

Sierra Sage



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You are invited to join us at our monthly meeting:

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

PROGRAM: Gary Meredith, long time Orange County aficionado of Birds, and Butterflies, is well known for his fabulous hikes and bird discussions at the Audubon Society's Starr Ranch Conservancy during our annual BBQ. He will focus this presentation on Hummingbirds and Butterflies

WHERE: Norman Murray Community and Senior Center

24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo, CA

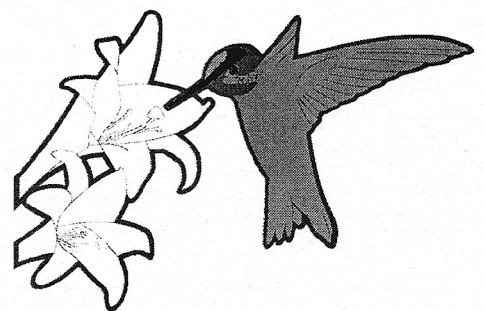
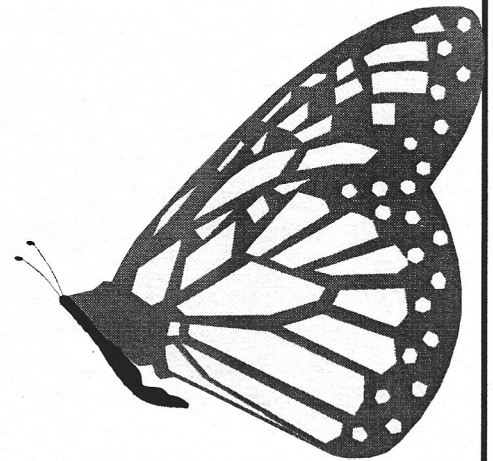
WHEN: 7:00 PM, January 24, 2012

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



ORANGE COUNTY POLITICAL COMMITTEE GEARS UP FOR 2012 ELECTIONS

Next year, we will participate in elections ranging from the Presidential race to congressional, State legislative and local county and city offices. Why is this important? Our elected officials make the decisions on a daily basis that have immediate impact on the environment and our ability to explore, enjoy, and protect it.

It is clearly in our best interests to have elected officials who care about the environment and the protection of wild places in the positions that make decisions about them. It is much better for all to make the right decision in the first place, rather than attempt to fight the wrong decision after it is made.

How do we do that? Members of the Sierra Club's Orange County Political committee are already starting to work on the many city election contests scheduled for the coming year. Questionnaires to go to the candidates are being written which will allow the candidates to explain their position on the key issues of concern to Sierra Club members.

Teams are being formed to review the questionnaires and to interview the candidates to clarify their thoughts and preferences and to learn more about them.

A few months prior to the election, the interviews will take place and the interview teams will make a recommendation as which candidate's views are compatible with protecting the environment. The Political Committee will then vote on whether or not to endorse a candidate and whom. If a candidate receives a vote of at least two-thirds of the committees voting members, then they are referred to the appropriate Sierra Club Regional Group in Orange County, (they are the Sierra Sage of South Orange County Group which includes the area south of the El Toro "Y" and the Orange County Group which includes the rest of Orange County) for further review. Two thirds of the voting members of the Executive Committee of the Regional Group must also agree to the endorsement of the candidate before it moves forward for a final review by the Sierra Club.

Once an endorsement is given, the candidate is notified of the endorsement and Sierra Club members are also informed so they are aware of the endorsements,

With over 30 cities in Orange County, it takes a lot of volunteers to conduct this process. If you are interested in helping elect environmentally sound public officials, contact Sharon Koch, Chair, Orange County Political Committee (See Directory on P 7)

SIERRA SAGE GROUP ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 2012

In the November Elections, Duana Miller, Sylvia Stevenson, Todd Clark and Sylvie Coté were elected for two-year terms to the Executive Committee of the Sierra Sage Group of South Orange County. They join Mike and Patty Sappingfield, John Kaiser, and Sharon Koch who were elected last year. One position on the Executive Committee is currently vacant due to a resignation. Any members who are interested in becoming part of the Executive Committee or knows of a member who might be interested should contact Duana Miller.

