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GLS Holiday Party

The GLS holiday party this year was again at Grace and Mary's hillside home in Mount Washington.

After eating, talking, bidding on some items in the silent auction, voting for pictures in the photo contest, finding Teresa and Dawn finally returned from Minneapolis, eating some more, we turned our attention to Grace, our current management committee chair, who had some announcements from the front of the room.

First, Amanda and Sharon were both re-elected to the GLS management committee, so the management committee will continue with the same members for another year. Thank you, Amanda and Sharon!

Next Grace announced the winners

of GLS awards this year:

- Alan Schimpff, **Sierran of the Year**, for his active involvement in GLS over many years.
- Nancy Beverly, **Meetup Maven**, for her work to maintain the GLS presence on Meetup, where we now have hundreds of members.
- Marie Ammerman, **Hunter-Gatherer**, for her great success gathering us for the 25th anniversary weekend at Harwood Lodge.
- Dawn Wilson, **Homecoming Queen**, recognizing her return (with job) from the hinterlands.
- Marie Baca, **Ready-to-Serve**, for her all-around helpfulness on many fronts.
- Tom, **Conservation**, for his efforts to keep conservation issues in front of GLS members. *(Continued next page)*

GLS Photo Contest

More photos than ever this year in the photo contest at the holiday party. And there were a numbers of ties in the voting this year.

Winning pictures are shown below, on page 3, and on page 9.



Above: GLS People favorite; "Pretty People Peak Perfection"; Susan Campo photo; August Harwood weekend
Below, On The Trail favorite; "Grand Canyon View"; Carol Jeffcoate photographer; Grand Canyon trip
Left, In Camp favorite (tie); "Happy Camper"; Susan Campo photographer; McGree Creek mule pack



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Some GLS History

by Susan Campo

I was reading over the document booklet given to participants at our 25th Anniversary Party which I was unable attend. It was fun to reminisce about our GLS history.

I especially liked seeing a copy of our first newsletter. I remembered how when I was Outing Chair, we simply copied a couple of typed-pages and called it a

newsletter. We got together a few times to staple, fold and stamp and address the pages sent to members. How things have changed....from a home-made notice of club meetings and outings to an award-winning, outstanding TRACKS.

Each subsequent editor helped bring us closer to a new era. Special credit for these improvements goes to JEFF JOHNSON. He first took over the newsletter for GLS because Dawn and Teresa were moving to Minnesota. He started his voluntary position

in 2003. His first issue printed was the January issue of 2004. THAT means Jeff has been doing the VOLUNTARY position of editor for 9 year so far. Jeff some how finds time and energy to keep Tracks moving along. He also finds time to lead wonderful hikes. If I could award him a medal or a salary, I would! Our newsletter is one of the best in the Angeles Chapter....or maybe the world!

THANK YOU, JEFF!

GLS Holiday Party

(Continued from the first page)

- Mike Brostoff, **Documentarian**, for his memory of all aspects of everyone's lives, often called for on the trail.
- Dora Olea, **Fill 'Er Up**, for her many, many outings which, for another year, have given an important boost to the GLS outing schedule.
- Barb Edwards, **Queen of the Campfire**, for her acknowledged supremacy as GLS carcamp organizer.
- Jeff Cuevas, **Member Curator**, for his ongoing efforts to keep the GLS
- Amanda Smith, **GLS Logo-T-shirt Mogul**, for producing the GLS 25th anniversary T-shirt for the Harwood weekend. (Still available — see below)
- Jeff Johnson, **Pride Master**, for organizing GLS participation in the Long Beach Pride festival.
- Susan Campo, **Leader of the Packs**, for her acknowledged supremacy as GLS mule pack organizer.

Then photo contest winners were announced, and it was back to the party. It

was a great afternoon with GLS friends. And thanks again to Mary and Grace!



Grace gives Alan the GLS Sierran of the Year award



25th Anniversary GLS T-Shirts!

The GLS 25th Anniversary logo has been printed on heather gray T-shirts, like the ones shown in the photo. T-shirts are \$15 each, available in unisex sizes Small/Medium/Large/X-Large.

To order a T-shirt, please make a check payable to "GLS" and mail to: Amanda Smith, 831 Kodak Drive, Apt. 1/2, Los Angeles, CA 90026. Please be sure to include the size of T-

shirt you are requesting along with your phone number and/or email address in case we need to get in touch with you. If you need the T-shirt shipped to you out-of-town, please contact Amanda with the details first so we can estimate shipping costs before you write a check. Questions? Email Amanda at queenpin@earthlink.net.

Information about GLS

General questions about GLS, call Grace at 323-697-6886 or Mike at 818 399-4035.

