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Whittier Narrows Nature Center Association Newsletter

August 2018

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**DOCENT NATURALIST TRAINING
OPEN HOUSE AND ORIENTATION
SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 15
10:00 AM**

Come see what is on offer. As usual we will endeavor to offer the best of relevant classes with experts in every field. Classes will start September 22.

**Mark your calendar
You must become a member if you are not already
\$20 for supplies**



This month:

**August 4. 8:00 AM.
Bird walk. Docent led.**

**August 11. 8:00 Nature
walk. Docent led.**

**August 18. 8:00 AM.
Bird walk. Docent led.
ALSO: 10:00 am. Execu-
tive Board meeting.**

**August 25 8:00 AM. Na-
ture walk. Docent led.**

Web site access:

WNNCA.org

**RANGER RACCOON'S
RECYCLING RALLY**

Last Sunday of Every Month
10:00 am—2:00 pm
(Aluminum cans & plastic bottles
Only please)



Our email: wnnca@att.net



REMINDER

**Our very
Special
Ceramic tile
owl**



Gila Pottery

Signed tile

Opportunity Drawing: Chances available in the Gift Shop

Suggested donation: \$1.00 per one chance

\$5.00 per six

Drawing: September 15

At our Open House

and

Docent Naturalist Orientation

No need to be present to claim



Search for Water

This water faucet has been dripping under one of our oaks, and birds are always quick in exploiting opportunities. There was a number of birds in fierce competition for favorable positioning, but these two are the only ones that the camera could capture. It looked like a drinking frenzy.



County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation



First Nation's Harvest Festival

Featuring

**Native American Dancers,
Drummers, Musicians, Singers,
Storytellers, with Artisans including
Basket Weavers, Pottery Makers,
Wood Carvers and more!
Educational Exhibitors and Native Groups**

Blackwill Arena

Next to Whittier Narrows Equestrian Center

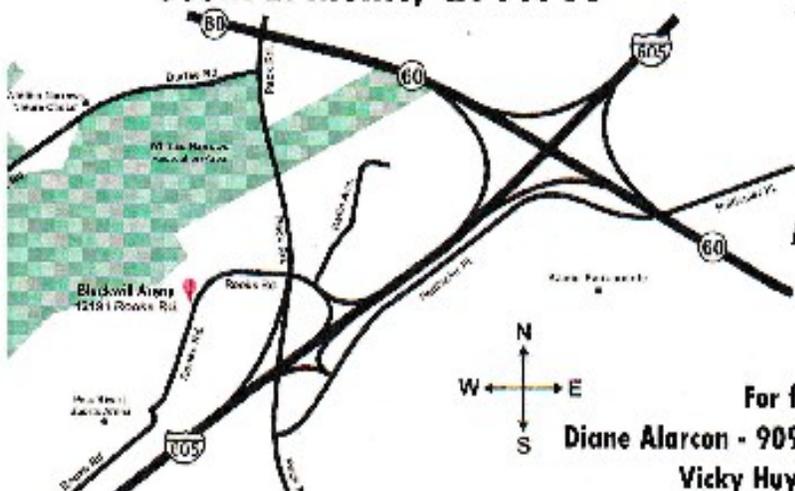
12191 Rooks Road

South El Monte, CA 91733

September

29th - 10am to 5pm

30th - 9am to 4pm



Free Admission Free Parking

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Fire in one of our corners



This morning (7/10/2018) I went to see the burned areas, that began last week in and around the WNNC and I came across Ed as he was arriving for his nature walk as well. We decided to go see the main area. It must be more than 3 acres thus far. Hopefully, it doesn't continue. As we reached Well 16 and were looking at the burned plane behind the Whittier Wells, I smelled smoke and Ed confirmed so we continued to walk in a South direction behind Well 16, and continued to see how the fire/fires have spread, and before we knew it we were in front of a smoking crackling and dangerous log. Luckily we were there, we reported back to the Nature Center, and Maritza, one of our Rangers came to assist but decided it was best to call the Fire department. They came quite promptly and the log was put out as well as possible.

(Photos and article courtesy of Gregorio Gonzales)



An adorable baby Western Toad, (*Anaxyrus boreas*) not easily seen at any time. Wikipedia says that is native of North America and there is a California subspecies ranging from Nevada to Baja California. They breed from March to July, so this is a mere baby that will hibernate in winter. They eat grubs, spiders, worms, slugs and insects.

Photo by Gregorio



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**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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