



# Least Bell's Vireo's Voice

Whittier Narrows Nature Center Association Newsletter

December 2016

## Newly Elected Executive Board



Do they look familiar?

**From L to R: Grace Allen, Vice-president, Lou Orr, President, Mireya Parravicini, Secretary, Socorro Barajas, Gift Shop Manager.**

At your service for another year.

We celebrated with a lovely luncheon, with plenty of delicious food, and officially declared the holiday season open.

Web site access:

# WNNCA.org

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

### This month:

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

**ALSO: Make a Wreath event: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.**

**December 10. 8:00 Abbreviated nature walk. Docent led.**

**ALSO: Continuation class: 9:30—12:00 Plant identification with Ann Croissant.**

**December 14. 10:00 AM. Executive Board meeting.**

**December 17. 8:00 AM. Bird walk. Docent led.**

**December 24. Nature Center open. No scheduled walk.**

**December 31. 8:00 AM Optional field trip to Santa Fe Dam.**

**Every Friday:  
Water Squad Investigators Program**

# CONTINUING DOCENT TRAINING CLASSES



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Paul Spitzeri, Director of the Homestead Museum and a long time friend of Whittier Narrows, giving us information about the historical evolution of this area. Paul is not only very knowledgeable but also a very skilled presenter. As you can see, the audience was fascinated.



## THE PRIVATE LIVES OF INSECTS



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Terry Young, our cherished bug lady, portrayed for us a undeniable and direct connection between the state of the insect population and the environment. The picture is not rosy. Many factors contribute to the fluctuation of the variety and health of our six-legged citizens, drought being just one of them. As Terry passionately explains, the insect population has a significant effect on the conditions of the area, and vice versa, and can be used as a predictor of developments to come. Evidence that all is connected.



## Make Your Own Holiday Wreath



December 3, 2016      10:00 am to 2:00 pm

12 inch frame \$15.00

We provide: Frame,

Wire, fresh pine tree foliage, pine cones, ribbon, bells, etc.



**It is not too early to start your  
Christmas shopping!**

Our Gift Shop has many novel ideas to choose from. Anything from books to jewelry, and many things in between.

Our local honey is in great demand. Come have a taste, you will end up with a jar.



**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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