Questions about a specific event, please call the leaders listed in the schedule. Contact info is inside the back page.

Sign up for the FREE GLS email list, with a weekly email digest of GLS events, go to: <<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/news/MailingLists.asp>>. Your email address remains confidential and is not displayed to others.

Next GLS Management Comm. Meeting

The next GLS management committee meeting is scheduled for January 24..

GLS management committee meetings are (usually) held about every two months, on weeknight evenings, by conference call. All GLS subscribers are welcome.

You may call one of the committee members to confirm meeting time, how to call in, or ask about the agenda, or for other information.

GLS Mission

The Gay & Lesbian Sierrans Section of the Angeles Chapter fosters the purposes of the Sierra Club by making available a wide range of events for gays, lesbians, and their friends. These activities include conservation, education, hikes, bike rides, beach walks, car camps, boat trips, social gatherings and fundraising.

GLS Newsletter

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TRACKS Editor,
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Our outing volunteers are listed on page 11.

Photo Contest Pictures

More pictures on the front page, and page 9.



Overall Favorite (tie); "Juggling the Moon"; Susan Campo photographer; McGee Creek mule pack



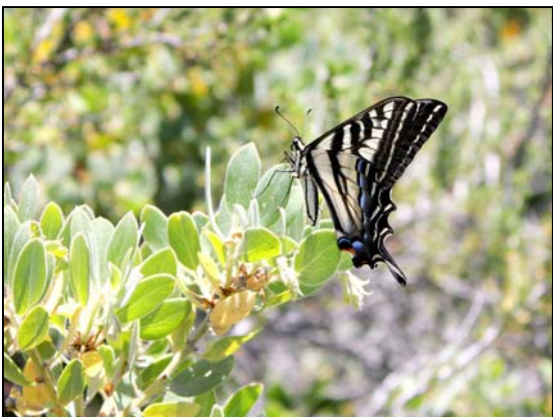
Overall Favorite (tie); "Plateau Point Before Sunrise"; Jeff Johnson photographer; Grand Canyon trip



Landscape and Scenery favorite; "I Spy a Lake"; Susan Campo photographer; Piute Pass mule pack trip



Fauna favorite (tie); "Mule Deer at Indian Gardens"; Carol Jeffcoate photographer; Grand Canyon trip



Fauna favorite (tie); "Pale Swallowtail Butterfly"; Tedd Wenrick photographer; Sturtevant Falls/Mt. Zion hike



Overall Favorite (tied for third); "Grand Canyon View"; Susan Campo photo; Grand Canyon trip

Long Beach Walk

On November 4, Laura took us to the Long Beach Museum of Art for an exhibit of photos by Catherine Opie. It was a series of sunrise and sunset photos taken while she was artist in residence on a cargo ship travelling from Busan, Korea to Long Beach. These were not the sunset snapshots that you and I take, but huge vertical format prints with a lot of detail. Clearly she had tools and skills that most of us do not have.

Afterward Laura led us for a walk through the historic Bluff Park neighborhood and into the adjacent Carroll Park neighborhood, with its weird mix of historically-styled houses.



Port of Long Beach seen from the museum galleries



First gallery of Catherine Opie's show



Fancy roof in Carroll Park



Laura gathering the group in front of the museum



Local resident watches GLS walk by



Madonna shrine at the Buddhist monastery on Ocean Blvd

Zuma Ridge Loop

Nancy Beverly, story and photos

The calendar may have said November 24 but the temperature felt more like summer — how fortunate we are to live in Southern California where a couple of days

after Thanksgiving we can hike in shorts and t-shirts.

Tom and Alan were our leaders for the Zuma Ridge Loop, which turned out to be quite an intense workout — 11 miles with a lot of climbing but that meant we burned off all of those Thanksgiving calories.

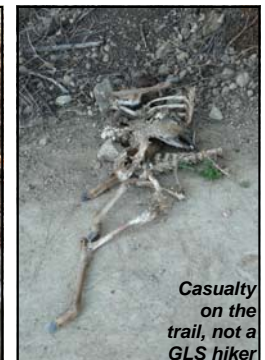
The marine layer stayed away from the mainland and confined itself to hovering over parts of the ocean, leaving the tops of the Channel Islands visible but also leaving us with views that went on for miles.



High on the ridge, overlooking the Pacific



Lunch by the trail



Casualty on the trail, not a GLS hiker

Mount Wilson

Photos David Narloch

On November 18, Dora led a group up the front of the San Gabriels to Mount Wilson under low clouds, and back down again before dark.



