



Least Bell's Vireo's Voice

Whittier Narrows Nature Center Associates Newsletter

July 2019



WHY WE LOVE THIS PLACE

Enchanted by the surrounding beauty that one experiences on a Saturday morning nature & bird walks, Peter D. demonstrates the reason WNNCA Members look forward to experience these educational and magical moments. Thank you for being "One of us", Peter!

This month:

July 6. 8:00 am. Nature walk. Docent led.

July 13. 8:00 am. Nature walk. Docent led.

ALSO: 9:00 am. Special Nature walk welcoming San Gabriel Valley LGBTQ Center.

July 20 8:00 am. Nature Walk. Docent led.

ALSO: 10:00 am. WNNCA regular meeting.

July 27. 8:00 am. Nature walk. Docent led.

COME JOIN US

SATURDAYS 8:00 AM

Web site access:

WNNCA.org

Our email: wnnca@att.net



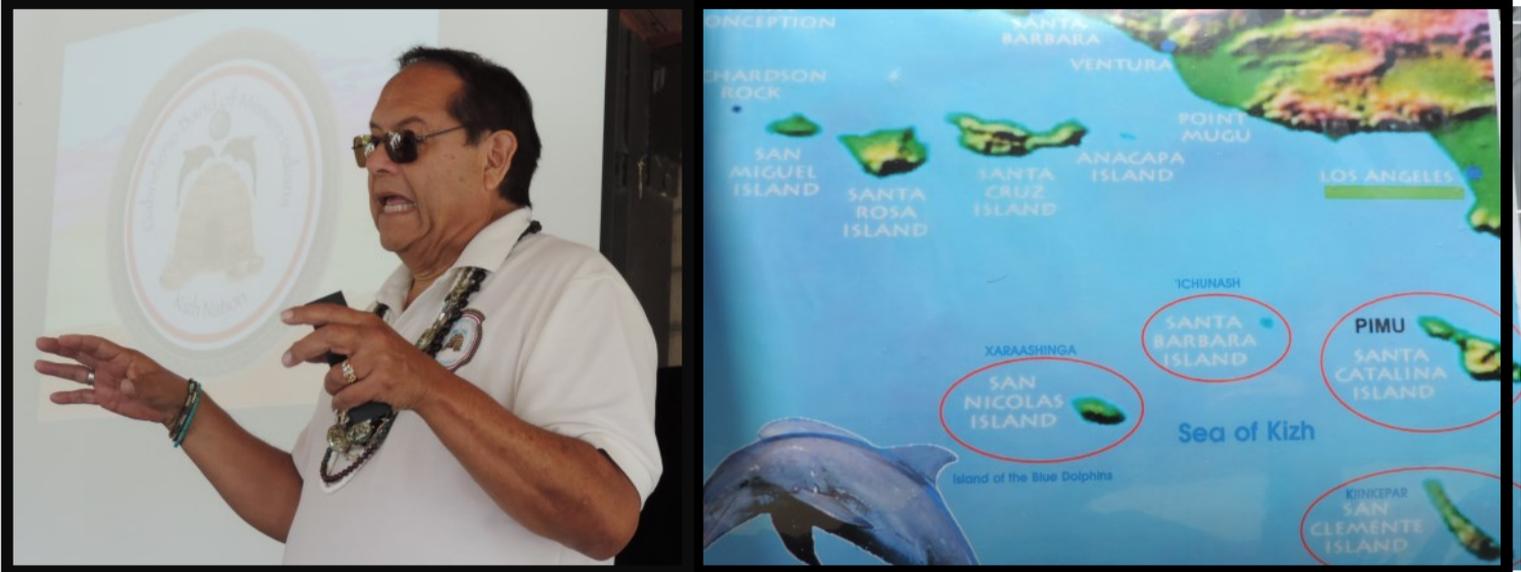
Ranger Raccoon's

Recycling

Rally

Last Sunday
Of
Every Month
10am—2pm

Right Before Your Eyes

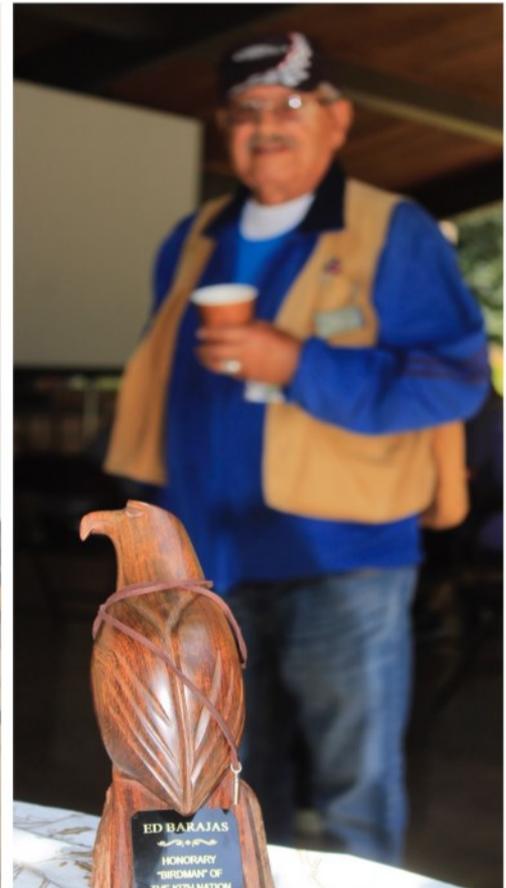


Native American educator and historian, Tim Poyorena-Miguel of the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians delivers an illuminating presentation of the first inhabitants of Southern California at a WNNCA special event. His powerful and authoritative approach leaves the audience with an eye-opening appreciation of the pivotal stories of survival of his Tribe; the true “People of the Willowhouse”. One of the best experiences and honors was meeting Chief and spiritual leader Ernest Perez Teutimez Salas and other members of the Tribal Council as they shared knowledge with us all. We will always welcome the Tribe with open arms and truly appreciate the interactive approach to learning about Kizh Nation.

Photos and article by Charlie Valdez



THE KIZH NATION HONORS ONE OF OUR OWN



Ed Barajas is recognized by all who know him as an environmentalist, a birding encyclopedia and plant expert, but above all, a passionate protector of our area. In a very touching ceremony last June 8, he was named "Bird Man of the Kizh Nation" by the Gabrieleno Kizh Nation representatives, including their President, Andy Salas, Chief Ernie and members and friend of the tribe. He was presented with an exquisitely carved hawk engraved with the title conferred to him. It could not be any one more deserving of this honor than Ed.

