

# Foggy View

## Sierra Club

Palos Verdes – South Bay Group / Angeles Chapter

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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

*Congratulations and welcome to our newly elected Executive Committee Member, Kathleen Martin! Congratulations to Kent Schwitkis, our new Vice Chair. Congratulation to Phil Wheeler, our new Alternative Chapter Representative.*

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### LEED Platinum Plans

Aquarium of the Pacific Breaks Ground on Environmental Exhibition and Classroom

By Marilyn Padilla



Photo by EHDD Architecture - Main Street Design

New “green” building will obtain Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design’s (LEED) highest certification, offering eco ideas for home owners.

Long Beach, California, December 13, 2007— From cities looking to recycle waste water to restrictions on garden watering, water issues are becoming more pressing. The Aquarium of the Pacific has announced plans for Our Watersheds: Pathway to the Pacific, a new addition that will provide its Southern California visitors with sustainable solutions and the knowledge to make a difference at any age. The nonprofit Aquarium announced plans to open a new watershed environmental exhibition, classroom, and native garden in November of 2008.

“With the Southland facing drought issues, it is even more crucial for residents to learn about their watersheds and how their actions impact these systems and our water supply,” said Barbara Long, Aquarium of the Pacific, VP of special projects.

The new addition will become the first building in the city of Long Beach to receive a LEED platinum rating—the highest LEED rating for a “green” design. The watershed education classroom will be designed to maximize its use of natural light and solar energy, will be constructed with recycled and other sustainable materials, and will include a native landscaped “green roof” with live vegetation, resulting in myriad environmental benefits. *(Cont'd on Page 2)*

#### Reminder

**April 23 – Wed: Quarterly Meeting.** Rich Henke adventurer and photographer will present a 45- minute slide program of a 3-month journey through Northern India. Ladakh and Zaskar are the home of vibrant Tibetan culture that is “more Tibetan than Tibet”. Join Rich as he describes a 24-day trek crossing 3 mountain ranges with passes as high as 17,000 feet. See Page 5 for details.

#### Paper, Plastic or Reusable?

Henry's Farmers Market tentatively announces its plans to significantly reduce their use of plastic bags at check out on April 12th. The Sierra Club will be supporting this commitment to the environment by sending speakers to the San Pedro store in an effort to educate the public on the benefits of reusable bags verses paper or plastic. Hope to see you there! -

Kathleen Martin



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**Sierra Club “Cliff Notes”  
From the Renewables Fact Sheet  
for Outings Outreach**

**Lexus Environmental Challenge  
L.I.F.E. - “It’s never too late for L.I.F.E.!”  
By Kylie Wu, L.I.F.E. Team Member**

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, producing 20 percent of our nation’s electricity with renewable energy by 2020 is not only possible, but it is affordable. When combined with strong energy efficiency programs, we can spur innovation, clean up our environment, cut our energy bills, and fuel economic growth.

Spur Innovation

The United States, once a leader in renewable energy development, has fallen behind other nations in pursuing clean energy solutions. By reinvigorating our commitment to renewable energy and energy efficiency, we can develop the technologies of tomorrow and find solutions for today’s most pressing problems.

Curb Global Warming

Our nation’s fossil fuel power plants are the primary source of carbon dioxide, the principal global warming pollutant. Boosting our use of renewable energy and increasing energy efficiency can eliminate the need for nearly a thousand new power plants over the next 20 years.

Improve Public Health

Pollution from existing power plants contributes to over 600,000 asthma attacks each year. Increasing energy efficiency and our use of renewable energy can take dangerous pollutants out of the air and let us all breathe a little easier.

Cut Energy Bills

Clean energy choices translate into good financial choices. Together, strong renewable energy and energy efficiency policies could save a typical family \$350 per year in lower energy bills by 2020. In addition, more renewable energy means more insulation from price spikes. Similar to good investors diversifying their stock portfolio, using more renewable energy will diversify our electricity mix and make us less dependent on the performance of a small number of fuels.

Enhance Energy Security

Renewable energy is a reliable source of “home-grown” energy, allowing communities and homes to generate their own power. While current power plants and transmission lines could be inviting targets for terrorists, decentralized renewable energy sources make it more difficult to disrupt large portions of the electrical grid.

Bring Jobs, Income, and Revenue to Rural America

Renewable energy development can be a powerful economic support for rural areas. Farmers and ranchers have received \$2,000 per year in lease payments for each wind turbine operating on their land. Renewable energy projects also infuse local communities with increased tax revenues and generate local jobs.



