for the Hollywood Freeway. Valentino’s lover, Natacha Rambova (born Winifred Shaughnessy), thought Rudy’s home was too cramped. She refused to live there, but she decorated it anyway—in red and black. Valentino agreed to move. He built an estate in Beverly Hills called Falcon’s Lair. Years later his Whitley Heights home, Villa Valentino, was replaced with a sound wall.

Make a hairpin right at the first turning, onto Whitley Terrace. Veer downhill to the right at Milner. Then, take the turn to the right to enjoy the cul-de-sac of Watsonia Terrace. The houses here were once owned or occupied by W.C. Fields, Gloria Swanson, William Faulkner and Adrian, the famous costume designer who made the ruby red slippers for “The Wizard of Oz.”

Return to Milner. Continue past the Whitley Terrace Steps toward the Hollywood Heritage Museum parking lot. If you are pressed for time, you can trot back to your car and hit the road.

Otherwise, it is time to begin the second phase of this Whitley Heights walk. Just down Milner from the Whitley Terrace Steps is Las Palmas. On the corner is a cute Tudor-revival house built in 1928. Continue up Las Palmas. Eyeball the hillside houses. Where Las Palmas meets Bonair, and the sign says 6684 and 6686, you will come to the top of a concrete stairway. Unfortunately, neighborhood residents have installed a locking gate to discourage riff-raff from using these steps for their nefarious activities. If, by some stroke of luck, the gate is unlocked or opened for you by a kindly local, descend the steps past Emmet Terrace to the continuation of Las

Palmas and then to Franklin. A locked gate will compel you to continue on Bonair (left) to Whitley Terrace. Turn right at Whitley Avenue and traipse down the steep hill toward Franklin. The Ojai apartments on the corner of Padre Terrace is an old structure worthy of note. Turn right on Franklin. At 6650, near Cherokee, is the Montecito, an Art Deco apartment tower. Several French-chateau-style buildings from pre-World War II Hollywood are scattered about.

At Highland, turn right. On the corner is a mini-mall containing a Starbucks and other amenities. This is where Charles Fleming’s Whitley Heights walk begins. Stroll north on Highland Avenue. This thoroughfare was named after Highland Price, the local blacksmith’s wife. As the first person buried in the Hollywood Cemetery, when it opened in 1900, she got a street named in her honor. Across the street, on the west side of Highland, is the Egyptian-revival style building that houses the American Legion Post 43 (2035 North Highland). Eugene Weston of the architectural firm of Weston & Weston led the building committee for the Legion clubhouse. Its groundbreaking took place in 1928. On the terrace sits the post’s largest trophy—Big Bertha, a captured German howitzer from World War I. The art deco bar downstairs in the clubhouse was frequented by Hollywood celebrities. Charlie Chaplin had three stools reserved at the bar. Clark Gable often occupied one, and Humphrey Bogart the other. During World War II, dances were held in the auditorium/ballroom featuring bands led by Glen Miller and the Dorsey brothers. G.I.s on leave danced with Volunteer Starlets on the 2,000-square-foot oak floor.

Now it is time for you to dance north on Highland to Milner and the parking lot. Across Highland is a pretty park with nice facilities—good for a picnic. At the east end of the parking lot there is a flight of stairs leading up into the trees. The picnic area here is a bit down at heels and often replete with local denizens. Wherever you choose to pause for a nosh, I hope you have enjoyed your walk through this historic Hollywood neighborhood.



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Photos are from February 11th hike in O'Melveny Park in Granada Hills. O'Melveny is the second largest park in Los Angeles. 12 participants on the hike. Photos by Evelyn Alexander who led the hike. Bruce Hale was co-leader.



Idyllwild Car Camp

June 10-12, 2016

The village of Idyllwild is nestled in the San Jacinto Mountains set among tall pines. The area offers many mountain trails with majestic views, mountain biking, a unique nature center and many art galleries and shops, and restaurants.

