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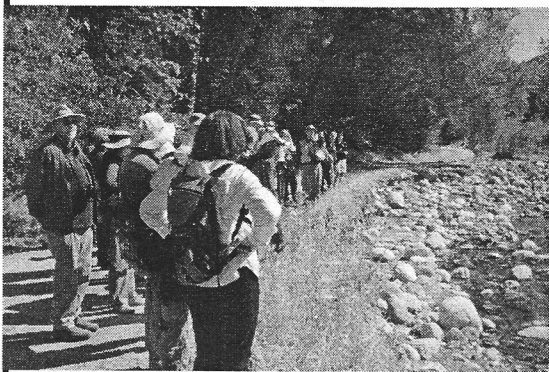


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March 1 through April 30, 2012

You are invited to join us at the 13th Annual

STARR RANCH BARBEQUE

Sunday, May 20, 2012
1-5 PM



The ranch, on over 4,000 acres set in the foothills east of Rancho Santa Margarita, is used primarily as an educational and research facility for the Audubon Society. Activities include hiking, bird watching, listening to the Saddle Mountain Band, great conversation, special activities, and enjoying tasty food. Often, the Starr Ranch staff are able to have a live video feed from a hawk's or owl's nest as the mother feeds her young chicks. Deer often wander through the picnic area during the day.

Hamburgers, Veggie Burgers, salads, beans, potato chips, desserts, fresh fruit and all the trimmings will be provided.

A beverage bar (donations welcome) for your beverage of choice is available.

Tickets are \$30 per person, \$15 for children under 12. To request tickets, send check, made out to **SIERRA SAGE**, and a SASE (Self Addressed Stamped Envelope) to Starr Ranch BBQ, c/o Mike Sappingfield, 26352 Via Juanita, Mission Viejo, CA 92691, For more info or to volunteer to help, call Mike or Patty Sappingfield at 949-768-3610 or email mike-sapp@cox.net. Map and directions are provided with each ticket.



You are invited to join us at our bi-monthly meeting:

We will discuss environmental and conservation issues current to Orange County Residents as well as present the various hikes and other activities being offered in Orange County in the near future.

PROGRAM: WHY SOUTH AMERICA? Gary Peebles and his wife's adventure, driving from California to the south end of South America in their Volkswagen Bus.

WHY SOUTH AMERICA?

By Gary Peebles.

In 1968, I was on the World Campus Afloat boat trip around South America. We passed through the Straights of Magellan and spent a couple of days at Punta Arena, Chile. In talking with the bus driver in Punta Arena, I learned that it was possible to drive from Santiago, Chile to Punta Arena. Thus the dream was formed.

Upon my retirement from teaching, my wife and I put our dream into effect, driving the remote highways to the Southern tip of the South American continent. From 2009 to 2011 we spend over 14 months and over 40,000 miles in our 1988 Westfalia Volkswagen van. We drove through Mexico to Panama on the Pan American Highway, shipped the Van to Columbia then drove the Pan American Highway through Columbia, Ecuador, Peru, and Chile, crossed the Andes into Argentina and on down to the Punta Arena, and on to the Island of Tierra Del Fuego. On the way back, we explored Chile and Argentina and Brazil, taking pictures, fishing, and birding.

WHERE: Norman Murray Community and Senior Center,
24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo, CA

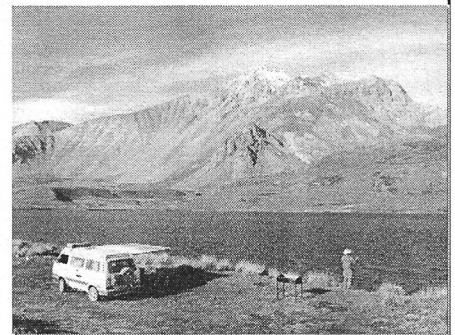
WHEN: 7:00 PM, March 27, 2012

ROOM: Juniper Room
Refreshments Provided.

DIRECTIONS:

Northbound on I-5, exit at La Paz, turn right onto La Paz, cross Marguerite Parkway and proceed over Oso Creek. Turn left onto Veterans Way and drive to the Murray Center Parking lot.

