

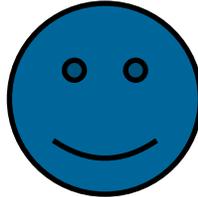


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Whittier Narrows Nature Center Association Newsletter

May 2017

## Scholarship Recipients



We are so proud of them!. Anchored by Lou on the left and Grace on the right, proudly displaying their scholarship awards, we have Luis Flores, Samantha Quiroz, Ilse Arciga and Andres Dorantes. It was a splendid morning at the Cerritos College Boardroom, where not only our students but several others, received various scholarships to help further their careers. However, it has to be said that ours were the best looking and more deserving of all.

Web site access:

# WNNCA.org

Our email: [wnnca@att.net](mailto:wnnca@att.net)

### This month:

**June 2. 10:00 AM.** Rio Hondo Bosque grand opening.

**June 3. 8:00 AM.** Bird walk. Docent led.

**June 10. 8:00 AM.** Nature walk. Docent led.

**ALSO: 10:00 AM.** Continuing Ed. Class: "Zika and Other Threats." Kelly Middleton, LA Co. Vector Control District.

**May 20. 8:00 AM.** Nature walk. Docent led.

**ALSO: 10:00 AM.** WNNCA board meeting.

**June 24. 8:00 AM.** Nature walk. Docent led.

**June 2, June 9**  
**Water Squad Investigators**  
**Program**

# Continuing Education

As part of our continuing education series, we had an instructor on survival tactics, Mr. Jerry Beck, teaching us a few survival necessities and techniques. He is a very experienced teacher, having work with many organizations, from Boy Scouts to the military. We learned a lot, although for many the class brought to light how lacking in preparedness we are. He named 5 essential items that he is never far away from, as illustrated below: a compass, rope, a utility blanket, a strong knife and (he added tongue in cheek,) tissues. This is an absolute minimum, every one can add items to this list, according to needs and carrying issues, but there should be no excuse for not being prepared. The audience was indeed appreciative for Jerry's expertise and excellent presentation.



Jerry Beck



Jerry's trusty backpack

Famous 5 survival items



When taking a group of Kindergarteners on the trail the other day, a docent had a great discussion about the California poppy. Later in the tour, seeing another example of our state flower, the docent asked if anyone remembered the name of that beautiful flower. One little girl excitedly raised her hand and answered: "Yes, California doggy."



## **APPEAL FROM COLLEEN: PLEASE HELP**

Needed: Volunteers for the annual Ford Theater program  
July 22 and 29  
August 5 and 12

Especially on August 5 and 12  
Transportation provided.  
More details July newsletter or  
Call WNNC



Thank you docents! A very busy month of May. Many school tours (that cannot be publicized,) sometimes two or three a week.

**Photos  
courtesy of  
Jim Odling**



**Join the fun. Join the Whittier Narrows Nature Center Associates.  
Membership includes out monthly newsletter and a 10% discount in our gift shop.**

The Whittier Narrows Nature Center Associates is a volunteer 501(c)3 nonprofit organization actively looking for new members. WNNCA is a chapter of the Nature Center Associates, a nonprofit support organization of the natural area park system of Los Angeles County.

We were founded to help enrich educational and scientific knowledge in the community. Our primary mission is to help foster an appreciation of the natural world in children and adults and to help preserve the Whittier Narrows Natural Area and the county's other natural areas for future generations.

Our activities include leading school group tours, answering visitors' questions, arranging and leading classes, planting and maintaining plants around the nature center, helping in the nature center museum and in the gift shop, performing light office work and answering phones, and more.

**Membership application**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual membership levels (circle one)**

\$30 - Individual      \$15 - Senior (Over 62)

\$45 - Family      \$15 - Student

\$75 - Friend Associate

\$100 - Patron Associate

\$250 - Supporting Associate

\$1,000 - Golden Oak Associate

**Send with check, payable to the address below.**

The Whittier Narrows Natural Area and Nature Center are located within the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County in the Supervisory District of Hilda Solis. The natural area and nature center are operated by the County of Los Angeles, Department of Parks and Recreation, in partnership with the Whittier Narrows Nature Center Associates.



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