Ten students at South High School in Torrance accepted the ‘challenge’ and have entered the Lexus/Scholastic Environmental Challenge contest for high school students. Our team L.I.F.E. (Landfill Improvement for the Environment) is creating public awareness about a local air pollution emissions problem. Located at the southern border of Torrance, lies the Palos Verdes Landfill. The Air Quality Management District has identified the gas to energy center at the landfill as a major source polluter. This center emits chemicals and substances into the air that not only contributes to the global warming crisis, but the chemicals emitted are known to affect our health by causing illnesses from asthma to cancer.

We believe that the solution to cutting the emissions at the center is to keep the gas to energy center open, but managed with better technology. The present plan by the landfill owners, the Los Angeles County Sanitation District, is to flare 75% of the toxic gas at the landfill site. The concern is that this is not cutting the air emissions of concern, such as Benzene and Vinyl Chloride. We believe that with a comprehensive review, through the Environmental Impact Report process, a better plan can be achieved to lower emissions overall. We believe that by working together, the community can obtain the highest quality technology that is available that will not only continue to produce energy but will lower the overall emissions at the landfill site. One system known as Micro Turbines is already in use at the Lopez Canyon Landfill in northern L.A. County. Although the landfill owners have proposed using some of this technology, it leaves 75% of the gases to be flared. It is wasteful to let a renewable energy source be burned off into the atmosphere without a proper review.

We are very aware that the air quality in Los Angeles is the worst in the nation. We have the support of groups such as the American Lung Association to the local school boards and PTA, to support the EIR for any modifications to the landfill gas to energy center. If we can begin overseeing the air pollution emissions problems in our local communities, then we will achieve the goals that the state has set in the Global Warming Solutions Act known as Assembly Bill 32. This is the beginning of making Los Angeles a better place to breathe. Together we can find “Solutions to the Pollution”.

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“The LEED platinum-certified classroom will be used for watershed education programs for children as well as adults. We’ll be able to provide valuable learning lessons for any age, whether it’s how trash in our streets can flow into our rivers and ocean or how native gardening can save water at home,” said Amy Rosenberg, Aquarium of the Pacific, Director of Education. When not in use for classes, the building will serve as a meeting space for community groups, government agencies, and others.

Adjacent to the classroom, a shaded outdoor area will feature five exhibits on our watersheds, including a model of the Los Angeles and San Gabriel watersheds with various interactive features. Hands-on exhibits will demonstrate the practical and environmentally friendly ways in which we can live more sustainable with nature and its resources. The exhibits will define a watershed, illustrate the watersheds of San Pedro Bay region, and explore concepts of water supply and use. Surrounding the classroom and outdoor exhibits, native landscaping will represent the flora found in the Los Angeles and San Gabriel watersheds and illustrate how native gardens can significantly reduce water use.

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES



**Monday Night - O: Conditioning Hike in Palos Verdes.** Strenuous 2 hr 5-8 mi conditioning hike some streets, trails overlooking ocean, canyons – always hills, some steep – that emphasizes the flora/terrain of Palos Verdes. Only one group: slow-moderate to moderate. Not for beginners. Arrive early. Leave 6:30pm every Mon at dead end of Crenshaw in Rancho Palos Verdes (1 Burrell Ln.). Wear lug sole boots, bring red lens flashlight. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Bill Lavoie, Dave Hixson, Judy Shane.



**Tuesday Night - O: San Pedro/PV Conditioning Hike.** Strenuous 2 hr, 5-8 mi conditioning hikes on flat/hilly streets/trails to explore fauna/terrain in San Pedro/PV. Not for beginners. Arrive early. Leaves 6:30 pm every Tue from 8th and Averill, San Pedro. Wear lug sole boots, bring red lens flashlight. Rain cancels. Leaders: Brooks Chadwick, Barry Bonnickson, Tony Trull, Joyce White, Dorie Boynton, Carol Anne Mills-Schmidt, Jacques Monier, Lise Allard.



**Tuesday Night - O: San Pedro K9 Conditioning Hike:** Strenuous and fun hike for people and their well-behaved K9 friends. 6-8 mi, 1000' gain in 2 hrs on trails/hilly streets. Beginners in good condition welcome. Arrive early. Leave 6:30 pm every Tue in front of post office (1441 8<sup>th</sup> St, E of Weymouth). Bring water, bowl, cleanup bags, leash, red lens flashlight. Rain cancels. Leaders: Liz Kennedy, Bob Beach, Barry Holchin.



**Tuesday Night - O: Beginners Conditioning Hike:** Moderate 1½ hr 4 mi hike on the greenbelt and hilly streets of Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach. Arrive early. Leave 7 pm every Tue from the far end of the parking lot of the Hermosa Valley School (1645 Valley Dr). Bring red lens flashlight. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Sharon Brossier, Alix Benson, Susan Johnson.