Southbound on I-5, exit at La Paz, turn left onto La Paz, cross Marguerite Parkway and Oso Creek. Turn left onto Veterans Way and drive to the Murray Center Parking Lot



COASTAL HAPPENINGS By Penny Elia

Recently I had the distinct pleasure and honor to go whale watching off the coast of Dana Point and Laguna Beach with former Coastal Commission executive director, Peter Douglas. It was a breathtakingly beautiful day and the sun was warm on our faces as we glided by all the development along the coast. We took in the Headlands, a hard fought battle that we lost several years ago largely in part to a certain local politician sharpening their political teeth while seated on the Coastal Commission. We then cruised into Laguna, referred to as many as the environmentalists' haven and home to endless greenbelts. Well, you certainly wouldn't know this from the ocean and all the major development, including mega mansions galore.

Peter and I traded binoculars back and forth as we closed in on a huge, red piece of earth moving equipment perched atop of a lovely bluff that was under siege and would (continued in next column)

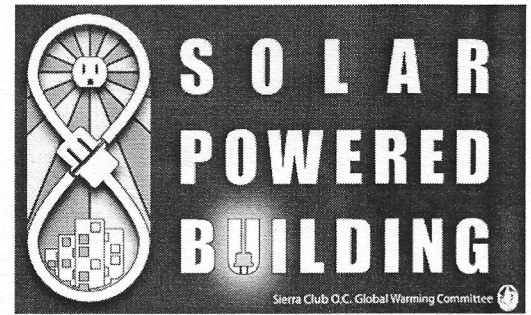
soon be destroyed. At one point Peter said, "You know, Ellen Stern Harris (mother of the California Coastal Zone Conservation Act of 1972) said that if you really looked at the coast you would have to question whether or not there is a Coastal Act." We both just laughed (you know that laugh) and shook our heads and Peter reminded me again, "It's what you don't see on the coast that makes it all worth the fight. That is what the Coastal Act is all about."

We continue to work on water quality issues related to Aliso Creek (yes, the only natural creek remaining in OC). Too many agencies, too many politics and too much bureaucracy make things slow going at best but we continue to work on recycling projects (water harvesting and clean up) that will help us dodge the desalination bullet that the agencies want to tell us is inevitable whilst also attempting to improve the water that reaches our receiving waters of the Pacific Ocean.
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SOLAR POWERED PROJECT COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

By Suvan Geer

Never let what's actually working go unnoticed. That essential logic is what fuels the Orange County Global Warming Committee's ongoing 'Solar Powered' Award project. Since 2010 this project has been alerting the Orange County public to the viability of alternative solar energy by recognizing solar installations at commercial businesses, schools and city buildings that are being powered by banks of solar panels hidden away on rooftops, parking structures or back lots



Sierra Club Global Warming Committee
Solar Decal

The world's need for energy continues to drive upheavals in the global economy, projections about climate change and decisions about U.S. policy, locally as well as abroad. While we are routinely presented with information about the monumental scale of both the thirst we have for energy and the problems that creates, the public also needs a stronger awareness about alternatives to the burning of fossil fuels, and the knowledge that those alternate energies are possible and practical now.

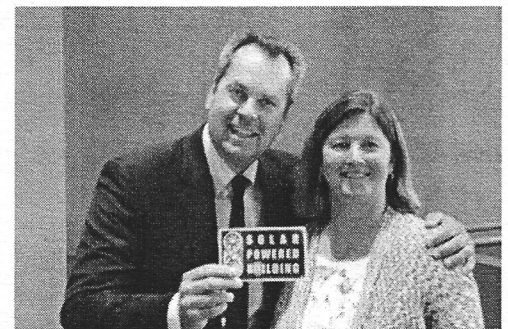
Using a combination of bold, identifying door and window signage and special wall award certificates the OCGWC 'Solar Powered' Award project provides increased solar visibility for the public at forward thinking businesses who have already embraced solar power such as the corporate headquarters for **Rainbow Sandals** in San Clemente, and the action sportswear leader, **Sole Technology** located in Lake Forest. It has also been able to heighten awareness of LEED Platinum buildings like the one at the **Environmental Nature Center**, in Newport Beach that educates the community about sustainability practices through hands-on experiences with nature.