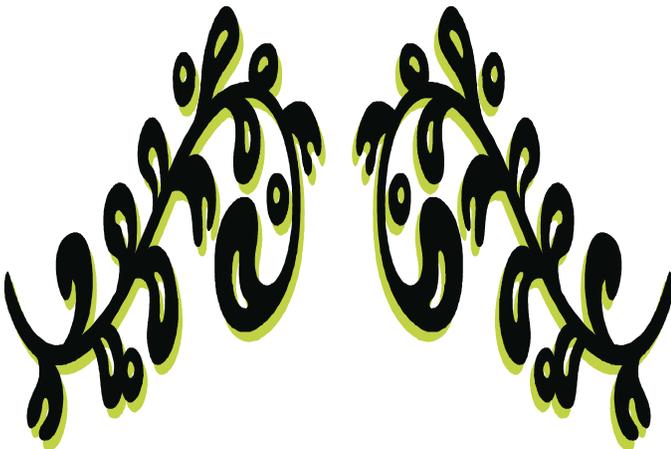
We will hike (different levels of difficulty) and visit the town and nature center. There will be campfires and a BBQ dinner Saturday night.

We are charging \$40 per person if you carpool; \$50 if you drive alone. This will include campground and parking, Saturday breakfast and BBQ dinner Saturday night. We offer a motel option; contact leader for information.

Send check, made out to Verdugo Hills Sierra Club for \$40/50. Include email address or sase. Send to

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California Desert National Monuments, Decades in the Making

By Joan Taylor

February 12, 2016. Today is a day to celebrate! President Obama has declared three vast new national monuments in the California desert: Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow, and Castle Mountains. As I relish this victory, my thoughts whirl around the places, faces, and events that have marked great successes during my 45 years as a Sierra Club desert activist.

Standing at the podium at Wildlands Conservancy's gorgeous Whitewater Preserve this past November, Senator Feinstein was the same gracious and vibrant leader that she was in 1993 as a junior U.S. senator when I first met with her in Los Angeles on the California Desert Protection Act, more popularly called "the Desert Bill." At that meeting were the great leaders of the Desert Bill: Jim Dodson, Judy Anderson, and Vicky Hoover of the Sierra Club, and Nobby Reidy of Wilderness Society. But most of all, there was Elden Hughes.

If the Sierra Club was the undisputed leader in protecting the California desert, Elden was its pied piper. Taking activists on trips to all 69 proposed wilderness areas in the Desert Bill, entrancing the press with his golden sound bites, and charming legislators from L.A. to D.C. with his desert tortoises, Elden was an irrepresible force on the side of the desert.



Elden and Patty Hughes with President Clinton at the signing of the Desert Bill, 1994. Photo: White House Staff.

That is why, in the late 1990s, I consulted with Elden first, before suggesting a new national monument for the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains. Would the Sierra Club support a national monument? Elden said yes, go for it. So I contacted Ed Hastey, then-director of the California Bureau of Land Management, and the rest is history. Ed reached out to local communities and Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt, who reached out to Representative Mary Bono, who reached across the aisle to Senator Feinstein, and together we protected yet another great piece of the desert with a bipartisan unanimous vote of both houses of Congress.

Now, thinking about the new national monuments, many of us remember that the first Desert Bill came about because the BLM had failed to recognize the major wilderness-quality desert areas and to properly care for what is now the Mojave Preserve. But what about these new national monuments? What drove them?

The current saga started in the mid 1990s when SF Pacific Properties put its vast holdings throughout the California desert up for sale and development. Developing these lands would have severely harmed their biological and aesthetic integrity, as well as recreational access for more than 4 million acres of public lands. This was because of the checkerboard configuration of the parcels, which stemmed from land grants to the railroads in the 1800s. But an agile new force in the desert, the Wildlands Conservancy, took on the problem, and eventually, under the leadership of David Myers, got an option to buy the most sensitive of these properties—almost a thousand square miles of land.

Myers and the Wildlands Conservancy then raised \$30 million in private monies and teamed up with Elden Hughes and Senator Feinstein to procure another \$15 million in federal Land and Water Conservation Funds to complete the acquisition and to propose what was then called the Mother Road National Monument (later morphed to "Mojave Trails"). In the early 2000s, the Sierra Club was the first major organization to endorse this new national monument, and things seemed to be going swimmingly—until the solar (and wind) "gold rush" happened in the California desert.