**Wednesday Night - O: Slow/Conditioning Beach Walk.** A pleasant slow paced 5 mi, 2 hr walk along the beaches in Redondo Beach, Torrance, and PV Estates. Enjoy evenings, sunsets over the Pacific. This walk is intended only for those who prefer a slow pace, or who are trying to walk themselves into condition for faster paced hikes. All participants must stay behind the leader. Arrive early. Beginners welcome. Meet 7 pm by large fig tree beside former library in Veteran's Park at Catalina Ave and Torrance Blvd., Redondo Beach. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Dave Hixson, Sherry Silver, Jerry Trager, Lois Vile, Terry Bass.



**Thursday Night - O: Conditioning Hike on Palos Verdes Peninsula.** Strenuous 2 hr, 5-8 mi conditioning hike on flat/hilly streets/trails that emphasizes flora/terrain of PV. Normally up to 5 hikes: slow, slow moderate, moderate, fast moderate, fast. Not for beginners. Arrive early. Leave 6:30 pm every Thu from parking lot near Rite Aid Drugs at Hawthorne & Silver Spur. Wear lug sole boots, bring red lens flashlight. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Linda Werk, Michael Coble, Brooks Chadwick, Tony Trull, Joyce White, Dave Hixson, Jacques Monier, Bill Lavoie, Judy Shane, Dorie Boynton, Jerry Trager, Lois Vile.

## MONTHLY ACTIVITIES



**Management Committee Meeting.** First Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm. Meeting open to all Sierra Club members. Call secretary for meeting location.



**Moonlight Hike in Palos Verdes – O.** Friday before or on full moon. Easy to moderate hike in Palos Verdes hills about 1.5 to 2 hrs. Go for pizza afterwards. Coordinator: Hugh Pendleton. See Activities Calendar for details.



**Manhattan Beach Hike/Brunch O.** Easy 4-5 mi, 300' gain, 2 hr hike on streets, trails, ocean strand. Restrooms available. Optional brunch at local restaurant after hike. Meet 9 am first Sun of month Live Oak Park by police memorial (1901 N Valley Dr, Manhattan Beach, under giant oak tree by tennis courts). Bring water, walking shoes, sun hat. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Jackie Childers, Lois Vile, Jerry Trager.
















**Palos Verdes Hike & Brunch – O.** Moderate 4-5 mi, 1000' gain, 2 hr hike on some streets, trails overlooking ocean, canyons: always hills, some steep. Optional brunch after at Marie Callender's. Meet 9 am every third Sun at dead-end of Crenshaw Blvd, Rancho Palos Verdes (1 Burrell Ln.). Bring water, lug sole boots, sun hat. Rain cancels. Coordinator: Greg Hitchings. Ldrs: Dave Hixson, Mary Beth Oubre, Bill Lavoie, Jerry Trager, Lois Vile.

# PV-SB GROUP ACTIVITIES

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

1. All participants on Sierra Club outings are required to sign a standard liability waiver. If you would like to read the Liability Waiver before you choose to participate on an outing, please go to: <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/>, or contact the Outings Department at (415) 977-5528 for a printed version.
2. CST 2087766-40. Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California.

Not all of our outings are published in the *Angeles Chapter Schedule* or the *Foggy View*. Go to our website (<http://www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pvsb>) for more activities. Symbols

used in this publication:  walk,  hiking,  educational,  conservation,  canine,  slides,  moonlight hike,  bus trip,  flight,  flowers,  skiing,  bird watching,  lodge.

### Bus/Air Trips -- see details in listings.

Mar 13-27 -- Thu-Thu: New Zealand Magic

May 24-27 - Sat-Tue: Zion National Park/Bryce Canyon Bus Trip

Jul 4-7 - Fri-Mon: Sequoia/Kings Canyon National Park Bus Trip

Oct 11-14 - Sat-Tue: Sedona Bus Trip



**Mar 1 Sat O: Rancho Palos Verdes.** Join us on a moderate 7.5 mi hike (1,200' gain) on the canyon trails of the beautiful Palos Verdes Peninsula. We will climb up steep trails on cliff tops and enjoy stunning views of the Catalina Channel. Meet 9:00am at south end of Crenshaw Boulevard in Rancho Palos Verdes by the Del Cerro Park sign (1 Burrell Ln.) Street parking is available. Lug sole boots required. Bring snacks, water. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Linda Werk, Judy Shane.