The first recipient of the Committee's 'Solar Powered' Award was the only church in Orange County, (that we know of), that has "gone solar"- the **Unitarian Universalist Church in Anaheim**. Converting the church's power was done with the help of the city's Public Utilities Department who were prodded by the commitment of the congregation in its mission to "respect the interdependent web of all existence".

In August of 2011 the Award's bold green decal and certificate were presented to the entire **Irvine Unified School District** in a public ceremony at a middle school's science class. The IUSD was recognized for its network of solar panels located on 15 campuses and 2 administration buildings across the city. Those panels are an active part of the district's ongoing program that uses them to create educational science opportunities about power generation in classrooms for students while also saving energy for the school. The IUSD estimates that its solar panels will mitigate a total of 40% of the district's annual electric bill.

The **City of Huntington Beach** was publically recognized and given the 'Solar Powered' Award for using solar power as a vital part of its ongoing municipal Energy Action Plan. By installing shade canopy solar panels as part of a solar power purchase agreement the City of Huntington Beach provides clean, cost-effective and renewable power for over 65% of the power needs of its Civic Center, Central Library and City Yard while also offering shaded parking at these same sites. Huntington Beach is also using solar to power public restrooms along PCH, light the city's entrance monuments and run its parking meters.

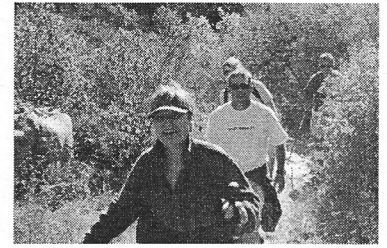
Recognized by the Committee's Award in April, was Mission Viejo's solar powered City Hall building and its civic policies waiving building permit fees for energy efficient domestic and commercial applications. The City Hall's solar-powered system is connected to a computer-control that provides a detailed analysis of up-to-date energy generation for the day in an ongoing effort to reduce the **City of Mission Viejo's** carbon footprint.



Mission Viejo Mayor Dave Leckness
receiving solar decal for the City.

The OC Global Warming Committee created the 'Solar Powered' Award because it recognizes that solar-powered commercial buildings represent critical, long-range thinking about business and the economy as well as the needs of the planet. More Award presentations are in the works because that's a partnership that deserves greater visibility.

Outings



Mar 03 Sat Sierra Sage of S Orange Co
O: Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve: 6 mi rt, 500' gain. A special place, at its best in Spring. The checker-bloom and chocolate lilies may be in flower. Home to some of California's last vernal pools and the rare Engelmann oaks. Located in the Santa Ana Mountains just East of Rancho Murrieta. Meet 8 am, South OC Rideshare or 9 am at the Santa Rosa Plateau Visitor Center. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat. Heavy rain cancels. Ldrs: Sylvia Stevenson, Russ Brown.

Mar 7 Wed Orange County/OCSS
O: O'Neill/Ramakrishna: 7 mi, 600' gain. We will hike thru O'Neill Park with a visit to Ramakrishna Monastery. Meet 9:00 am Altisima Park with water, lugsoles. Go E on El Toro Rd to Marguerite Pkwy, turn R, then one block to Los Alisos, turn L. Follow Los Alisos E past the 241 Toll Rd to the first light at the top of the hill. Then L into the entrance to Altisima Park. Rain cancels. Ldr: Pete Height. Asst: Sharon Kirk.

Mar 10 Sat Sierra Sage of S Orange Co
O: Laurel Canyon-Stagecoach Loop: 6 mi, 1100' gain. Hike up Laurel Cyn to Serrano Ridge, then steep down-hill on Camarillo Cyn, and return on newly-opened Stagecoach Trail. Meet 8:30 am, Laguna Coast Wilderness Visitors Center parking (\$3) on Laguna Cyn Rd, just South of El Toro Rd junction. Bring water, lugsoles, hat. Rain cancels. Ldr: Chet Stipe. Asst: Don Clarence.