You see, the thousand square miles of acquired land had been transferred to federal agencies to consolidate

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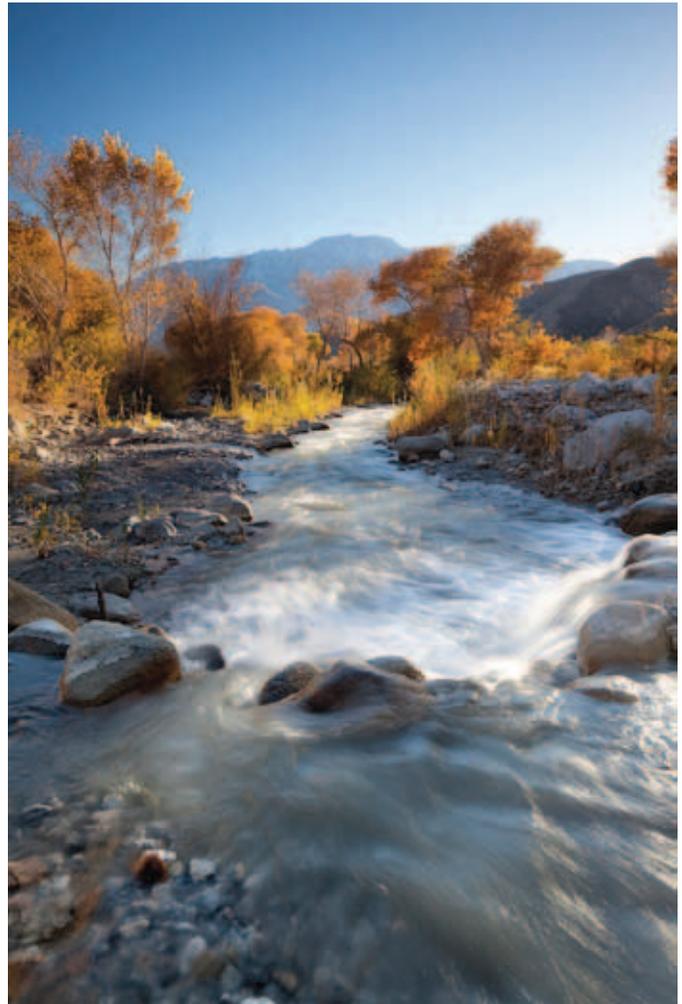


Marble Mountains Overlook, Mojave Trails National Monument. Photo: Jack Thompson/ Wildlands Conservancy.

public land and access across the desert, with assurances of preservation in perpetuity by the President and the Secretary of the Interior. But during the 2008-2010 feeding frenzy to get billions in federal stimulus dollars that were being handed out for renewable energy, BLM had allowed over a million acres of public land in the desert to be plastered willy-nilly with solar and wind applications. There was little to no regard for the incredibly sensitive and irreplaceable resources of these lands. The Mojave Trails region had its share of abysmally sited projects, with such iconic places as Sleeping Beauty Valley proposed to be filled with solar mirrors and power towers. Swift action was needed, and Senator Feinstein rose to the occasion once again.

The senator met with constituents, including Sierra Club leaders, and in 2011 she proposed legislation including a Mojave Trails National Monument to preserve not only the lands she had recently helped acquire but also to preserve the integrity of the many intervening Wilderness Areas that had been created in her first Desert Bill. Responding to strong community support, the senator also proposed a remarkable Sand to Snow National Monument at the same time.

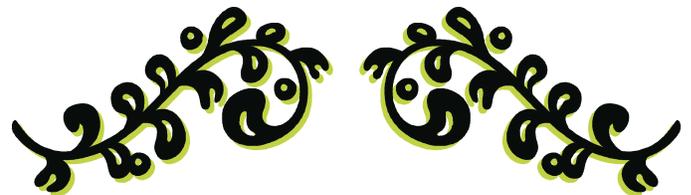
Over time it became obvious that legislation for the national monuments would languish forever in a regressive Congress, so last year Senator Feinstein called on President Obama to use his powers under the Antiquities Act to get the job done. Taking action today, as have many presidents from Teddy Roosevelt to George W. Bush have done, President Obama made history, in



Whitewater River, Sand to Snow National Monument. Photo: Jack Thompson/ Wildlands Conservancy.

this case by preserving some of the most iconic places in the California desert. All Sierra Clubbers should give ourselves a pat on the back for the pivotal role that the Sierra Club has played in desert protection through the years, and also be sure to thank President Obama for his bold action today.

Joan Taylor is the vice chair of the Sierra Club's California/Nevada Desert Committee. This article appeared on the Sierra Club website. ([Click Here to Follow Link](#)) Reprinted by permission.



