



# Least Bell's Vireo's Voice

Whittier Narrows Nature Center Association Newsletter

October 2018

## *New Executive Board for WNNCA*



Your duly elected Exec Board for 2018

From left to right:

Socorro Barajas, Gift Shop Manager

Charlie Valdez, President

Grace Allen, Vice-president (not in photo)

Dan Holguin, Vice-president

Mireya Parravicini, Secretary

Web site access:

# WNNCA.org

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

**This month:**

October 6. 8:00 AM. Bird/nature walk. Docent led.

**10:00 AM. Docent Training: Herpetology (reptiles and amphibians) with Andre Louros**

October 13. 8:00 AM. Bird/nature walk. Docent led.

**10:00 AM. Docent training: Entomology (insects) with Terry Young**

October 20. 8:00 AM. Bird/nature walk. Docent led.

**9:00 AM. WNNCA monthly meeting.**

**10:00 AM. History of the Whittier Narrows area with Paul Spitzerri**

**5:30 PM: Halloween Night Hike with staff.**

October 27. 8:00 AM. Bird/nature walk. Docent led.

**10:00 AM. Native Use of Medicinal Plants with Matt Teutimez**

**ALSO: 5:30 PM: Night Hike. Docent led.**

**Don't forget Ranger Raccoon's Recycle Rally  
Sunday October 28**

# A VERY BUSY SEPTEMBER

## Open House Activities



## Decent Naturalist Orientation

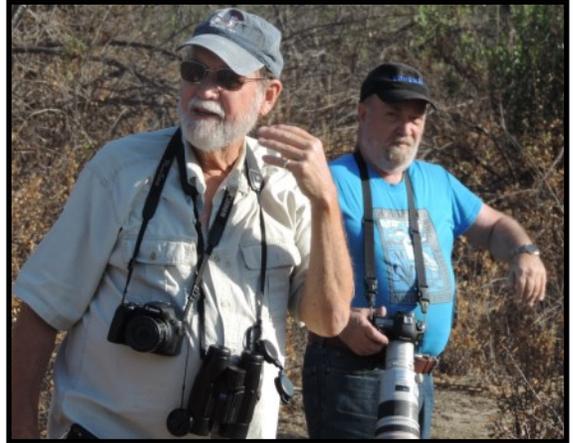


## Honey Extraction Demonstration



# DOCENT NATURALIST TRAINING

## Bird ID with Mickey Long



It is always a pleasurable learning experience when we have such a knowledgeable birder as Mickey Long, not only for his expertise, anecdotes, and interesting information about the idiosyncrasy of the different birds we observe, but for his obvious love and enthusiasm for this pursuit. Even though we did not see a quantity of birds, (rare mockingbird, our ravens, woodpecker or two) our walk was fascinating and fun.





Our own Socorro was recognized as Outstanding Volunteer of the Year by the Nature Centers Association (NCA) for her tireless service to the WNNCA. Here she is, posing in front of the poster representing the WNNCA logo, with her beautiful certificate. (This poster has been newly created by our Superintendent Colleen.)

It was a complete surprise for Socorro when she was called to the front of the room at Eaton Canyon, where the NCA holds the Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Awards. Her reaction was priceless.

Due to a camera malfunction, we did not get photos of the precise moment she was presented with this very much deserved recognition of her unfailing dedication.

## Lou becomes our Ex-President!

After a lifetime of holding the Whittier Narrows natural area in his heart and only 6 years of a two-year presidential term (you do the Math,) Lou decided to let someone else have the privilege of serving as President, with the promise that he will remain active in the Association as mentor, friend and all-purpose pinch hitter.

We are enormously grateful to Lou for his tenure and appreciate his exceptional dedication and integrity. This is his last meeting as President.



Here are our past president Lou and newly elected president Charlie. We know why Lou is smiling and hope we can keep Charlie's smiling...

# UPCOMING EVENTS

JOIN US AS WE HONOR THE  
FIRST PEOPLE OF THE LAND,  
THE GABRIELENO-KIZH  
NATION ON THEIR  
ANCESTRAL VILLAGE OF  
TOIBINGNA AND CELEBRATE  
ALL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES  
OF TURTLE ISLAND

## INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

October 8, 2018 3PM—7PM  
Ganesha Park Bandshell  
1575 White Ave.  
Pomona, CA 91768

For Info: (760)403-1756



## MAKE YOUR OWN WREATH

December 8, 2018  
10:00am TO 2:00pm  
Donation \$20:00

We provide :  
Fresh pine foliage, pine cones, ribbon, etc.



## APPEAL TO ALL MEMBERS:

IF YOU HAVE any Christmas decorations suitable for the enhancement of the wreaths:

Please donate them to the wreath event.  
Just drop them off at the Nature Center  
Santa will put you on his NICE list.



Continuing Docent naturalist training classes:  
November 3: iNaturalist app training with staff from the Natural History Museum.

**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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