Hiking up into the clouds until only a narrow view was left under the clouds toward the city



Navigation consultation



Sunset over Los Angeles

Beaudry Loop

In the afternoon on December 2, in a light drizzle, Nancy and Amanda led us up the Beaudry Motorway fire road in Glendale for a sunset walk. For those of us

not in the regular Wednesday night Griffith Park crowd, this was an introduction to one of the alternate routes used when Griffith Park was closed after the fires in 2007. The clouds opened up as we climbed, giving us magnificent views over LA area mountains.

At the destination spot below the summit towers, we watched a memorable sunset over Burbank, the city gleaming golden under billowing clouds. And then back down another road to the cars and on our separate ways home.



Sunset over Burbank



Still damp at first clothing adjustment break



Signin in the car, due of the drizzle



First view through the clouds of the hilltop towers



Sky over La Canada

Gabrielino Trail

By Nancy Beverly

Let's face it, we have a lot of sunny, warm days here in SoCal. December 16th GLS got to do something a little out of the ordinary -- we hiked in a foggy, gray mist - and had a splendid time.

We didn't have to combat blizzard conditions or a heavy downpour (or intense heat, when I scouted this area last Labor Day weekend, hallelujah!). No, we ambled along taking in the dusting of snow, the water droplets on red late autumn leaves, the fungus growing on downed trees, the hundreds of acorns and their jaunty French berets on the ground... and we nearly had

the trail to ourselves. This also happened to be Plan B -- Plan A would've had us hiking from near Mt. Wilson down the DeVore Trail to West Fork campground, but the Mt. Wilson Rd. was closed, so Mike -- drawing upon his 45 mile death march, er, summer solstice hike experience -- proposed we go down the Gabrielino Trail instead... which eventually hooked into the DeVore path.

We ran into some Boy Scouts and their leaders, one of whom had taken a photo of a very large (cat?) paw print in the snow.... hmmm... However, our only dangerous encounter was with the dreaded itch-inducing Poodle-Dog Bush (which, as Marie pointed out, looks like Cousin It)

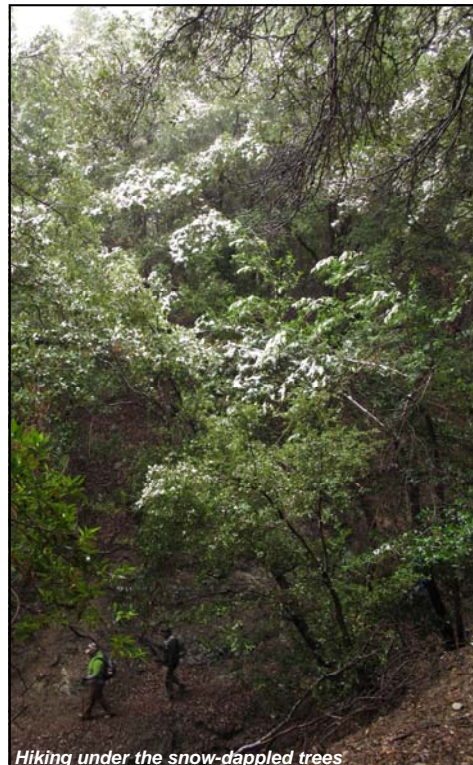
that has overtaken some of the trail after the Station Fire a few years ago.



Mt. Wilson Rd., to our trailhead, was closed at Red Box. Photo Nancy B.



Poodle dog bush by the trail. Photo Nancy Beverly.



Hiking under the snow-dappled trees

Gold Canyon

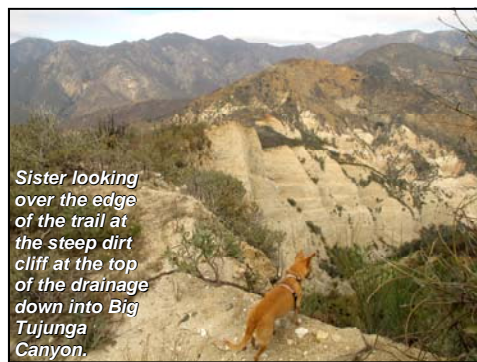
Susan led a small group on Dec. 22 from Gold Canyon Road off Little Tujunga Canyon Road up the Oak Springs Trail to Yerba Buena Ridge. It was cold when we started in the shade, but soon were up on open ridges in the sun.

This was unfamiliar territory for most of us so it took a while to get oriented by the peaks we could see. Baldy is the white one way off in the distance. The double peak over there, Condor Peak. Eventually Mt. Lukens came into view, above the Verdugos, and the layout was clearer.