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What's with El Niño? Is Global Warming to Blame?

By Michael Beck

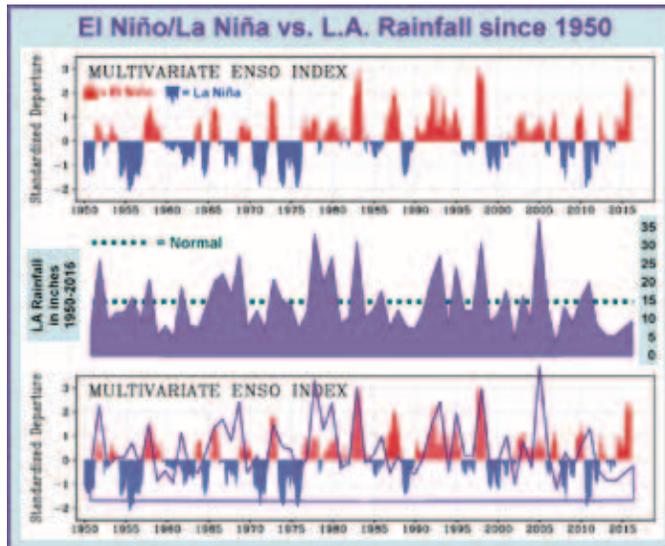
Ever since last summer, weather gurus have been trumpeting Southern California's coming deluge, courtesy of a near-record El Niño. By fall homeowners and cities alike were frantically floodproofing, spurred partly by unusual summer downpours that seemed just a foretaste of a ferocious winter season. Meanwhile the Pacific Northwest was bracing for severe drought, typical of an intense El Niño.

Then SoCal's rainy season arrived. And it fizzled.

November and December only doled out a few showers locally; the Northwest, however, got slammed by wave after wave of torrential flooding. Forecasters started scratching their heads. Still, they cautioned, the Southland's El Niño seasons tend to be backloaded, so they said just wait until January and especially February through March. Then came a single strong— though by no means exceptional— January storm which produced one normal month. Now February, more than half over, is setting records, but it's for heat and drought!



Eaton Canyon (near Pasadena). Completely dry main trail crossing of Eaton Canyon Creek in Spring 2013. This semi-perennial stream had evaporated by summer 2011 and has remained so ever since (except briefly after rare heavy rain). In mid-February this is still how it looks, except that the oaks on the other bank have lost half of their foliage and several have literally dropped dead.



This graphic combines (top) ENSO (El Niño/La Niña) with (middle) L.A. precipitation since 1950. (The last point of the precipitation is the 2015-16 projection of 10 inches.) The bottom graphic shows L.A. precipitation overlaid on the ENSO. For precipitation note increased extremes since 1998, especially the wettest year since 1950 flanked by the two driest years (2001-07) as well as the unprecedented drought since 2010. Credits: ENSO graph (February 2016) from NOAA. Precipitation data from National Weather Service (NOAA).

Precipitation graph by Michael Beck.

Meanwhile long-range outlooks predict mostly warm and dry at least through early March.

Now forecasters are really scratching their heads. "What gives?" they're being asked. They respond that we are getting torrential rain, it's just being displaced far to the north. (As I write this, Seattle is getting yet another flood alert.) Furthermore, though this is the strongest El Niño since the '50s to fail to bring flooding to Southern California by midwinter, the correspondence with moderately strong El Niño events has not always held up (especially the winter of '87-'88. See the chart with the article.) Now we're hearing we still might get a string of monsoons later in March through April. Though that sounds a bit thin, hope does spring eternal.

But the question remains: is global warming beginning to change everything? Again, note the chart. Since 1998 the correspondence between L.A. rainfall and Niño/Niña events has markedly weakened. And

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1998 was the threshold year for climate change. Globally nearly every year since has been hotter than any year ever was before, with the pace of increase picking sharply up in 2014 and 2015.

Two often-quoted weather experts have come up with hypotheses. JPL climatologist Bill Patzert has noted a previously unseen sidekick to the normal super-warm El Niño area in the East Pacific tropics (three times the size of the U.S.) But this year the West Pacific tropics have remained relatively much warmer, a dynamic that may have pushed the oceanic stormtrack to the north. Stanford University meteorologist Daniel Swain suggests a comparable dynamic: Overall global temps may have strengthened the “Hadley Circulation,” the mechanism that pumps excess heat and moisture from El Niño to the subtropics off Southern California, so that this year it’s being dumped further north. As Swain drolly noted in his February 1 California Weather Blog, “from a global climate perspective, this is a relatively minor detail; if you happen to live in Los Angeles, though, it makes all the difference in the world.”