Mar 10-11 Sat-Sun Sierra Sage
I: Backpack, Joshua Tree, Eureka Peak (5513'): 13 mi, 1800' gain. Hike on trail/off trail, on this easier paced trip from Black Rock Campground trailhead, 4 miles to camp amongst desert vegetation, set up camp, hike up to Eureka Peak for possible views. Saturday night happy hour. Sunday explore local area for 2-3 hours, return to camp and hike out. Must carry all water. Send backpacking experience to Ldr: Todd Clark. Asst: Sylvie Côté.

Mar 14 Wed Orange County/SAMTF/Lower Peaks
O: San Mateo Pk (3591'): 6 mi rt, 900' gain. Join us for an up and down hike to this rocky peak, the highest in the San Mateo Wilderness, and enjoy outstanding views. Meet 8:30 am at South Orange County rideshare point or 9:15 am at the Morgan trailhead on S Main Divide. Bring water, lugsoles, snack/lunch. Ldrs: John Kaiser, Sharon Kirk



Mar 17 Sat Sierra Sage of S Orange Co
O: Lion Cyn Falls: 9 mi rt, 1000' loss/gain, moderate pace. Our route leaves the Blue Jay campground and traverses down partly oak covered hillsides on the San Juan trail to the Chiquito trail where we continue on our mostly shaded route to our lunch stop overlooking Lion Cyn Falls. We return to Blue Jay by the same route. Meet 8 am South OC Rideshare. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. FSP req'd. Ldrs: Bob Hansen. Dea Denton.

Mar 18 Sun Sierra Sage, Easy Hikers
O: Donna and Richard O'Neill Conservancy: 4 mi, 50' gain. See early wildflowers, and visit the Mother Oak. Meet 8:30 am at the South OC Rideshare. \$10 per person (children \$5) contribution to aid the work of the Conservancy. Conservancy members free. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Duana Miller, Mike Sappingfield.

Mar 21 Wed Orange County
O: Quarter- Million - Dollar Hike: Open and legal again! 9 mi, ca 1500' cumulative gain/loss loop up Laurel Cyn to Serrano Ridge, down Little Sycamore to Nix Nature Center and back via South Stagecoach and the quarter-million-dollar connection.. Not particularly difficult, but lots of ups and downs—a very good workout! Spectacular views. Meet 8:30 am at Laguna Coast Wilderness Willow entrance (NOT Nix). From I-5 take El Toro Rd W to the "T" at Laguna Canyon Rd, turn L, then shortly R into large parking lot. Bring 3 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, \$3 parking fee. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Helen & Ed Maurer.

Mar 24 Sat Sierra Sage, Santa Ana Mtns TF
O: Tenaja Falls & Beyond: 6 mi rt, 1000' gain, moderate pace. We will hike past the falls to explore the upper canyon and have lunch among the oaks below Stewart Ranch. On the return, we will take time to explore the area around the falls. Meet 8 am, South OC Rideshare or 9:15 am at the falls trailhead. Bring lunch, 2 qts water, lugsoles. Rain or critical fire level cancels. Ldrs: John Kaiser. Bob Hansen.

Mar 28 Wed Orange County/Sierra Sage
O: Dripping Cave: 7 mi, 700' loss/gain in Aliso-Wood Cyn. From Canyon View Park in Aliso Viejo, our route takes us down into Wood Cyn. We'll take some side trails on the way to Dripping Cave, our lunch spot, where water drips when it rains. At one time the cave was used by robbers and thieves. Then we'll climb the Mathis Trail to the West Ridge, head N and descend via the Cholla Trail. Meet 8:30 am at Canyon View Park (from Moulton Pkwy S

of El Toro Rd, R on Greenwood, uphill to Canyon Vistas Dr, R to bottom of hill). Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles. Ldr: Bob Hansen. Asst: Garry McCoppin

Mar 31 Sat Sierra Sage of S Orange Co
O: Bedford Peak (3800'): 7mi rt, 1900' gain. A comfortable trail and service road hike to top of a Lower Peak in Santa Ana Mountains. A slow-paced conditioning hike with wildflowers and scenic views of Mt Baldy, Mt San Gorgonio, Santa Ana Mts, and S California. Meet 8am, parking lot at end of Silverado Cyn off Santiago Cyn Rd. Adventure Parking Pass required. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Ldr: Garry McCoppin. Asst: Bob Hansen.