The geology of the area was interesting. We were in the San Gabriels yet we hardly saw any bedrock all day. Mostly we were walking on sediment that appeared to have been deposited by landslides, based on the observation that at every cut in the ground,

the exposed strata were angled downhill and were just made of dirt, full of unweathered, unsorted rocks.

A little below the summit of Yerba Buena Ridge, we crossed a divide that drained on one side into Gold Creek and Little Tujunga Canyon and on the other into Big Tujunga Canyon. The drop on the Big Tujunga Canyon side was very steep, with a dirt cliff at the top that seemed to be hundreds of feet high. Perhaps the cliff was exposed by a huge landslide down the Big Tujunga Canyon side, triggered by an earthquake. And maybe the depth of the sediment exposed here says something about the "gold" in Gold Canyon. Susan told us that when she hiked here years ago with Kathy Brizzard, they came across some people who were excavating on private land to run the material through sluices. An active gold mine in L.A.?



Sister looking over the edge of the trail at the steep dirt cliff at the top of the drainage down into Big Tujunga Canyon.



At Oak Springs, on the way to Yerba Buena Ridge



Under the upper end of the long cliff that ran down the hillside. You can see the cut for the old road that crossed the hill and has been completely washed out.

Outings & Events

January

January 5, Saturday

O: Jones Peak

Susan Campo, Diane Zaepfel

Do a moderate calorie burner to a local peak. Moderate 6.6 miles RT with 2275 feet elevation gain/loss. Won't take all day, maybe 4 hours! Meet at Bailey Canyon Park parking lot at 9 AM, 451 W. Carter Ave, Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Location north of the 210 freeway, exit Baldwin Blvd and go North. Turn left at end on Cater Street. Parking lot on right before dead end. Bring lunch, water, appropriate weather clothing, boots, poles if you use them. Well behaved dogs on leash OK. Please email leader with phone number the day prior if you intend to be there.

January 13, Sunday

O: Franklin Canyon

Barbara Edwards, S.K. Chiou

Franklin Canyon is an undeveloped 600+ acre canyon behind the Beverly Hills

Hotel. It features a lake, historic ranch and hillside hiking trails that boast a rich history as movie and TV show locations. Memorable Hollywood moments filmed here can be seen in such films as "It Happened One Night," and on TV in "The Andy Griffith Show." We will hike approximately 4.5 miles, 800 feet elevation gain, easy to intermediate. Meet at the Sooky Goldman Nature Center parking lot at 9:30am for coffee and bagels before hiking. Hike starts at 10am. Well-behaved dogs on leashes welcome. Don't forget water, lunch and hiking boots. Directions: From the 101 Freeway, take Coldwater Canyon Boulevard south to the intersection of Coldwater Canyon and Mulholland Drive. Make a 90 degree right turn onto Franklin Canyon Drive. There is no street sign "Franklin Canyon." Road signs read "Road Closed 800 Feet" and "Sunset to Sunrise"; this is the park entrance. Do not make a U-turn for this will bring you onto Mulholland Drive instead of Franklin Canyon. Stay on paved surface to reach the Sooky Goldman Nature Center, 2600 Franklin Canyon Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210, 310 858-7272. Rain cancels.

January 19, Saturday

O: Topanga Canyon: Los Lions – Verda de la Montura

Anna Baum, Alan Schimpff

9 miles one-way car shuttle hike, strenuous in parts, 1,300 feet elevation gain. After a short, steep, 1.5-mile climb up lovely shaded switchbacks through chaparral, we'll follow a steep winding fire road for 2.5 miles that affords stunning coastline vistas and beautiful views of Santa Ynez and Topanga Canyons on either side. We'll pass the turnoff to the Parker Mesa Overlook, then continue on East Topanga Fire Road another 2.6 miles, mostly level, to Trippet Ranch Visitor Center. We will eat lunch there and then continue along the Eagle Springs Fire Road to descend along the Sta. Ynez Trail. This trail includes an optional side trip to a waterfall, 1-mile round-trip. We'll wind up near Palisades Drive, and shuttle ourselves back to Los Lions. Meet at 9:30 a.m. near the corner of Sunset and Los Lions. Directions: From Pacific Coast Highway in Pacific Palisades, turn north on Sunset Boulevard. Drive 0.3 mile and turn left on Los Lions Drive.

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Weekly Griffith Park Conditioning Hikes

What: Every Wednesday night, join us for a moderate (strenuous if you are out of shape) hike to Mt. Hollywood, 6 miles, 1145' gain/loss. This is a great mid-week workout. Lugged boots are best for traction, but some hikers wear sneakers. Bring a quart of water, snacks if you like, and a flashlight if not used to hiking in the dark. We have a few tiny breaks on the way up, stop at the top, gawk at the city lights until we get a chill, and then return to our cars by approx. 9:30 PM Dogs are welcome; bring a leash and extra water. Rain cancels.