As El Niño weakens, however, the Hadley Circulation may start landing further south and actually produce the “spring miracle” we’re still hoping for. At this point it’d be a miracle just to get our normal 15 inches, current trends indicate under 10 inches for the July-June rain year—and that’s including the walloping three inches that fell last summer. (A normal summer is a quarter inch.)

This summer Daniel Swain plans to examine the evolving dynamic between climate change and El Niño/La Niña as well as with other California weather in general. Expect updates from me in Verdugo Views.

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Fern Dell: A Green Oasis in Griffith Park Is Set to Become Greener

by Carol Henning

Did you know there are 1409 trees in Fern Dell? Friends of Griffith Park has listed the species (if known) and height of every one of those trees in their Historic Fern Dell Preservation Project proposal. Every few months, members of Friends of Griffith Park (FoGP) guide a walk through Fern Dell. They tell about the history of Fern Dell and about their plans for revitalizing it. I joined a walk last December.

In 2012, the Cultural Landscape Foundation put Fern Dell on its annual list of significant and threatened U.S. places worth saving. The following year, The National Trust for Historic Preservation awarded \$10,000 to Friends of Griffith Park. It provided a good start for FoGP’s project. With foundation grants and donations from members, FoGP commissioned and completed the first professional assessment of Fern Dell in 2012. The Phase I report documented the site’s unique features, recorded conditions and created a baseline for preservation. The estimate is that restoring and protecting the 20-acre area will ultimately cost about \$15 million.

As a Los Angeles native, I remember visiting Fern Dell on school trips. (I never went there with my family, whose idea of an outdoor excursion was opening the front door, advancing to the threshold, taking a breath, then closing the door.) But, long before my school chums and I gamboled among the ferns, Native Americans convened tribal meetings in a canyon they called “Mococahuenga.”

By the early 1900s, this canyon had become part of Griffith Park. In 1910, Frank Shearer was hired by the L.A. parks department to purchase the rights to a spring under nearby private property. (The northern branch of the Hollywood Fault lies just to the southwest of Fern Dell. It forces water up to the surface.) The spring became a major source of water for the development of Fern Dell. More wells were dug. In 1914, Shearer convinced the Parks Commission and the City Council to hire the Montgomery Brothers to build a rock garden alongside the new entrance road—Western Avenue. They used



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large boulders from the upper canyon and made dams, creating the look of terraced pools. Ferns, both native and imported, were planted. By the 1920s Fern Dell's pools, bridges and faux bois (fake wood) elements were in place.

Fern Dell became one of the most popular scenic attractions in Griffith Park. Postcards displayed its verdant beauty. In the 1930s, New Deal workers from Civilian Conservation Corps camps in the Park enlarged Fern Dell. They built picnic areas and railings in what architectural historians call "Park Style." They also upgraded Fern Dell's pools and cascades. Mike Eberts observes, in *Griffith Park: A Centennial History*, that water from a particular spring at Fern Dell was special, believed to contain health-enhancing qualities. The parks department had piped the water to an outlet near Los Feliz Boulevard. "By 1935," writes Eberts, "nearby residents were complaining to police that cars were pulling up to the outlets at all hours so that their occupants could fill bottles with the increasingly famous water." In 1959, alas, tests found that the water had become unfit to drink due to its possible contamination by chemical fertilizers applied to neighboring lawns. Today there is a functional but uninspiring-looking water fountain south of the Fern Dell entrance on a grassy slope facing east. I trotted thither to suck in mouthfuls of the legendary water. (I am told that this drink made me look six hours younger.)

The Spanish-Revival house alongside Fern Dell was built in 1926. It was the Western Canyon watchman's house. In 1952, it was converted to the Fern Dell Nature Museum. Now it is home for a Park Ranger, and it will be rehabilitated. Down on the trail through the ferns, a few staghorn ferns still hang from high tree branches. The rest were stolen as the years went by. Leopard-spot ferns and maiden-hair ferns still survive among many interesting trees, including a kind of fig tree whose fruit is pollinated by wasps. Across the street from the Ranger House are trees thought to be living fossils. They are dawn redwoods, mostly found in China. These trees are deciduous conifers whose tiny needles turn brown and drop off in winter.