Apr 01 Sun Sierra Sage of S Orange Co
O: Santa Rosa Plateau Loop: 6.5 mi rt, 250' gain, approx. 3 hours. Join us on this hike that covers the vernal pools and the historic adobe dating to 1846, the oldest building in Riverside County. Meet 8 am at the South OC Rideshare or 9 am at the Hidden Valley trailhead (6 miles West of 15 Fwy on Clinton Keith road). Bring 2 quarts water, snack, jacket, sunscreen, hiking boots. Ldr: Sylvie Côté. Asst: Todd Clark.

Apr 4 Wed Orange County
O: Oso/Juaneno Loop-Caspers: 9 mi, 1900' gain. This is a slow-paced walk up steep Oso Trail to the Badger Pass junction for a lunch rest stop at the gazebo. Then a steep descent on the Badger Pass Trail to a pleasant walk along the oak-shaded Juaneno Trail beside the San Juan Creek to our starting point. Meet in Caspers Park 8:30 am (\$3 parking), or South Orange County rideshare point 8:00 am to carpool to Caspers. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain, 3 days after rain, cancels. Ldr: Garry McCoppin. Asst: Pete Height

Apr 11 Wed Orange County, SAMTF, Trails
O: Fox Springs/Oak Flat: 5 mi, 400' gain. The hikers return to Oaks Flats with the 7th annual loppfest: light-duty branch trimming on short trail (no heavy tools), followed by an easy-paced loop hike through scenic Oak Flats with time to enjoy the wildflowers. Loppers provided. Newcomers are welcome. Meet 8:30 am South Orange County rideshare point with water, lunch, lugsoles, gloves. Rain cancels. Ldr: John Kaiser. Asst: Bob Siebert

Apr 14 Sat Sierra Sage, Easy Hikers
O: O'Neill Park, Vista Point Wildflower Hike: A "Mike's Hike" 4 mi, 400' gain. Enjoy the spring wildflowers on this relaxed pace hike. We will hike up Live Oak Canyon, then climb to Vista Point to enjoy the view, then back down the ridgeline to the parking lot. Meet 8:30 am at the parking lot just inside main park entrance on Live Oak Road. Bring water, hat, sunscreen, and \$ for park entrance fee. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Mike Sappingfield, Dea Denton.

Apr 18 Wed Orange County
O: Witch's Garden: 7 mi, 1300' cum. gain, 1500' loss. We'll hope for great flowers as we climb up Willow to Bommer ridge and on to Laguna Beach, where some may wish to lunch at Zinc Café. Meet 8:30 am Laguna Coast Wilderness Willow entrance (NOT Nix). From I-5 take El Toro Rd W to the "T" at Laguna Cyn Rd, turn L, then shortly R into large parking lot. Bring water, lugsoles, \$3 for parking, bus (60cents for seniors, other \$1.50) and lunch money (optional). Must be able to keep up with group. Rain cancels. Ldr: Helen Maurer, Co-leader, Anna Slattery.

Apr 21 Sat Sierra Sage of S Orange Co
O: Trabuco Ridge & Helicopter Hill Loop: 5 mi, 900' gain. A series of San Juan Capistrano trails between Rancho Viejo Road and Mission Viejo border, with amazing views of wilderness and urban scenes from several steep hills. Meet 8:45 am, Park&Ride lot at Junipero Sierra Rd and Rancho Viejo Rd, 1 block E of I-5 Fwy in San Juan. (NOT the South OC Rideshare). Bring water, hat, comfortable shoes. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Chet Stipe. Dea Denton.