**Mar 2 Sun O: Manhattan Beach Hike/Brunch.** See Monthly Activities.



**Mar 8 Sat O: Trans-Peninsula Hike.** Strenuous 5 hour, 13 mi hike crossing Palos Verdes Peninsula that starts from Tue night meeting pt in San Pedro and goes via Thu night meeting pt at Peninsula Center to Wed night meeting pt in Redondo Beach with car shuttle to return. Some streets, mostly trails. Meet 7:30 am 8th and Averill, San Pedro or, to help shuttle, meet 7 am parking lot S of Veterans Park, Redondo Beach. Bring water, snacks sturdy shoes, money for lunch after. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Joyce White, Jeff Naumann.

### Next Schedule Deadlines

May-June *Foggy View* – March 15<sup>th</sup>

*Angeles Chapter Schedule* 308 -- March 10<sup>th</sup>

Please submit all outings to Outings Chair Terry Bass before these dates.



**Mar 15 Sat O: Palos Verdes Estates Hike.** Join us on a slow-moderate 1¼ hour hike covering 4 miles w/ 600' gain. Meet 8:30am at Neptune's Fountain in Malaga Cove Plaza at PV Dr. N and Via Almar. Bring water, hat, and sturdy shoes. Rain Cancels. Leaders: Greg Hitchings & Dave Hixson.



**Mar 16 Sun O: Palos Verdes Hike/Brunch.** See Monthly Activities.



**Mar 21 Fri O: Moonlite Hike in San Pedro.** A social stroll, not for tigers. Go for pizza afterwards. Rain cancels. Meet 7:30 PM at Friendship Park parking lot. Entrance at Anchovy Ave and Cumbre Dr. Ldr: Joyce White, Asst: Liz Kennedy.



**Mar 22 Sat O: Central Peninsula Hike.** Moderate 7 mi, 900' gain, 2.5 hr. Meet at Rolling Hills Estates City Hall, NW corner of Crenshaw & Palos Verdes Drive North, at 8:00 AM. Potpourri of trails: Palomino, Pinto, Morgan, Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse, Johns Cyn., Hix, Si's. Wear lug sole boots, bring snack & water. Rain cancels. Leaders: Barry Bonnickson & Alix Benson.



**Mar 29 Sat O: Portuguese Canyon.** A slow moderate 4.5 mile, 500 ft gain, 2+ hours hike, not for tigers or beginners. Hike Pirate, Mariposa, Flying Mane, Canyon View and Quarry trails. Meet 9:00AM at gate of Forrestal Preserve. Take PV Dr S to Forrestal Dr, then north to the gate. Wear lug soles, bring snacks, and water. Rain cancels. Provisional Ldr: Jerry Pupa; asst Ldr: Bill Lavoie.



**Mar 30 Sun O: Sunday Afternoon Hike in Rolling Hills Estates.** Join us on a slow-moderate 1¼-hour hike covering 3 miles with 80' gain. Meet 3:30pm at Highridge Park on Highridge Rd. between Crestridge Rd. and Crest Rd. Bring water, hat, and sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. Leaders: Greg Hitchings & Arlene Chao.



**Apr 5 Sat O: George F. Canyon Hike.** Moderate 7 mi, 1000' gain. Meet 8:00 AM. Palos Verdes Drive East 1/8 mile south of Palos Verdes Drive North at trailhead. Hesse's Gap, Georgeff, Saffo, Purple Cyn, Sleepy Hollow, Lower Willow Spr. Wear lug sole boots, bring a snack & water. Rain cancels. Leaders: Barry Bonnickson & Karen Cassimatis.



**Apr 6 Sun O: Manhattan Beach Hike/Brunch.** See Monthly Activities.



**Apr 12 Sat O: Portuguese Canyon Hike.** Slow Moderate 6 mi, 600' gain. Take Palos Verdes Drive South to Forrestal Drive, north to gate. Meet at gate at 8:00 AM. Forestall Quarry, Klondike Cyn, and trails around Portuguese Cyn, ridge above Paintbrush Canyon (rough trail) and back. Wear lug sole boots, bring a snack & water. Rain cancels. Leaders: Barry Bonnicksen & Linda Werk.



**Apr 12-13 Sat-Sun I: Tejon Ranch, Wind Wolves, Unnamed Pk (5152').** Enjoy pine forests and the picturesque high country of our San Emigdio Range and the grasslands of Wind Wolves. We will be immersing ourselves into an environment that is very similar to Tejon Ranch, by visiting the Wind Wolves Preserve. We will tour the proposed development areas, as well as the highly unique areas within Wind Wolves. We may see deer, elk, raptors, flowers, rock art, more. Take time to learn from our naturalists about the fauna and flora, help us plan the next stages in our goal to create a new state or national park. Lots of driving. Some easy hiking. We'll car camp at Wind Wolves for one night, so bring your best potluck items, ideas (become an integral part of the campaign). Group size limited to 30. Esase (schwitkii@earthlink.net)/sase, phones, rideshare to Ldr: Kent Schwitkis, 4514 Lenore St., Torrance, 90503-6447. Naturalist/Co-Ldrs: Ginny Heringer, Sherry Ross.