When: Every Wednesday, (except holidays) 7 PM sharp, end by 9:30 PM

Where: By the flagpole near the vending machines at the Crystal Springs Griffith Park HQ/Visitors Center, 4730

Crystal Springs Drive, LA. (Note: Mapquest, Google Maps, etc. may be misleading.)

New directions for Griffith Park for the next couple (?) of months while part of Crystal Springs Drive is closed:

For those of you in the Valley who normally exit Victory Blvd. from the 134 to enter Griffith Park and head past the Autry Museum and Zoo to get to our Wednesday night hikes, a section of the road near the golf course is closed. Here are some alternative directions, but be aware the road is dark and winding. Heading east on 134, exit Forest Lawn Drive, make a right at the bottom of the ramp, then a quick left onto Zoo Drive. Go one block to the T-stop, then make a right onto Griffith Park Drive. The

road winds through the park and past the driving range. Do not turn onto any other roads... and you will eventually come to a T-stop at Crystal Springs Dr. Turn right and proceed as usual, up to the 4-way stop and turn left into the Ranger Station area.

(Old) Directions: (1) If driving north on I-5, exit at Griffith Park exit, 0.25 mi. beyond Los Feliz Bl. Make a right turn at the 3-way stop sign. Proceed 0.6 mi. and turn in the driveway just before the Ranger Station. If you miss the driveway, proceed 0.1 mi, turn right at the stop sign, drive 0.15 mi. to the parking lot. (2) From Los Feliz Bl., turn north on Riverside Drive, which becomes Crystal Springs Dr. Proceed 0.5 mi. to the 3-way stop sign, go straight, and then follow (1) above directions to the Ranger

Station.

(3) Driving on Fwy 134 going west, exit at I-5 south toward Los Angeles. Exit I-5 at Los Feliz Blvd West toward Hollywood. Proceed to Signal light and turn right at Riverside Drive. Proceed as in (2) and (1) above to Ranger Station parking lot.

(4) From Fwy. 134 East, exit Victory, turn right at bottom of ramp. Make immediate left onto Zoo Drive. Drive through the park, passing the zoo on your right and the Gene Autry Museum on your left. Curve around and pass the golf course. You'll come to a stop sign at Griffith Park Drive & Crystal Springs Road (which is the road you're on now, it changes names). Proceed one more block to the next stop sign at the Ranger Station and turn left. Drive all the way around behind the Ranger Station to park

Signal Hill Conditioning Walks

What: Up, over and around Signal Hill. 3-4 miles, 500-750 ft. gain/loss. Easy if you are in good shape, moderate and

maybe even strenuous if you are out of shape. Walking on pavement and gravel. Sensible walking shoes,

water, layers for cool evening breezes. Drizzle goes, rain cancels. Questions? Call Jeff 562-434-8473.

When: Every *last* Wednesday of the month (except

holidays), at 7:00 pm. Back at the cars around 8:30 pm.

Where: Meet on Industry, just west of intersection with Redondo, in Signal Hill. Plenty of street parking.

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Park near the first stop sign you see, a short ways up, so that we can meet to sort out how many cars needed to shuttle to Palisades Drive. Wear sturdy shoes, bring at least two quarts water, 10 essentials, lunch, snacks, sunscreen. Heavy rain cancels.

January 26, Saturday

O: Cajon Pass

Mike Brostoff, Grace Hengst

Cajon Pass is the mountain pass between the San Bernardinios and the San Gabriels where interstate 15 heads north from L.A. We will meet at the intersection of the 15 and the 138 and hike 5.5 miles east on the Pacific Crest Trail and then return. We will walk underneath the 15, through the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks, over the San Andreas Fault and pass by many outcroppings of Mormon Rocks. Bring water, sun protection, layers especially if it is cold, lunch, 10 essentials. Hike starts at 9:00 AM. If conditions are bad at the pass but good elsewhere, we will find an alternate hike. For more information and to RSVP, contact Mike Brostoff, mbros4162@yahoo.com.

February

February 2, Saturday

O: Quail Mountain (5813') and Mount Minerva Hoyt (5405')

(Anne Mullin's I-provisional)

Anne Mullins, Robert Myers

Quail Mountain (5813') and Mount Minerva Hoyt (5405'): Two peaks in one day in Joshua Tree National Park. Join us for a strenuous xc route over desert terrain to the top of Quail Mountain and to the newly named Mount Minerva Hoyt. 11 miles rt, 2500' gain. Must be comfortable with xc travel. Send hiking resume to Ldr: Anne Mullins (hike2thepeak@gmail.com). Anne's evaluator is Robert Myers.