Apr 25 Wed Orange County, Sierra Sage
O: Cerro Rebal Loop: 6 mi, 800' gain/loss loop. Please join us for our 3rd annual Cerro Rebal hike in the hills between San Juan and San Clemente. Our route begins at the trailhead on Via Cerro Rebal in San Juan and meanders through the hills above San Juan and San Clemente. We will have some elevation gain which is steep in a few places. We also have great views in all directions, both mountains and sea in places. Meet 8:30 am at the South Orange County rideshare point. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Bob Hansen. Chet Stipe

May 05 Sat Sierra Sage, Santa Ana Mtns TF
O: Sitton Peak (3273'): Strenuous 10 mi, 2100' gain, moderately paced. Hike from the Candy Store on the Bear Cyn Trail and the Sitton Pk Trail to our lunch spot atop the peak with panoramic views. Meet 8 am South OC Rideshare. Bring lunch, 2 qts water, lugsoles. Rain or critical fire level cancels. Ldr: John Kaiser. Asst: Michael Metcalf.

May 06 Sun Sierra Sage, Easy Hikers, Little Hikers
O: Donna and Richard O'Neill Conservancy: 2 mi, 25' gain. Easy Nature Loop among the wildflowers. Meet 8:30 at the South OC Rideshare. \$10 per person (children \$5) ontribution to aid the work of the Conservancy. Conservancy members free. Rain cancels. Ldr: Duana Miller. Asst: Patty Sappingfield



COASTAL HAPPENINGS (CONTINUED FROM P 2)

Speaking of desalination, the Huntington Beach (Poseidon) desal intake and discharge permits were approved by the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board on February 10. We have 30 days to petition the state board to review the permit and are in the process of doing this. It is unclear at this time if the state board will hear our appeal, and if they don't, legal action must be taken. We are very disappointed in this decision but not really surprised. Opportunities to assist with this battle abound as the permitting and appeal process winds its way through Coastal Commission.

In line with our meetings with South Coast Water District (SCWD) we continue to push for purple pipe (recycled water) in the coastal Dana Point area. The Headlands/Strands development continues to irrigate their huge McMansion lots with potable water and the OC Dana Point Harbor renovation plan bases most of its construction on recycled water use. Your help in petitioning SCWD to install just a silly millimeter more purple pipe to make recycled water in this area a reality would be most appreciated.

Aside from water issues, which could take up every waking hour, Sierra Club's incredible Banning Ranch Task Force continues to fight the good fight to save the last large coastal land mass in OC. This is a huge effort and we can't recruit enough help. The next Coastal Commission hearing will be held in Chula Vista on March 7, 8 and 9. Public speakers that are willing to address issues related to the protection and preservation of this valuable land most welcome!

There's a lot more to share and so much more work to be done. Perhaps I will have an opportunity to write another short piece next issue. Until then, please come help us - Mother Earth needs you!



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OCSS CONDITIONING HIKES - EVERY TUES/THUR @ 6:30 PM

O: IRVINE TURTLE ROCK. Easy/Moderate/Tiger paced hikes, 4-7 mi rt on hilly trails. Bring Water, light hiking boots. 405 Fwy, exit S at University/Jeffery, L on Ridgeline, L on Turtle Rock, pass Sunnyhill, L into parking lot of Turtle Rock Community Park, Ldrs, John LaRue, Markey and Robert Neighbors, Kim Gunderman, Ron Campbell, Gigi Logan, and others.

RIDESHARE MEETING POINTS

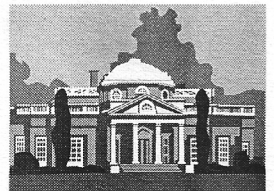
N Orange Co...Park-N-Ride, E side of Tustin Av just S of Lincoln Av, Orange.