**Apr 13 Sun O: Sunday Afternoon Hike in Rolling Hills Estates.** Join us on a slow-moderate 1¾ hour hike on horse trails covering 4 miles w/ 140' gain. Mostly flat. Meet 3:30pm at Rolling Hills Estates City Hall, NW corner of Crenshaw and PV Drive North. Bring water and lugsoles. Rain or mud cancels. Leaders: Greg Hitchings & Arlene Chao.



**Apr 18 Fri O: Moonlite Hike in Palos Verdes Estates.** Leave from historic Neptune's Fountain in center of plaza. Wear sturdy shoes for outrunning PV peacocks. Rain cancels. Go for pizza afterwards. Meet 7:30 pm, Malaga Cove Plaza at Via Almar and Palos Verdes Dr. North. Ldrs: Lyn & Roger Greenham.



**Apr 19 Sat O: Rolling Hills Estates Hike.** Join us on a slow-moderate 2½-hour hike to Malaga Cove covering 6 miles w/ 950' gain. Meet 9:00 at Ernie Howlett Park on west side of Hawthorne between Rolling Hills Rd and PV Drive North. Bring water and sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. Leaders Greg Hitchings & Dave Hixson.



**Apr 20 Sun O: Palos Verdes Hike/Brunch.** See Monthly Activities.



**Apr 23 – Wed: Quarterly Meeting.** 7pm Palos Verdes Peninsula Library. Rich Henke adventurer and photographer will present a slide program of a 3-month journey through Northern India. Ladakh and Zanskar in the far north are the home of vibrant Tibetan culture that is "more Tibetan than Tibet". Join Rich as he describes a 24-day trek crossing 3 mountain ranges with passes as high as 17,000 feet. View colorful Tibetan festivals where monks dance in elaborate costumes. Drive across the highest motorable road in the world. View 1000 year old art in ancient monasteries that take days to reach. For those who aspire to do adventuresome trips on their own, there will be lots of "how to" information. The meeting is held in Peninsula Center Library Community Room, 701 Silver Spur Rd. (access also from Deep Valley), Rolling Hills Estates.



**Apr 26 Sat O: Short Trans-Peninsula Hike.** Moderate 7 mi, 1300' gain. Meet at Rolling Hills Estates City Hall, NW corner of Crenshaw Blvd. & Palos Verdes Drive North, at 8:00 AM. Carpool to south side; hike back to starting point. Wear lug sole boots, bring snack & water. Rain cancels. Leaders: Barry Bonnicksen & Catherine Whittington.



**May 3 Sat M: Strawberry Peak (6164').** Moderate 6 mi rt, 2600' gain via Colby Canyon. Experience and comfort on class 3 rock required. Meet 9 am Colby Canyon parking area (11 mi from La Canada rideshare point, 1 mi beyond Angeles Crest/Angeles Forest junction). Bring good boots, Adventure Pass, something with "strawberries" to share on top. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Barry Holchin, Bob Beach.



**May 10 Sat O: Portuguese Point Hike.** Moderate 6 mi, 1000' gain. Take Palos Verdes Drive South to Forrestal Drive, north to gate. Meet at gate at 8:00 AM. Klondike Cyn, across Portuguese Cyn, Portuguese Pt., Sea Cave, Inspiration Pt. Wear lug sole boots, bring a snack & water. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Barry Bonnicksen & Karen Cassimatis.



**May 10 Sat I: Shay (6714'), Little Shay (6635'), Ingham (6355') and Deep Creek Hot Springs (5' deep).** 18th semi-annual Deep Creek HS hike/soak/swim with some more peaks. Moderately paced 13 mi, 3100' gain w considerable cross-country via exploratory routes. Some 4wd driving. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, lugs (swim suit optional). No beginners. Plan on spending full day - it's near Hesperia. Rain cancels. Send esase (preferable – bholchin@cox.net) or sase, 3949 Via Valmonte, Palos Verdes Estates, 90274-1153 along with carpool info to Leader: Barry Holchin. Co-Ldr: Wayne Voltaire.



**May 16 Fri O: Moonlite Hike in Palos Verdes Peninsula.** Hike dirt trails overlooking Catalina Channel. Wear sturdy shoes for steep dirt trails. Bring \$\$ for pizza afterwards. Rain cancels. Meet 7:30 pm at end of Crenshaw Blvd in Rancho Palos Verdes by the Del Cerro Park sign (1 Burrell Ln.). Ldrs: Lois Vile, Jerry Trager.