February 3, Sunday

O: Very Basic Navigation Workshop
Marie Ammerman, Eva Eilenberg

In these days of smart phones and GPS units, why bother with map and compass? Because those things break, their batteries die, or they don't get reception (even GPS units!) in the exact sticky situations in which you'll really need them. This workshop, held in Burbank and the Verdugo Hills, is designed for beginners, but all are welcome. We'll go over the parts

of a compass and how to use one; how to read and use a variety of maps, including topographic maps; and how to put the two together in the field. Unlike past workshops, this one will run longer in order to give us a better chance to practice skills taught. Plan on bringing a lunch and spending 4-5 hours, and come prepared for both "classroom" discussion and a hike up to 4 miles round-trip, up to 1000' of gain. You will need a compass and a map. RSVP to Marie Ammerman (818-842-6401; ammermanm@yahoo.com) for specific information on maps, compasses, directions, schedule, and items to bring. Feel free to call with questions. No dogs- you'll be busy and they'll be bored. Rain cancels.

February 9, Saturday

O: Bedford Peak

Jeff Johnson, Laura Rainey

Bedford Peak is in the central Santa Ana Mountains, 3800 ft. elevation. Our very moderately-paced hike will be 7 mi. RT, 2000 foot gain and loss, on old fire road now closed to traffic. From the ridges, views north to the San Gabriel, San Bernardino, and San Jacinto mountain ranges, often under winter snow in February. Our route is low enough that it is rarely snowy. Geological information about this historic mining district from Laura Rainey. Possible stream crossing (on road) to reach the trailhead. Meet 9 AM at the end of Silverado Canyon Road, at the locked gate. If the gate is open, you can drive 200 yards further, cross the stream, trailhead parking just beyond on the left, Adventure Pass required. Bring water, lunch, layers for weather possibilities, trail footwear. You must contact Jeff before the outing - weather conditions may lead to last minute diversion to an alternate trailhead, though that has not actually happened for several years. Carpooling possible from Long Beach rideshare. Questions? Call Jeff, 562-434-8473.

Feb 15 - Feb 18, Fri - Mon

O: Joshua Tree National Park

Barbara Edwards, Judith Demarah

Join us President's Day weekend at the Black Rock Canyon campground (elev. 4000), located in the northwest corner of the park, just 5 miles from Yucca Valley. Campsites are dispersed on the hillside at the mouth of the canyon, and surrounded by Joshua trees, junipers, cholla cactus, and desert shrubs. Trailheads to scenic hiking trails in the hills are easily accessible from the campground. They take hikers to

ridgelines overlooking the snowy peaks of San Jacinto and San Geronio via Eureka Peak, Panorama Loop, and Warren Peak trails. If you get tired of scenic hikes, you can head into town... Yucca Valley offers restaurants, and shopping. Flush toilets and water are available at the campground. Showers nearby. Expect daytime temperatures in the mid 60s and nighttime temps to dip into the 30s. Dogs permitted in campground, but not on most trails. Cost is \$32 per person for 3 nights camping. A few RV sites (no hook-ups) are available. Please send check and email address to: Barbara Edwards, 1739 S. Sherbourne Dr., L.A. 90035.

February 24, Sunday

O: Snowshoe Hike - Mt. San Jacinto
Dora Olea, Kirk Olsen

Join us for a leisurely snowshoe hike on groomed trails near the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway Mountain Station (elevation 8,516 ft.). Meet at the Valley Station at 10:30 am. Please allow time to park and ride bus. We will purchase our tickets and ride up together. Limited number of snowshoes/poles available for rent at the top - bring your own or rent them locally to guarantee availability. Once situated we will hike for approximately 3 hours and then eat a warm meal at the Mountain Station cafeteria. Distance and elevation gain will depend on our speed - approx. 3 miles and 500 ft. Ticket, rental, weather and cafeteria information available at www.pstramway.com. Dress appropriately and bring water, snacks, etc. carpooling (213) 200-0239.

Future Outings

March 2, Saturday

O: Angeles National Forest Restoration
Nancy Beverly, TBA

After the Station Fire a few years ago, the Angeles National Forest needs our help with restoration, so join us for a morning of tree planting from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. sponsored by Tree People. They will supply the tools, here is what you need to do: wear long pants, dress in layers, bring a jacket, wear closed-toe shoes (hard sole boots strongly recommended). Also, bring sunscreen, a full water bottle, your own snacks and a sack lunch. Bring a day pack as you would to a hike to make sure you have all the necessary items for a safe day. Bulk water will be available to refill your water bottle. Please remember: tree planting at high elevations can be rigorous work, so enjoy a hearty breakfast before you arrive. I need to have

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your RSVP (at nancybeverly@sbcglobal.net) by February 9th. I need your name, street address, home & cell phone numbers. I will be checking the Mountain Forestry Hotline (818-623-4871) for event location (which I will email to you) and for last minute changes due to rain, fire, etc. I'm including the number here should you want to check it yourself. Finally: they lock the gate to wherever we'll be going, so it's important that you be on time.