On January 5th, the newly formed Executive Committee met and elected the following officers for the year.

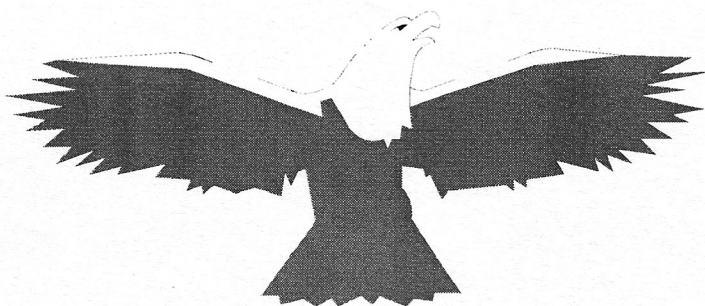
Chair: Duana Miller
Vice-Chair: Todd Clarks
Secretary: John Kaiser
Treasurer: Patty Sappingfield
Chapter Rep: Sharon Koch
Alt Chap Rep: Duana Miller.

The following committee Chairs were appointed by Chair Duana Miller and approved by the Executive Committee.

Outings: Mike Sappingfield, Todd Clark, and Sylvie Coté were appointed co-chairs.

Conservation: No appointment was made at this time.

Political: Sharon Koch
Newsletter Ed. Mike Sappingfield
Programs: Sylvia Stevenson
Circulation: Patty Sappingfield
Webmaster: Bob Hansen.



PARKING PASSES FOR HIKING

by Bill Deck

There are 3 kinds of passes for Orange County hikers:

1. **Orange County Parks and Beaches**, used by many Sierra Sage hikes, covered below. These cost \$55/yr or \$35/yr for seniors, run for a calendar year, and are available now for 2012.
2. **State Parks**, all at the beach, mostly Crystal Cove, San Onofre, San Clemente Huntington Beach and Bolsa Chica Beach. These recently went to \$15/day and the yearly pass is \$125/yr., which actually gets you 13 months including the month purchased. In addition, membership in the California State Park Foundation often provides some free passes.
3. **National Forests**, i.e., the Cleveland National Forest, commonly called FSP (Forest Service Passes), are \$5/day or \$30/yr, starting at the month purchased. Please note: Federal Golden Age passes (62 yrs+) cost \$10 for a lifetime and provide free entrance to all federal fee areas such as National Forests, National Parks, National Monuments, Historical Sites, and Bureau of Land Management facilities.

Where to Purchase

Orange County Park passes may be purchased at any of the locations listed below

- Dana Point Youth & Group Bldg. next to Baby Beach in the Harbor, Past Doheny State Park, 34451 Ensenada Place, Dana Pt.
- Aliso & Wood Canyons- Aliso Creek Rd & Alicia Pkwy, Laguna Niguel
- Carbon Canyon- 4442 Carbon Canyon rd. Brea
- Caspers Wilderness- 33401 Ortega Hwy. San Juan Capistrano
- Irvine- 1 Irvine Park Rd. Orange
- Laguna Coast- 18751 Laguna Canyon rd., Laguna Beach
- Limestone/Whiting- Portola Pkwy & Market, Trabuco Canyon
- Peters Canyon- 8548 E. Canyon View Av., Orange
- Mile Square- 16801 Euclid Av, Fountain Valley
- O'Neill - 30892 Trabuco Canyon, Trabuco Canyon
- Riley- 30952 Oso Pkwy, Coto de Caza
- Santiago Oaks- 2145 Windes Drive, Orange
- Clark- 8800 Rosecrans Blvd., Buena Park
- Craig- 3300 State College Blvd., Fullerton
- Laguna Niguel, 28241 La Paz Rd., Laguna Niguel
- Aliso Beach, South Laguna Beach.
- Capistrano Beach, Palisades Dr. & PCH, Capistrano Beach.
- Dana Point Harbor, Puerto Place - 2 lots next to Doheny State Beach
- Salt Creek, Ritz Carlton & PCH, Dana Pt.

California State Parks passes:

- Ranger Offices or entrance Kiosks at all State Parks and Beaches
- Or you can contact California Beaches and Parks at www.parks.ca.gov

Federal Lands

- Forest Service Passes can be purchased at the Ranger Stations in the National Forest, or at outdoors stores such as REI, Sports Chalet, etc.
- Golden Age Passes can be purchased and any Federal Fee Area Entrance Kiosk.