**May 24-27 Sat-Tue O: Zion National Park/Bryce Canyon Bus Trip.** Hike in Utah's most popular parks. No overnight bus ride. Two and a half days to hike the many trails including the Virgin River narrows, Angel's Landing and East Rim Trail. Choices of hikes available each day. Leave Sat. morn, return Tues eve. Stay all three nights in Springdale next to Zion. Fee includes bus, driver gratuity, motel, 3 social hours, bus refreshments & all admissions. \$20 cancellation penalty, balance refundable until Apr 24th, then only if trip full. Send 2 business-size SASE, phones, \$349 w/SC # or \$374 non-member (Sierra Club) to trip leader/reservationist: Dave Hixson, 15120 Polly Ave., Lawndale 90260. Co-Ldrs: Donna Lauck, Richard Pardi.



**Jun 13 Fri O: Moonlite Hike in San Pedro.** Enjoy Friday the 13th with a hike overlooking the Catalina Channel. On a clear eve we can see the lights of Avalon. Wear sturdy shoes for dirt trails. Bring \$\$ for pizza afterwards. Meet 7:30 pm at Friendship Park parking lot. Entrance at corner of Anchovy Ave and Cumbre Dr. Ldr: Joyce White, Asst: Alix Benson.



**Jun 13-15 Fri-Sun O: Nature Knowledge Workshop.** Join the Natural Science Section for a weekend of discovery and enjoyment as you learn about the natural wonders that surround you. From our streamside camp accommodations in the San Bernardino Mtns., we'll explore 3 habitats- chaparral, forest and riparian via easy guided walks led by our naturalists. Special interest and hands on workshops will be taught Sat. afternoon and evening by our professional naturalists who will share their expertise in a variety of natural history topics such as bird, bat, reptile, plant, mammal, insect, and geology studies. Fee includes 2 nights lodging in dormitory cabins (bring own sleeping bag), 6 full-course meals and instruction. (Tent or car camping available). All this and hot showers too! Reservation deadline June 1. Send check "Sierra Club/NSS" along with 2 SASE (or email address), H&W phones, names of all participants, \$138 with SC#, \$158 non-member to Reservationist: Monica Donley, 5551 Mammoth Ave., Sherman Oaks, 91401-5808. LTC credit available. Participants must be 13 years or older (under 18 must be accompanied by adult). Visit NSS website [www.angeles.sierraclub.org/nss](http://www.angeles.sierraclub.org/nss) for reservation form. Leader: Liana Argento, [lianaargento@hotmail.com](mailto:lianaargento@hotmail.com); Asst Leaders: Cliff & Gabi McLean.



**Jun 17-28 Tue-Sat C: The Plains of Runnymede/Paris Odyssey/Isle of Man Walking Festival.** Meet leader Jun 17 in London. Next day walk the Thames River towpath to the Plains of Runnymede then on to Windsor Castle and the "Long Walk" Then we take a Eurostar train for a one-day visit to Paris for a sampling of the "city of lights". After a day in London we fly to the Isle of Man. Sun eve we join the opening festivities of the walking festival (There is a festive evening each of the following nights including dancing to a band and a barn dance to end the festival.) Mon through Fri either select from four daily guided festival hikes or sign up for the five-day around the Island Hike - 95 miles in five days walking along cliffs and shore lines of this amazing best kept secret island. A certificate awaits the finishers. Sat depart by plane for London. The cost of the 11 night 10 day trip is \$2,140, \$2175 for non-members. (Price may vary depending on exchange rates.) Cost includes 11 hotel nights (two in room, three star hotels), train/air fees, all fees associated with Walking Festival including the festival nights, five breakfasts. It does not include airfare from the U.S. Openings for 15 participants. Refunds require a suitable replacement and a \$50 cancellation fee. Reserve by sending a \$250 check payable to Sierra Club PV-SB and 2 SASE to leader: Richard Pardi, 23326 Mariano St Woodland Hills 91367. Leader has traveled to the IOM (twice) and Paris (once) in the past two years. More info at [rpardi@socal.rr.com](mailto:rpardi@socal.rr.com) or 818-346-6257.