The last decades of the 20th century were not kind to Fern Dell. In the 1980s, it fell prey to graffiti and

vandalism. However, Friends of Griffith Park found that the faux bois railings and rock-rimmed ponds, though in disrepair, can be saved. A plant palette has been created that will be used for re-greening Fern Dell's terraces. A beautifully and meticulously done document containing photos (even of the nearby "comfort station"), drawings and maps has been completed by FoGP and presented to L.A.'s Department of Recreation and Parks for their approval. This document will be posted on-line once this approval is given.

Friends of Griffith Park is working with Rec and Parks to help Fern Dell reclaim its place as a unique fusion of natural and man-made elements, which bridges Griffith Park's cultivated and its wilderness zones. Next time you hike up to the Observatory, do yourself a favor and preface your hike with a warm-up walk through Fern Dell, one of L.A.'s most beautiful places, soon to become even more beautiful.

You can find out more about the Fern Dell revitalization effort or contribute to it by visiting friendsofgriffithpark.org.

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,
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March 7 Monday

Monthly Meeting

Join Verdugo Hills for one of Michael Beck's celebration of wild and highly photogenic northwest Oregon trip. Tour rugged, pristine beaches, mystic rainforests, lush meadows, State and National Parks (including Lewis & Clark). All is seasoned with information on flora, geology, history, environmental challenges and local color. Everyone welcome to our new location at La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd in La Crescenta. Social hour 7 pm; program at 7:30.

March 10 Thursday

Hollywood Blvd/High Tower Stairwalk Loop

Walk around back of Hollywood Bowl through historic walk-street community. Walk covers about 2.6 miles with 421 steps. (This walk is No. 37 in Charles Fleming's Secret Stair book). Meet 10 am at intersection of Franklin and Highland Avenues, in front of Starbucks. Park near or at Heritage Museum lot across from Hollywood Bowl. Ldrs: Bruce Hale, Delphine Trowbridge, Carol Henning, Charlotte Feitshans, Evelyn Alexander

March 17 Thursday

O: Mount Lee from Hollywood Reservoir Loop

This is an urban hike in Hollywood Hills on pavement and trail. Great view of San Fernando Valley and downtown Los Angeles. 5 mi, 1000' gain. Trail head on Lake Hollywood Dr, (at Barham mark your odometer at 0). At 5 miles turn R on Lake Hollywood Dr and continue downhill descending to the reservoir. At 0.8 mi. pass the north gate and continue on Lake Hollywood Dr around the north side of reservoir. At 1.5 mi Lake Hollywood Drive becomes Tahoe Drive. Turn and park in middle of block. Thomas Guide 563, 7E. Bring water, lunch, good soles. Ldrs: John Radalj, Bruce Hale, Delphine Trowbridge

April 1-3 Friday to Sunday

O: Carrizo Plain

See what the San Joaquin Valley would have looked like without farms and freeways! Camp is a primitive Campground. Potluck happy hour and dinner Sat. 2WD vehicles OK. Come Friday PM or Saturday AM. Send \$10.00 trip fee, email/sase, contact info, rideshare to Bruce Hale. More details will be furnished in trip sheet. Ldrs: Bruce Hale, Mike Sandford

April 4 Monday

Monthly Meetin

Long time Sierra Club member Joe Young will present a program of pictures and stories telling about a trip that he took to Egypt in February 2015. The presentation covers many sites introduced by Dr Zawi Hawass, former head of Antiquities for the country. They include Giza, Luxor, Abu Simbal and more, plus a visit to the new library in Alexandria. Meet 7 pm for social time and refreshments. . Everyone welcome to our new location at La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd.

