

CRESCENTA VALLEY VIEW

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Sierra Club's Crescenta Valley Group Newsletter

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Right:

CV Group's Audrey, Nadia, and Jeffrey Wilson participate in recent community tree watering event, organized by Pat Kramer.



Remembering Passed Members of the Crescenta Valley Group

Tree Planting

A tree planting event located is planned in memory of long-time CV member Marlene Plummer. This event will be handled by City of Glendale's Community Services & Parks and its Trails and Open Space in conjunction with CV volunteers. The tree planting project takes place November 19th, between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. at Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Rd., Glendale.

Memorial Plaques

Plaques to Memorialize the memory of the faithful service of Five Crescenta Valley Members will be installed on the Plaque Wall outside of The Barn Nature Center The five are: Marlene Plummer, John Yard, Julia Thomas, Ron Barbour, and Bob Billings. The Barn Nature Center in Deukmejian Park.

Crescenta Valley Group Management Committee

Chair	Fred Dong	Ex Com Rep	Cathy Kissinger
Vice Chair	Jeffrey Wilson	Membership	Silvia Darie
Secretary	Cathy Kissinger	Outings	Silvia Darie
Treasurer	Jerry Burnham	Conservation	Bettie Pearson
Publicity	Cathy Kissinger	Newsletter	Bettie Pearson
Programs	Pat Kramer	Webmaster	Chuck Gooley
Social Media	Karen Buehler	Social Media	Pat Kramer

Katmai Bear Viewing and Kenai Fjords NP Coastal Adventure

Date and Time: Sat, Jul 15, 2023; 8:00 AM (Local Time) - Sun, Jul 23, 2023, 11:00 AM



Photo by Fred Dong

Join us for a 9-day, 8 night (plus time in Anchorage) to the premier Alaska Brown Bear viewing site. This trip will allow you to see what could be the most spectacular wild bear viewing in the world at Katmai National Park. This is a once in a lifetime not to be missed experience!!!! In previous trips, we saw 33 bears fishing in the Brooks River at one time and another lots of moms with cubs.

2023 is expected to be another good year to see mother bears with cubs. You can watch these bears catch the salmon jumping up river and fighting from platforms like you would see on the Discovery Channel. The salmon are swimming up the river and you may get that picture of the bear with the leaping fish in its mouth.

We will stay in a King Salmon lodge each night and take a 45 minute boat ride each way to the park. You will spend 3 full days in Katmai with the bears. We will also visit the Alaska coast near Seward to visit Kenai Fjords N.P and spend a day to view sea and land wildlife and birds along with calving tidewater glaciers with a National Park Ranger-Naturalist. We will also do a short hike to the Exit Glacier.

Limited to 14 participants. Price includes 8 nights accommodation, Excursion Fees, Boat Fees, roundtrip airfare from Anchorage to King Salmon. Airfares from LA to Anchorage extra.

Sierra Club members \$4,500 Non-members \$100 more. Early sign-up discount of \$100 until 12/31/2022 Send e-mail, H&W Phones, SC#, Check for full amount (Payable Sierra Club) to;
Co Leader Stephanie Gross, PO Box 423, Montrose, CA 91021

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS WATER 149 TREES IN ONE HOT, AUGUST

By Pat Kramer

Over the weekend of August 27th, community volunteers watered 149 trees along Foothill Boulevard from the 210 off ramp by Ralphs to Mt. Gleason Ave. Organizing this event was Pat Kramer, STNC's **Safe Traffic & Transportation Committee** chairperson, and Stephanie Mines, board member of the Sunland-Tujunga Chamber of Commerce. Pat also brought in members of the Crescenta Valley Group of the Sierra Club. All told, about 25 volunteers, from the age of 14 to the age of 83, watered every single tree on both sides of Foothill Boulevard in Sunland.

“Our goal was to just water half of Sunland’s trees on Foothill Boulevard, but since the volunteers were willing to go above and beyond that goal, we kept working until every tree got watered. This is essential to do because the City of L.A. no longer waters any of these trees. After they plant them, they only water them for about 3 years and then they are left to survive on their own. We all know that Climate Change is here and with temperatures getting hotter and the ongoing drought, people need to step up and water these trees as much as possible,” says Kramer.

While Kramer coordinated this event, Stephanie Mines from the S-T Chamber provided a location for everyone to meet, get water, and get assignments for what trees to water. “We all worked together to make this a successful event,” says Mines. We can accomplish great things when people work together.”

Thanks go, not only to the S-T Chamber, the Sierra Club and the STAT Committee, but also to STNC’s Beautification Committee members who showed up to help and to Ralphs supermarket, which provided reinforcements of water for many of the trees.



Pat, Anthony, Bobcat, and Angela



Watering with Alex and Natalie

Just Days Away: Churchill Polar Bear Adventure

November 6 – 12th, Fred Dong will lead an enthusiastic group of travelers on a spectacular early winter wildlife trip to Churchill, Manitoba, Canada to see polar bears. If you ever wanted to see polar bears close and personal from the safety of our tundra buggy, this is the trip for you. We have designed a special trip where you will spend 3 full days on the tundra buggies viewing polar bears, snowy owls, arctic foxes and other wildlife that we may find. (Normal viewing trips only include 2 days of polar bear viewing from tundra buggies) This is a special itinerary for those that want to see polar bears or are photographers as only a few tours do 3 days of tundra buggy viewing.

Churchill is on the Hudson Bay. It is well known for its large concentration of polar bears that come in late autumn-early winter waiting for Hudson Bay to freeze over. We are also doing a half-day road tour looking for other animals in the Churchill area. We will spend a couple of nights on arrival in Winnipeg and do some sightseeing and exploration of the area on our first full day in town. **Event Organizers:** Fred Dong, madelinesdad@earthlink.net (818) 545-3878 Cathy Kissinger, ckissinger105@verizon.net, (818) 281-4455, Stephanie Gross, madelinesmother@gmail.com (818) 545-3878

Join the Awards Banquet Team

The Angeles Chapter banquet planning team is seeking members to participate to join the planning committee. Any interested member may contact Morgan Goodwin, Senior Chapter Director, at:

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