A TREAT FOR THE EYES



A beautiful collage by our President, of our splendid patch of Scarlet Larkspur (*Delphinium cardinale*.) This is a native of Baja and Southern California and we dote on its beauty and pray for its survival. Needless to say, we are experiencing a very good show this year. To the left we can also enjoy a not so great photo of a Hooker's Evening Primrose (*Oenothera hookeri*.) Since it is growing on our parking island, you can take a look as you go by.

Photos by Charlie

Advance Notices



Whittier Narrows Nature Center
Presents
**"FROM THE MOUNTAINS
TO THE SEA"**

Come join the Aquarium of the Pacific on Wheels

Experience, learn, and explore our local watershed.

Hands-on Nature Center exhibits - geology, arts & crafts, the watershed, Ocean tide pool touch tanks, and much more!

FREE and the Public is Welcome!

**1000 N. DURFEE AVE.
SOUTH EL MONTE**

Tues. Aug. 20
Sat. Aug. 24
Tues. Aug. 27

11:00 am - 2:00 pm



Please call in advance for Groups of 10 or more

B. O. L. O.

DOCENT/NATURALIST CLASSES BEING SCHEDULED AS WE SPEAK, STARTING IN SEPTEMBER. COME LEARN ABOUT OUR AREA AND EXPERIENCE THE JOYS OF PASSING THE KNOWLEDGE TO OTHERS. THERE IS NOTHING LIKE IT! WATCH FOR COMING INFO.

THE WNNCA IS GRATEFUL FOR THEIR GENEROUS HEARTS



We would like to thank the ladies from El Monte Senior Center for the beautiful hand made items donated to our association. We are very grateful for their generosity. We always look forward to their visit, bringing us a variety of hand made beautiful examples of their expertise.

Photo and article by Socorro

*She is back!
Pacific-slope Fly-
catcher
(Empidonax difficilis)
might be small
but it charms us
all . We are de-
lighted that she
chooses our area
to nest so we can
witness the small
miracle of survival
of this Western
little beauty.*

Photo by Lou



**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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