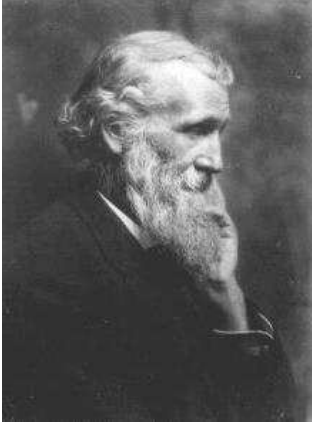
**Jul 4-7 Fri-Mon O: Sequoia/Kings Canyon National Parks Bus Trip.** Join in the spiritual sensation of hiking among the world's largest and oldest trees with bear sightings in the spectacular High Sierras. Choice of hikes available each day. Leave Fri. morning and return Mon. evening. Stay all three nights in the centrally located Wuksachi Motel. Fee includes bus gratuity, lodging, 3 social hours, bus refreshments and all admissions. \$20 cancellation penalty, balance refundable until June 4 then only if trip is full. Send 2 SASE, phones, \$499 w/SC# or \$534 non-member ("Sierra Club") to Trip Ldr/Reservationist: David Hixson, 15120 Polly Ave., Lawndale 90260 Co-Leaders: Richard Pardi, Donna Lauck.



**Oct 11-14 Sat-Tue O: Sedona Outing Bus Trip.** Two and a half days to hike the scenic trails and experience the spiritual energy of the vortexes in Red Rock Country. Choices of hikes available each day. Leave Sat. morning, return Tue evening. Stay all three nights in a Best Western, within walking distance of the shopping district. Fee includes bus, driver gratuity, motel, 3 social hours, bus drinks/snacks & all admissions. \$20 cancellation penalty, balance refundable until Sep. 11 then only if trip full. Send 2 large SASE, H & W phone #, check for \$480 w/SC # or \$515 non-member payable to Sierra Club, to trip leader/reservationist: Dave Hixson, 15120 Polly Ave., Lawndale 90260. Co-Leaders Donna Lauck, Richard Pardi.

# April 21<sup>st</sup> – John Muir Day – Happy 170<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

## John Muir: A Brief Biography



John Muir - farmer, inventor, shepherd, naturalist, explorer, writer, and conservationist - was born on April 21, 1838 in Dunbar, Scotland. Until the age of eleven he attended the local schools of that small coastal town. In 1849, the Muir family emigrated to the United States, settling first at Fountain Lake and then moving to Hickory Hill Farm near Portage, Wisconsin.

Muir's father was a harsh disciplinarian and worked his family from dawn to dusk. Whenever they were allowed a short period away from the plow and hoe, Muir and his younger brother would roam the fields and woods of the rich Wisconsin countryside. John became more and more the loving observer of the natural world. He also became an inventor, a carver of curious but practical mechanisms in wood. He made clocks that kept accurate time and created a wondrous device that tipped him out of bed before dawn.

In 1860, Muir took his inventions to the state fair at Madison, where he won admiration and prizes. Also that year he entered the University of Wisconsin. He made fine grades, but after three years left Madison to travel the northern United States and Canada, odd-jobbing his way through the yet unspoiled land.

In 1867, while working at a carriage parts shop in Indianapolis, Muir suffered a blinding eye injury that would change his life. When he regained his sight one month later, Muir resolved to turn his eyes to the fields and woods. There began his years of wanderlust. He walked a thousand miles from Indianapolis to the Gulf of Mexico. He sailed to Cuba, and later to Panama, where he crossed the Isthmus and sailed up the West Coast, landing in San Francisco in March, 1868. From that moment on, though he would travel around the world, California became his home.

It was California's Sierra Nevada and Yosemite that truly claimed him. In 1868, he walked across the San Joaquin Valley through waist-high wildflowers and into the high country for the first time. Later he would write: "Then it seemed to me the Sierra should be called not the Nevada, or Snowy Range, but the Range of Light...the most divinely beautiful of all the mountain chains I have ever seen." He herded sheep through that first summer and made his home in Yosemite.

By 1871 he had found living glaciers in the Sierra and had conceived his controversial theory of the glaciation of Yosemite Valley. He began to be known throughout the country. Famous men of the time - Joseph LeConte, Asa Gray and Ralph Waldo Emerson - made their way to the door of his pine cabin.

Beginning in 1874, a series of articles by Muir entitled "Studies in the Sierra" launched his successful career as a writer. He left the mountains and lived for awhile in Oakland, California. From there he took many trips, including his first to Alaska in 1879, where he discovered Glacier Bay. In 1880, he married Louie Wanda Strentzel and moved to Martinez, California, where they raised their two daughters, Wanda and Helen. Settling down to some measure of domestic life, Muir went into partnership with his father-in-law and managed the family fruit ranch with great success.

But ten years of active ranching did not quell Muir's wanderlust. His travels took him to Alaska many more times, to Australia, South America, Africa, Europe, China, Japan, and of course, again and again to his beloved Sierra Nevada.

