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Regenerative Landscapes and Climate Adaptation

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By David Eisenberg
Verdugo Hills Group

Shawn Maestretti and Leigh Adams of Studio Petrichor present **Regenerative Landscapes and Climate Adaptation**. This timely and informative presentation has been well received by audiences across California and has created a ripple effect into our communities.

Regenerative Landscapes and Climate Adaptation draws upon Nature's processes to highlight the growing climate crisis, bringing solutions to the surface, and empowering communities to protect natural, living systems. Embracing real-life solutions, accessible to homeowners, garden enthusiasts, communities, municipalities, and landscape professionals, this timely and informative presentation immediately engages the audience to provide a blueprint for inspired actions. It has been our honor and pleasure to share our message at the Los Angeles County Arboretum, The Huntington Gardens, The Davis Village Homes, Aquarium of the Pacific, Tree People, and many more across the state of California. We currently collaborate with Pasadena Water and Power in regenerative design, implementation, and community workshops to bring about the changes we all wish to see.

Bios
Shawn Maestretti, the principal of Studio Petrichor and the creator of the talk series, 'Regenerative Landscapes and the Climate Crisis', has been designing thoughtful, engaging, vibrant green spaces and environmentally-sensible gardens since 2006.

Shawn is a designer, plantsman, licensed landscape architect, certified arborist, licensed landscape contractor, and educator. His unique background combines extensive horticultural experience, strong composition skills, and

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environmentally-sensible practices with a wide palette of visually and textually interesting California-friendly plant breathing new life and a sense of place into every garden.

Leigh Adams is a consultant, educator, eco-sensitive designer and horticultural interpreter at Studio Petrichor and Metabolic Studio. She has trained many county agencies in regenerative practices as well as conducting hands-on workshops with local schools and professional groups. Her love of collaboration and education infuse all aspects of all aspects of her work, leaving participants with a profound sense of empowered accomplishments. One of her most impactful legacies is the Crescent Farm at the Los Angeles County Arboretum.

Sign up for the program on the Angeles Chapter website: <https://act.sierraclub.org/events/>



Dana Stangel

Learning to Coexist with Backyard Wildlife

If you live in foothill communities, then perhaps you've seen a raccoon or two, heard the bark of coyotes (which, incidentally, is their form of communication), witnessed squirrels across the yard, and seen and heard other animals.

We see and hear the sounds wildlife, but maybe not give much thought to their safety and necessity to our own existence. That is, we have to coexist.

That's why programs such as the one presented by Dana Stangel of the Teranga Ranch are necessary. We learned Monday night October 25th that, for example, we have marsupials – the possum. She carries her young in her pouch. And when frightened, these

marsupials can become motionless, in a “deathlike” state, even to emitting the stench of death. This is their defense mechanism so that would be attackers would leave them be.

Dana advised not using bird feeders as they can attract other animal: coyotes, raccoons, squirrels, other birds, and even bears. And for small pets, especially cats, she suggested creating a catio. Build sturdy enclosures for chickens (a favorite meal for predators).

She said that deer like flowers. They are skittish and will be discouraged about sounds and motions. So, to shoo them out of your gardens and flowerbeds, use motion sensors and sound devices.

About Dana...

Dana Stangel, a credentialed Biology teacher, is the founder and executive director of Teranga Ranch.

Information about programs and field trips can be found at: <https://www.terangaranch.org/>

Canadian Rockies National Parks & Fireworks Finale: Aug .28, 2022 – Sep. 3, 2022 (tentative)

Join us for a grand tour of 4 National Parks in the Canadian Rockies, Banff, Jasper, Kootenay and Yoho on our expanded trip with 8 nights in Canada. Jasper and Banff National Parks are the largest of Canada's Rocky Mountain Parks and UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

This trip has great opportunities for wildlife viewing with the spectacular mountains, glacial lakes, and glaciers. We will do sightseeing and easy hikes from our bus. We will visit such places as the Columbia Icefield with an easy hike to the Athabasca Glacier, visits to Lake Louise, Moraine Lake, Medicine Lake, Emerald Lake, and many more with beautiful mountains and glaciers nearby. We will also visit Johnston Canyon Falls, Sunwapta Falls, Athabasca Falls, Takakkaw Falls, and more in the Yoho Valley.

Also included is a boat ride on Maligne Lake to see Spirit Island. We should expect to see moose, elk, bears, big horn sheep, and many more of the animals found in the parks.

We will spend two nights in Calgary where on the last night, you will see the Fireworks Finale of the Calgary Globalfest 2022 International Fireworks competition. It is a great way to cap off this wonderful trip.

Cost includes, 8 nights accommodations-2 per room own bed, bus, bus refreshments, excursion fees, some breakfasts, most lunches and one dinner. Price for Sierra Club members \$2,200 thru 12/31/2021, after 12/31/2021 \$2,275. Non-SC member \$100 extra . Airfare Extra.

Make your voice heard and vote in the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter 2021 Elections!

The Sierra Club Angeles Chapter is a democratic, grassroots, volunteer-driven, environmental advocacy organization. The Angeles Chapter, with more than 37,000 members, is a powerful voice for the environment in our region. Our unique national organization allows to members make the key decisions and our continued success depends

**Churchill Polar Bear Adventure:
Nov 6, 2022 – Nov 12, 2022 (tentative)**

Join us for a spectacular early winter trip 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.

It is a small group tour limited to 14 participants. 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.

Cost includes park, admission fees, all excursion fares, round trip air from Winnipeg to Churchill, Canada bus transportation, 6 nights lodging with your own bed, shared room with 3 nights in Churchill and 3 in Winnipeg. breakfasts and one dinner and more. Group Airfare from LA to Winnipeg may be available. International Airfare to Canada is extra.

Sign-up Early, limited to 14 participants- Discount available until 12/31 unless trip fills earlier. Price for Sierra Club members \$7,250 until 12/31/2021, after 12/31/2021 \$7,500. Non-SC member \$100 extra .

Sign-up early, we expect to fill quickly. Send 2 4X9 SASE or e-mail, Home, Work, Cell Phones, SC#, check (Payable Sierra Club) for full payment (we will not cash your check before 12/31/2021 to Reservationist/ Co Leader: Stephanie Gross, PO Box 423, Montrose, CA 91021 .

For more info. Contact TRIP LEADER Fred Dong .

**Angeles Chapter Annual Awards Banquet
Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Drive
May 1, 2022, 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

We will begin with a fabulous reception hosted by our generous entities, followed by a buffet luncheon. For the SILENT AUCTION, please remember to bring cash and/or checkbook! Contact Stephanie Gross (madelinesmother@gmail.com) if you have items to donate for the silent auction. All profits benefit the Angeles Chapter. For reservation information, go to the chapter's website:

https://angeles.sierraclub.org/about/chapter_awards/awards_banquet

Reservations are \$45 per person. Table of eight \$360 Or reserve whatever you need. The tables seat 16.