April 14 Thursday

Whitley Heights

A Stairway to Paradise. Meet 10 am at Milner Road off Highland Ave, near Hollywood Heritage Museum, north of Franklin. Heavy rain cancels. Bring \$\$ for lunch. Ldrs: Ldrs: Bruce Hale, Delphine Trowbridge, Carol Henning, Charlotte Feitshans, Evelyn Alexander

April 16 Saturday

LA River Cleanup

The 27th annual great LA River Cleanup with three locations to choose from. Sepulveda Basin, Bette Davis Picnic Area and Glendale Narrows Riverwalk. FOLAR.ORG/cleanup



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May 2 Monday

Monthly Meeting

The program entitled "You can change the world" will be presented by board members of the Santa Susana Mountain Park Association. How they started their journey from middle-aged professionals to becoming effective activists and community organizers is part of the lecture. Another part is, what YOU, as a stakeholder and citizen can do to change the world into something more livable. They will talk about open space issues in our community, as well as historically, what SSMPA has done to preserve the hills above Chatsworth. Finally, they will address issues that will shape environmental politics in the 21st century. Everyone welcome at 7 pm for social time. Meeting begins at 7:30 in the auditorium of the La Crescenta Library (2809 Foothill Blvd, La Crescenta).

May 7 Sat

O: A Taste of Downtown Los Angeles

Spend a day visiting sites in L.A.'s recently revitalized downtown. Following a special introduction and orientation, we will tour the new Broad Museum located on Bunker Hill. We will then visit and have lunch at the newly remodeled Grand Central Market on Broadway. Finally we will walk to the Los Angeles Central Library for a docent led tour. Meet 9:00 at Universal Station (for those taking the metro) or 9:30 at the Broad Museum, 221 S Grand Ave. Parking information will come with final instruction letter. Send sase/email \$5 to Evelyn Alexander no later than April 23. Space limited. Wear comfortable shoes, bring \$ for lunch. Ldrs: Evelyn Alexander, David Eisenberg

May 21 Saturday Verdugo Hills/FoLAR

O: LA River Walk with Friends of the Los Angeles River

Special Projects Manager, William Preston Bowling from FoLAR will give a special guided tour along the banks of the Los Angeles River. View some of the majestic wildlife that resides alongside the human population of the Glendale Narrows. FoLAR's mission is to protect and restore the natural and historic heritage of the LA River and its riparian habitat through inclusive planning, education and wise stewardship. Learn about the current successes along the Glendale Narrows, the plans for the future and how you can help. We will meet at 9 am at a site to be determined due to US Army Corps flood protection of these areas. Bring water, hat, sunscreen, and binoculars. To reserve contact Leader: David F. Eisenberg (). Asst: Annette Kargodorian.

May 29 Sunday

O: Temescal Peak from Trippet Ranch

10 mi rt hike with 1150' gain and good views of surrounding ranges and canyons. Hike is primarily on dirt roads. Meet 8 am at main parking lot of Topanga State Park. From Ventura Freeway (101) exit at Topanga Cyn Blvd, drive south over crest of mountain and proceed three miles to Entrada Road and turn left and keep left until reaching the main lot. Trailhead is at southeast corner. Bring water, lunch, sunscreen, walking shoes or boots, and hat. For detailed map everytrail.com/guide/trippet-ranch-to-eagle-rock-and-temescal-peak.mp Leaders: Bruce Hale, Garen Yeghpairian

June 6 Monday

Picnic in the Park

Join Verdugo Hills Group for their annual potluck picnic. Meet 6 pm at Casa Adobe Park (Dorothy Drive between Stocker and Spencer) in Glendale. Bring tableware and a dish to share. Verdugo Hills will provide the drinks.

June 10-12 Fri-Sat

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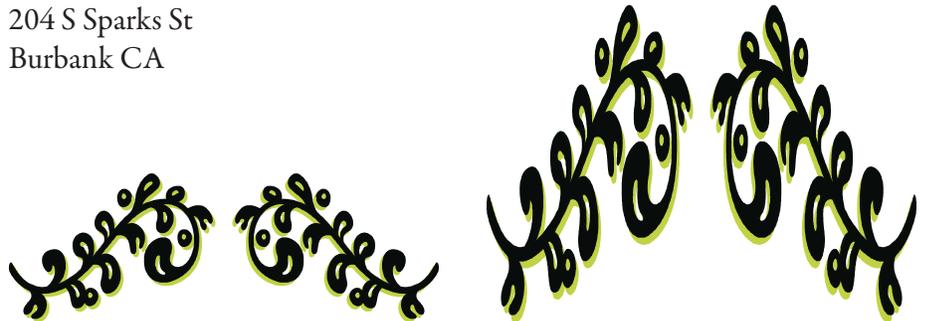
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