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Montrose Search and Rescue
– photo from its website

"Hiking Safely, Hiking Smartly" Returns for its 3rd Year to Share Life-Saving Tips on How to Prevent Tragedy

For the 3rd year in a row, the all-time, highly-anticipated program "[Hiking Safely, Hiking Smartly](#)" returns in a virtual format on March 23, 2023 at 7 p.m., sponsored by the Crescenta Valley Group and the Verdugo Hills Group of the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter. Featured will be members of the life-saving Montrose Search & Rescue Team, stationed at the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station, the co-chair of Angeles Chapter's Leadership Training Committee, and high-qualified trainers/hike leaders from the Chapter's Wilderness Travel Course. WTC offers 30+ years of insight into safety procedures garnered from over 100 years of Angeles Chapter Outings. With what you learn in this webinar, you can hike safely and help others avoid tragedy. Please register ASAP as this webinar tends to fill up. To register, please click on this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_M-w0JRS7GQpUWeqWqLSw

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Memorial Tree Planting

By Pat Kramer

On Saturday, January 28, 2023, members of the Crescenta Valley Group of the Sierra Club gathered at Deukmejian Wilderness Park to honor two, beloved, longtime Sierra Club members who passed away, Marlene Plummer of La Crescenta and John Yard of Sunland.

Trees were planted in the Park with permission from Glendale Parks and Recreation to replace several trees that were destroyed in the Station Fire.

Both Marlene and John were contributing members to the Crescenta Valley Group and regularly showed up for hikes, programs and community events. Marlene always baked homemade cookies for the Group's monthly programs at La Crescenta Library, while John was also an active member of the Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council's Safe Traffic Committee. As the trees flourish and grow, both will be remembered for their resilience, courage and perseverance.



Photo by Deveron Shudic, Glendale Parks & Community Services

Crescenta Valley group Sierra Club members and friends pause from planting activities to gather for a photo. Included above: Silvia, Audrey, Pat, Gail, Jerry, Jeanne, Cathy, Stephanie, Nadia, Bettie, Shelley, Andrea, Jeff, Sherry, Jay, John, Fred, and Daniel

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



Cathy and Jay



Daniel, Jerry, and Shelley

Chapter Annual Awards Banquet for 2023

The Angeles Chapter Awards Banquet Committee is busy preparing for the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter will host the annual awards banquet celebration on Sunday, May 21, 2023, at 300 S. Mission Road, Los Angeles, CA 90033.

The banquet will honor and recognize our outstanding volunteers, activists, and organizers that have demonstrated commitments to the advancement of our organization's mission. The banquet is our largest gathering, where we really experience the breadth of our membership and our accomplishments.

Nominations for Angeles Chapter Honors and Awards can be submitted online. [A list of award categories and descriptions can also be found at the link, here.](#)

For questions, contact Banquet and Awards Committee Chair Jessica Chow: chowjjs@gmail.com

What are the requirements of California SB 1383?

The California Senate recently mandated that residents recycle and redirect organic waste such as food scraps back into compost in an effort to reduce climate pollutants such as methane. Monica Campagna of the Glendale Environmental Coalition provided some guidance on compliance.

In the recent program hosted by the Verdugo Hills Group with participation from members of the Crescenta Valley Group, Monica explained the requirements of 1383, which has establishes statewide targets to reduce the amount of organic waste disposed of in landfills (50% reduction by 2020 and 75% by 2025). It also sets a goal to rescue at least 20% of currently disposed edible food by 2025 and redirect that food to people in need.

More pics from the Memorial Tree Planting...



Danny and Olivia



Marlene's family

Katmai Bear Viewing and Kenai Fjords NP Coastal Adventure

**Sat, Jul 15, 2023; 8:00 AM –
Sun, Jul 23, 2023, 11:00 AM**

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.



Photo by Fred Dong

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:

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