



# Least Bell's Vireo's Voice

Whittier Narrows Nature Center Associates Newsletter

December 2019

## WHY WE LOVE THIS PLACE



**They say a picture is worth a thousand words. So with this photo, we invite you to share moments like this, sometimes just in the parking lot! Join the WNNCA group (Great egret, *Ardea alba*)**

**EVERY SATURDAY at 8:00 AM**

Web site access:

**WNNCA.org**

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

### This month:

December 7. 8:00 am. Nature walk. Docent led.

**ALSO:** Wreath making.

December 7 thru 8.

December 8. 11:00 am. Aquarium of the Pacific.

December 14. 8:00 am. Nature walk. Docent led.

**ALSO:** 9:00 am. Special meditation walk.

December 21. 8:00 am. Nature Walk. Docent led.

**ALSO: 10:00 am.**

**WNNCA regular meeting.**

December 28. 8:00 am. Nature walk. Docent led.

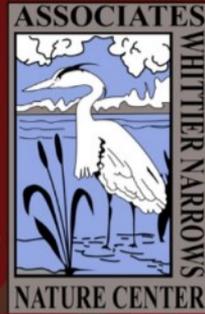


Ranger Raccoon's

Recycling

Rally

Last Sunday  
Of  
Every Month  
10am—2pm



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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

# Holiday Wreath-Making Event

SATURDAY DECEMBER 7TH

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SUNDAY DECEMBER 8TH

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**\$20 Donation**

**ALSO!**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

AQUARIUM ON WHEELS  
PRESENTED BY  
THE AQUARIUM OF THE  
PACIFIC  
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM



**Docent/Naturalist training  
Geography and Geology of Whittier Narrows**



**Stephen Koletty has been offering his expertise in Geology and Geography to the trainees at Whittier Narrows for several years now. Dr. Koletty is a Geography professor at ELAC. He shows how the area is shaped by the confluency of different natural forces, the San Gabriel mountains being the fastest growing mountains in the world. He also speaks of how the river, being older than the mountains has shaped the unique environment that we strive to know better.**



## Docent/Naturalists Training: Entomology

Our great friend and resident bug expert, Terry Young, is part of the WNNCA family. She has been studying the insects in this area for several years now. Even the most insect non-lover, can't help being fascinated when Terry start talking about the life and times of our bugs and their pivotal relationship with the environment.



Here is a quote from Terry that sums up the role of our small and probably largely ignored neighbors”

“Insects are a very important group of life on this planet. Their life cycles coincide first with plants - which depend on CO<sub>2</sub>, sunlight and H<sub>2</sub>O, which is then turned into O<sub>2</sub> by plants - that other animals need.”

### Details on the meditation walk on December 14



Members of the His Lai Temple in Hacienda Heights, will visit the Nature Center for a meditation walk from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. They will be most welcomed.

**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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