March 16, Saturday

O: O'Melveny Park

Dora Olea, Jeff Johnson

The second-largest park in L.A. County, smaller only than Griffith Park on the opposite site of the Valley, offers the best view of the San Fernando Valley. We will take a stroll along citrus groves, grassy fields, and a riparian canyon in this tranquil park situated in Granada Hills. The first 0.9 mile explores the initial section of the well-maintained lawns shaded by oaks and eucalyptus trees extended over a quarter-mile into Bee Canyon Trail. For a better view of the Valley and a good workout we will hike up the challenging Mission Point Trail that climbs over 1,000 ft in 1.5 miles. A moderate pace hike with approx. 4 miles round trip. 1,400 ft. elev. gain/loss. Short car shuttle. Bathrooms and water at the trailhead. K-9 welcome. Bring water, lug soles, sunscreen, and a potluck lunch item to share. Meet 9 am. From CA 118, exit at Balboa Blvd. and head north 2.3 miles to Sesnon Blvd. Make a left on Sesnon, following it for just over 0.5 miles to the entrance of O'Melveny Park on the right. Free parking, carpooling is recommended. Questions? Dora at 213-200-0239.

April 06, Saturday

O: Arroyo Seco

Dora Olea, Jeff Johnson

The trail alternates between following the old road and stream-hopping where roadbed and bridges have washed out. The canyon closes in and the scenery becomes more woodsy – giant canyon oaks, alders, willows, sycamores, and even eucalyptus. It is a short and easy hike, 6 miles round trip, about 4:30 hrs. 500 ft. gain/lost. Nearly obliterated by floods and fires, nature's stillness reigns supreme in the canyon, broken only by the sound of the arroyo (stream) and hikers' laughs. Our potluck will be near the Brown Canyon Debris Dam. Bring lug soles and extra socks, a potluck item to share, sunscreen, hat and sunglasses as well as plenty of water. Dogs must bring their own water. Bathrooms during the hike. Meet at the parking lot at 10:00 am sharp. From the 210 Freeway, take the Arroyo Blvd. off-ramp and drive N. on Arroyo which promptly becomes Windsor Ave. Continue N. 0.70 miles a parking lot on left hand-side between W. Mountain View St. and Ventura St. Rain cancels. Questions? Contact Dora at (213) 200-0239 or chamaca1954@att.net.

April 13, Saturday

Leadership Seminar, Eaton Canyon Nature Center, Pasadena

Angeles Chapter, Leadership Training

For anyone interested in becoming a Sierra Club leader. Information and application, see the LTC website, <angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc>.

April 20 – April 21, Sat - Sun

O: Los Padres National Forest, carcamp with two peaks

Dora Olea, Jeff Johnson

Away from modernism but in touch with nature, where nature will be your blanket if you forget your sleeping bag. We will stay in a primitive campsite, bring your own water. First hike planned for Saturday, followed by potluck in camp. On Sunday, feeling all fresh and energetic, we will hike about 10 miles R.T. to

climb Thorn Point with its lookout tower and views over the Sespe Wilderness, 2000' gain/loss. Bring camping gear, lug soles, dress in layers, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, water for two days and a potluck item to share. Adventure Pass required to park. Space is limited. RSVP and details Contact Dora at: chamaca1954@att.net.

Jun 8 - Jun 9, Sat – Sun

O: Backpack, Altadena to Idlehour Trail Camp

Dora Olea, Grace Hengst

Details in future TRACKS.

Jun 22 - Jun 23, Sat – Sun

O: Backpacking to San Gorgonio Mountain

Dora Olea, Kirk Olsen

Save the date!!!

Aug 29 - Sep 1, Thu – Mon

O: Rock Creek

Barbara Edwards, Grace Hengst, Jude Demarrah

GLS returns to Rock Creek, Palisades group site for another summer carcamp. More info later.

Photo Contest Pictures

More on the front page, and page 3.