In later years he turned more seriously to writing, publishing 300 articles and 10 major books that recounted his travels, expounded his naturalist philosophy, and beckoned everyone to "Climb the mountains and get their good tidings." Muir's love of the high country gave his writings a spiritual quality. His readers, whether they are presidents, congressmen, or plain folks, were inspired and often moved to action by the enthusiasm of Muir's own unbounded love of nature.

Through a series of articles appearing in *Century* magazine, Muir drew attention to the devastation of mountain meadows and forests by sheep and cattle. With the help of *Century*'s associate editor, Robert Underwood Johnson, Muir worked to remedy this destruction. In 1890, due in large part to the efforts of Muir and Johnson, an act of Congress created Yosemite National Park. Muir was also personally involved in the creation of Sequoia, Mount Rainier, Petrified Forest and Grand Canyon national parks. Muir deservedly is often called the "Father of Our National Park System."

Johnson and others suggested to Muir that an association be formed to protect the newly created Yosemite National Park from the assaults of stockmen and others who would diminish its boundaries. In 1892, Muir and a number of his supporters founded the Sierra Club to, in Muir's words, "do something for wildness and make the mountains glad." Muir served as the Club's president until his death in 1914.

In 1901, Muir published *Our National Parks*, the book that brought him to the attention of President Theodore Roosevelt. In 1903, Roosevelt visited Muir in Yosemite. There, together, beneath the trees, they laid the foundation of Roosevelt's innovative and notable conservation programs.

Muir and the Sierra Club fought many battles to protect Yosemite and the Sierra Nevada, the most dramatic being the campaign to prevent the damming of the Hetch Hetchy Valley within Yosemite National Park. In 1913, after years of effort, the battle was lost and the valley that Muir likened to Yosemite itself was doomed to become a reservoir to supply the water needs of a growing San Francisco. The following year, after a short illness, Muir died in a Los Angeles hospital after visiting his daughter Wanda.

John Muir was perhaps this country's most famous and influential naturalist and conservationist. He taught the people of his time and ours the importance of experiencing and protecting our natural heritage. His words have heightened our perception of nature. His personal and determined involvement in the great conservation questions of the day was and remains an inspiration for environmental activists everywhere.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### **The Plant Communities of Point Lobos: Beyond Wildflowers**

By Rosemary Foster and hosted by the CNPS **Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
- **7:30 p.m.** Classroom at the South Coast Botanic Garden. Free Admission/Open to the Public.  
For info call Barbara Sattler @ (310) 831-0032.  
[www.sccnps.org](http://www.sccnps.org)

### **Endangered Species Habitat Restoration Day**

**Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m. – Noon.** Save endangered birds from extinction by removing non-native grasses from the habitat. Seal Beach Wildlife Refuge located on the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station. **RSVP Required:** 562-590-3100 **Cost:** Free for everyone. **Location:** Seal Beach Wildlife Refuge.  
[www.aquariumofpacific.org](http://www.aquariumofpacific.org)

### **Marine Mammal Care Center – Volunteer Orientations**

Training for animal care, docent, and office volunteers.

**Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> - 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup> - 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

[www.marinemammalcare.org](http://www.marinemammalcare.org)

### **Earth Day on the Promenade**

**Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> - 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.**

Third Street Promenade in Santa Monica.

[www.earthdayla.org](http://www.earthdayla.org)

### **Aquarium of the Pacific Earth Day Celebration**

**Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

**Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

(General Admission Fee)

[www.aquariumofpacific.org](http://www.aquariumofpacific.org)

### **Earth Day 2008 SEA Lab**

**Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Redondo Beach (Kings Harbor)

Located corner of North Harbor Drive and Yacht Club Way  
310-318-7438

### **Earth Day Fair at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium**

**Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> - 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

[www.cabrilloaq.org](http://www.cabrilloaq.org)

### **Wilshire Center Earth Day – A Car Free Day**

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

3690 Wilshire Blvd, between Western and Harvard  
Santa Monica

[www.earthdayla.org](http://www.earthdayla.org)

### **The Grunion Run**

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

April 2008 - Closed Season

**Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> - 10:40 pm - 12:40 am**

**Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> - 10:35 pm - 12:35 am**

[www.cabrilloaq.org](http://www.cabrilloaq.org)

*(To submit an event for our Community Calendar, send an email to Kathleen Martin [martincait@sbcglobal.net](mailto:martincait@sbcglobal.net))*

## **PV-SB GROUP LEADERS**

Current leaders active in the PV-SB Group

<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Rating</b>
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Frank Atkin	310-378-5008	I
Terry Bass	310-539-8227	O
Bob Beach	310-375-0898	M
Alix Benson	310-379-8066	O
Richard Boardman	310-374-4371	M
Barry Bonnickson	310-519-0778	O
Dennis Bosch	310-328-3874	O
Dorie Boynton	310-544-0600	O
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