



# Least Bell's Vireo's Voice

Whittier Narrows Nature Center Association Newsletter

July 2018

## MEMORIES, MEMORIES



WNNC has been part of so many people's memories. This gentleman is a native of El Monte and remembers his mother sending him and his brother out to play. There was no High School then, and very few houses around. They would take a path from their house that would take them across what is today the Nature Center area, and end up at the river. He still keeps his mother antique car and drives it when visiting, as part of those cherished memories.

Web site access:

# WNNCA.org

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

### This month:

**July 7. 8:00 AM. Bird walk. Docent led.**

**July 10. 10:00 AM. NCA meeting. Stone View Park.**

**July 14. 8:00 Nature walk. Docent led.**

**July 21.. 8:00 AM. Bird walk. Docent led.**

**ALSO: 10:00 am. Executive Board meeting.**

**July 28. 8:00 AM. Bird walk. Docent led.**

### RANGER RACCOON'S RECYCLING RALLY

Last Sunday of Every Month  
10:00 am—2:00 pm

(Aluminum cans & plastic bottles only)



# HERE'S AN EXTRAORDINARY OPPORTUNITY

Take a second look!!!



## GILA POTTERY

McConnel's Owl

Pottery tile

### PROVENANCE DETAILS



This beautiful pottery tile plate was recently donated to the Association by Colleen McKay, WNNC Superintendent. It comes from a famous Arizona art tradition, known as Gila Pottery. We are not experts in this field, but it has the name McConnell's inscribed in the back, which our research indicates one of the best known pottery names in the Southwest. This style of tile pottery has operated (and some still do) out of Globe, Arizona. Besides McConnell, McKusick, and Gaskin and Goff are some other well known names for this kind of pottery. The Association has decided to offer opportunities for a drawing at our Open House / Docent Training Orientation on September 15 to become the owner of a significant example of this kind of art. Those opportunities will be offered at the Gift Shop for a donation. \$1 for a single opportunity and \$5 for six. No need to be present, but we hope everyone will join us for our Open House and Docent Training Orientation in September.

## We Say “So long!” to Mario



Mario Medrano, although just only about a year as a member of the WNNC staff, has been a very hard worker and a reliable help for the Center and the Association as well.

He has moved to what we hope will be greener pastures for him, but he will be missed.

On his last day, Colleen organized a farewell lunch for him. Some members of the association were present to wish him well.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 4th: International Owl Day**

**August 18: Nominations for Executive Board positions close.**

**August 19: Ballots available in the Nature Center**

**September 1: Ballots available in Newsletter**

**September 18: Open House and Docent Training Orientation**

**September 18: All ballots due. Results announced**

# GALLERY



(Trying to sneak into the Gift Shop)



Adventurous California King snake



Photos by Socorro



Family of Western Blue Birds

Photo by Charlie



Cedar Waxwing Photo by Charlie



Baja California Tree Frogs



Photos by Charlie

**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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