Below: In Camp favorite, and Overall Favorite (tied for third); "In Camp at Anza Borrego"; Jeff Johnson



photographer; Anza Borrego carcamp

Top right: Flora favorite; "Lilium humboldtii", Jeff Johnson photographer; Sturtevant Falls/Mt. Zion hike

Right: Humor favorite; "Jerry holding what?" (aka "Jerry—Man of Steel"); Susan Campo Photographer; McGee Creek mule pack trip



January and February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
DEC 30	31	JAN 1	2 Griffith Park Nancy, Dora	3	4	5 Jones Peak Susan, Diane
6	7	8	9 Griffith Park Eva, Marie	10	11	12
13 Franklin Canyon Barb, SK	14	15	16 Griffith Park Nancy, Dora	17	18	19 Topanga Canyon Anna, Alan
20	21	22	23 Griffith Park Marie, Anne	24 GLS Management Committee Meeting	25	26 <small>full moon</small>  Cajon Pass Mike, Grace
27	28	29	30 Griffith Park Dora, Nancy Signal Hill	31	FEB 1	2 Quail Mountain, Mt. Minerva Hoyt Anne, Robert Myers (Anne's I provisional)
3	4	5	6 Griffith Park Marie, Anne	7	8	9 Bedford Peak Jeff J., Laura
10	11	12	13 Griffith Park Anne, Dora	14	15 Joshua Tree Carcamp Barb, Jude <i>through Sunday</i>	16
17 <i>end Joshua Tree carcamp</i>	18	19	20 Griffith Park Dora, Marie	21	22	23
24 San Jacinto Snowshoe Hike Dora, Kirk	25 <small>full moon</small> 	26	27 Griffith Park Eva, Anne Signal Hill	28	MAR 1	2 Angeles National Forest Restoration Nancy, TBA

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GLS Outings Volunteers

Mike Brostoff, Outings Schedule

Contact Mike about scheduling outings, to check for available dates, and to submit writeups

Dawn Wilson, Outings Liaison to Angeles Chapter

Contact Dawn about questions of leadership requirements and Sierra Club Outings Policy. Dawn is the primary person to read the communications from the Angeles Chapter regarding outings and inform the rest of the leaders.

Laura Rainey, Weekly Reminder

Laura sends out the weekly email announcing upcoming events. If an event needs to be altered or canceled after publication, e-mail Laura, and cc Mike.

Photo Correction



Eileen Connors took this (great) picture that was with the Rock Creek article in the last issue of Tracks, but it was not credited correctly to her.

Important Outing Information

Waiver

To participate in a Sierra Club outing, you must sign a liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver before the outing, go to: <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/>, or call 415-977-5630.

Rating Codes

These codes indicate the technical difficulty, not the strenuousness.

O Applies to uncomplicated outings such as hikes on trails or the equivalent (with minimal navigation skills).

I Includes outings that involve cross-country travel where navigation is necessary. Rougher ground than "O" outings may be traversed, and use of hands for balance may be necessary. Climbing level: 2nd class terrain.

C Events under external

control of a non-Sierra Club entity, (i.e. ranger, guide, concessionaire).

Outing Reservations

Reservation fees of from \$5-\$15 are refunded only when you show up and if they aren't needed to offset costs.

Cancellation policy on more expensive trips is as follows: Cancellation within 30 days, no refund without replacement. If your spot is filled, 90% will be refunded. This policy is in effect unless the leader states otherwise in writing. Always send two SASEs, contact and drive/carpool information. Make checks payable to "GLS".

Dogs

For most people, the presence of a well-behaved dog can be entertaining, or at worst a mild annoyance. However, this is not true for everyone. Some people suffer from various

levels of fear of dogs. Because of this, and the potential intrusion on wildlife, the Sierra Club policy is that dogs are not allowed on Club outings unless the write-up states DOGS OK. Make sure you bring adequate food, water, a bowl, and a long leash.

Seller of Travel Notice

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Adventure Pass

National Forests in Southern California (Los Padres, San Gabriel, San Bernardino, and Cleveland) require parked cars to display an Adventure Pass. The pass is available from ranger stations, sporting goods stores, and other local merchants and costs \$5 per day or \$30 per year. Plan on getting it before your outing, as most outlets do not open early. Many Sierra Club members dispute this user fee and

protest it by not buying a pass, possibly incurring a ticket. The choice is yours.

Carpooling

To facilitate the travel logistics for outings, participants often make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ride-sharing, or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.

Rideshare Points

Directions to all rideshare points in the Angeles Chapter Schedule of Activities or at: http://angeles2.sierraclub.org/get_outdoors/know_you_go/rideshare_meeting_places

La Canada Rideshare Point

Exit 210 at Rte 2 / Angeles Crest Hwy. Go N 1/4 mi on Rte 2, park at curb on right, on long uphill.

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