S Orange Co...Ortega Plaza parking lot SE corner, Ortega Hwy/Rancho Viejo, San Juan Capistrano

Tustin ... Redhill Ave on N side (Fwy side) of Stater Bros Market just SW of Redhill Ave exit from Santa Ana Fwy

ANGELES CHAPTER, SIERRA SINGLES, SIERRA SAGE September 23 to September 30, 2012

O: HISTORICAL VIRGINIA AND NEARBY AREAS. If you always wanted to see some of the most famous historical spots in and around the State of Virginia, this is the trip for you. We will fly into Washington Dulles Airport, then van to the restored Revolutionary Era Town of **Williamsburg; Jamestown**, the site of the first English settlement in America; and **Yorktown Battlefield** where George Washington won the climatic battle of the Revolutionary War. From there, we will tour such historical sites as **Appomattox Court House** where Lee surrendered his army to U S Grant; to **Monticello**, home of Thomas Jefferson; to the **Shenandoah Valley**, Luray Caverns, the Skyline Drive and the **Appalachian Trail; Harpers Ferry**, site of John Browns revolt; then explore **Gettysburg Battlefield**, the turning point of the Civil War; and finish up with **Fort McHenry**, site of the Star Spangled Banner and the **City of Annapolis** and the **U. S. Naval Academy** and finish with a cruise on the Chesapeake.



The trip will be 8 days, 7 nights. **Trip cost is \$1250 for SC members** (\$1350 for non-members). \$500 will reserve your spot on the trip with the remainder due July 1, 2012. Trip includes all lodging costs, transportation to and from Dulles Airport and while on the trip, all admission fees to scheduled locations and all breakfasts. Lunches and dinners and airfare to and from Washington Dulles are not included.

For information call, or write Mike Sappingfield at 26352 Via Juanita, Mission Viejo, CA 92691. If you prefer to use postal delivery instead of email, please include 2 self-addressed stamped envelopes (SASE). To register, send \$500 (made out to Sierra Club -- Sierra Sage) with the application forms to Mike at the above address. Leaders: Mary Morales, Mike & Patty Sappingfield

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(normally on the first Thursday of each month. Open to all Sierra Club Members. Call Duana Miller for location, time and agenda.

Orange County Conservation Committee

(normally on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Open to all interested members. Call Duana Miller for location, time, and agenda)

Orange County Political Committee. (Normally on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Call Sharon Koch for location, time, and agenda)

Sage Outings Committee. Meets 3 times a year in February, June, and October to plan and schedule outings for the future months. Call Mike Sappingfield for date, time and location. Hikers interested in becoming Outings Certified Leaders are welcome.

Orange County Global Warming Committee

Meets monthly in the community room at the REI Store in Tustin (I-5 and Jamboree) on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 3 to 5 pm. Call Chuck Buck at 949-240-8224 for agenda.



HELP NEEDED!

Ever think about getting involved with the Sierra Club, other than paying dues, of course? The Sierra Club is a grass roots organization with all the positions and all of the work done by volunteer members like you and I. All of the decisions are also made by volunteer members like you and I. Some of the areas which could use some help are:

1. Serve as a committee member on any of the five committees listed at the left hand column. Contact the Committee Chair to volunteer.
2. Hike and walk leader. We conduct 5 to 10 hikes or walks each month; each one requires at least two leaders. Interested in becoming a leader? Contact Mike for assistance.
3. Newsletter assistance. Putting out a newsletter six times a year requires good stories as well as design layout and other work. Contact Mike to volunteer
4. Protect the Wild Places of the Earth. All of our local conservation activities require a lot of folks to successfully save wild places with all of the demands to develop them. Contact the Task Forces Chairs (see above directory) for more information.
5. **Starr Ranch BBQ Volunteers.** It takes about 35 people to put on our very successful Spring fundraiser. Volunteers can direct traffic, dispense food and beverages, grill the hamburgers and veggie burgers and provide information and assistance to the guests. Contact Patty Sappingfield for Info.



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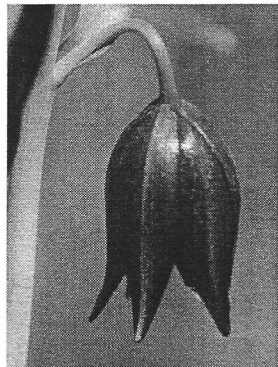
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