



# Least Bell's Vireo's Voice

Whittier Narrows Nature Center Association Newsletter

January 2016

## Whittier Narrows Nature Center Association Executive Board Composition Change

*After counting ballots at the 12:00 noon deadline, December 19, 2015, the amended composition for the Executive Board of the Whittier Narrows Nature Center Association was approved.*

*The motion created a second vice president officer and made the Gift Shop manager a member of the Executive Board as well. The new Board for the 1916-1917 year will function as follows:*

President: Lou Orr  
First Vice-president: Grace Allen  
Second Vice-president: Dan Holguin  
Gift Shop Manager: Socorro Barajas  
Secretary: Mireya Parravicini

*Thank you all. This change ensures a legal quorum at every meeting.*

### This month:

**January 2. 8:00 AM.**  
Bird walk with Ed Barajas.

**January 9. 8:00 AM.** Nature walk. Docent led.

**January 16. 8:00 AM.**  
Bird Walk with Ed Barajas.  
**ALSO: 5:30 PM.** Night Hike.

**January 20. 10:00 AM.**  
Executive Board meeting.

**January 23. 8:00 AM.**  
Nature Walk. Docent led.

**January 30. 8:30 AM.**  
Field trip. Bolsa Chica.

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Every Friday:  
Water Squad Investigators  
Program

# Art Show Highlights



A delightful opening to the Art Show held December 6, was provided by the Strings and Bamboo Music performing group, in which one of our member, Juju Liu, is a participant and generously brought her whole group to perform for the event.



Different scenes captured during the Art Show. This is a very small example of the impact of an event like this that brings creativity and appreciation for Nature. These pictures speak for themselves, and there are evidence of the love that our natural area inspire in people. Thanks to the Friends, Terry Young and the Association for making it possible.



# Art Show Notes

## Whittier Narrows Nature Center

by Gloria Valladolid

The Whittier Narrows Nature Center Associates sponsored an Art Day event on Sunday, December 6, 2015. Thirteen visual artists exhibited their art inspired by nature. The performing artists began with a performance by Juju's group, a Nature Center associate. Her Chinese drummers played and danced; their style included echoes and opposites to reflect a thread of Chinese philosophy. About the yin and the yang, Wikipedia says "opposite or contrary forces are actually complementary, [interconnected](#), and interdependent in the natural world." The drummers were followed by two musical groups. One of the musical groups seemed to perform magic as he was one musician but recorded over himself making himself sound like more than one. One hundred and fifty participants attended the Art Show.

The artists were both adults and children. A welcoming work that was the size of a standard banner greeted arriving attendees. This large work was a riparian scene from the natural area; Terry Young, the artist, was inspired by a photograph by Annabelle, a former Associate, taken a few years ago. The next group of works were a group of collages produced by children with leaves artistically glued to their canvases, sometimes with outlines of children's hands adding to the composition. One of the works was junk art, assemblage constructed of found materials, that depicted features of nature, including flora and fauna. An attendee commented that his favorite was the one of the squirrel with a tear handing his acorn to an official's hand, identified by a suit and dress shirt. An artist said his cactus was inspired by an actual *nopal* in the Whittier Narrows natural area that seemed to have heart shaped pads. One popular type of work on display was even interactive as the wood performer appeared to be set in motion by nature as it turned summer -saults on his poles. Appropriately, Christmas wreathes were on display.

The Kizh Gabrielenos were on hand to greet participants and eager to communicate their stories regarding their sacred land, Whittier Narrows. All participants enjoyed a variety of refreshments.



## End of the Year Luncheon

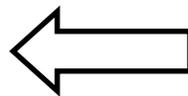
Plenty of good food and companionship

Some friends from the Whittier Audubon joined us in celebrating the close of the year.

They were participating in the annual Bird Count for the Audubon Society, taking place earlier.



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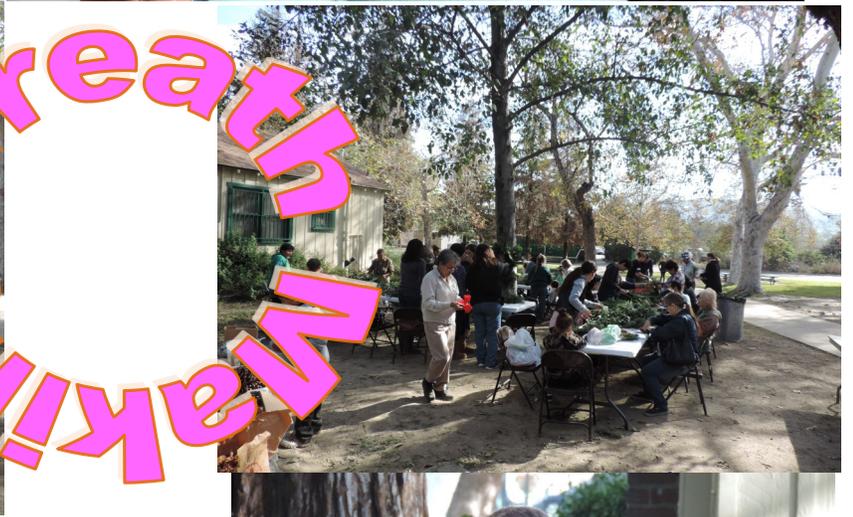


## A Note of Thanks

*We extend our thanks to one of our more valuable members*

*Maria Cervantes*

*For her generous donations to our gift shop inventory.*



# Making Wreaths



**Family  
Creativity  
Community  
Fun**



**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 Gloria Molina. 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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