SIERRA CLUB NEWS FROM ORANGE COUNTY CEASES PUBLICATION

The last issue of the newsletter "*Sierra Club News From Orange County*" came just before January 1st. Due to financial constraints, we will no longer be able to issue this newsletter. *News from Orange County* came free to all Sierra club members in Orange County as part of the *Southern Sierran* Newsletter four (4) times a year. It was recognizable as it came printed on green paper and was inserted in the *Southern Sierran*.

Many thanks to the great work done by editor **Bob Hansen** and outings contributors, **Chet Stipe** and **Ron Schwanz** who made each issue possible, informative and worth reading.

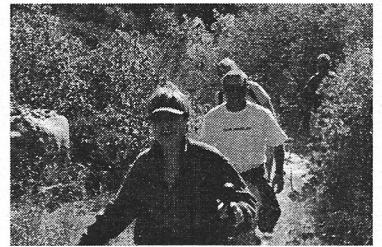
Also printed on green paper is the *Sierra Sage* which was available via email at no charge or via postal delivery at a subscription rate of \$9 per year or \$15 for two years. **The *Sierra Sage* will continue.** However, we will return to six issues per year from the current four so as to help fill the gap left by the *Orange County News*' demise.

If you are already subscribing to the *Sierra Sage Newsletter*, either via postal delivery or via email, you need do nothing. You will get next year's six issues. If you are not already subscribing to the *Sierra Sage*, you may subscribe as follows:

Email Subscription.: Send an email message to Editor, Mike Sappingfield at mikesapp@cox.net and request to be added to the email subscription list. Please provide your email address. There is no charge for email service.

Postal Delivery Subscription: Mail a check for \$9.00 for one year or \$15 for two years with a note requesting a *Sierra Sage* Subscription to **SIERRA SAGE OF SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY, P.O. BOX 6204, LAGUNA NIGUEL, CA 92607.**

Dutings



JAN 11 WED ORANGE COUNTY, OCSS
O: LAUREL SPRINGS: 10 mi, 2300' gain. This is a steady uphill trek on a trail and a fire road to lunch at the springs in a laurel grove just below the road. From Santiago Cyn Rd, turn onto Modjeska Cyn Rd, park at end near the Tucker Bird Sanct. Meet 9 am with water, lunch, lugs. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Garry McCoppin, Sharon Kirk.E

JAN 14 SAT SIERRA SAGE
O: LION CYN FALLS: 8.5 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 a junction with the Chiquito trail where we continue on our mostly shaded route to our lunch stop overlooking Lion Cyn Falls. We return to Blue Jay. Meet 8 am, South OC rideshare. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, and lugs. Rain cancels. FSP req'd. Ldr: Bob Hansen. Asst: John Kaiser.

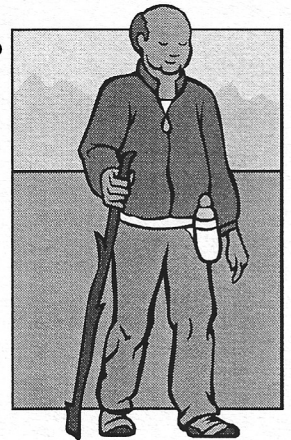
JAN 15 SUN SIERRA SAGE
I: MT SAN JACINTO WILDERNESS SNOW-SHOE: Snowshoe dayhike approx. 6 mi rt, 700' gain (final route subject to weather and snow conditions). Must have prior snowshoe experience. Start at top of Palm Springs Tramway (8400'). Hike S through Long Valley toward Hidden Lake area, then W toward Round Valley (9100'). Explore Tamarac Valley, Return to Tramway in the afternoon. Group size limited by permit. Contact leaders for more information. Ldrs: Todd Clark, Sylvie Cote.

JAN 15 SUN SIERRA SAGE, EASY HIKERS
O: CRYSTAL COVE SUNSET WALK: A "Mike's Hike". 4 mi rt, 100' gain beach walk in late afternoon until sunset. Meet 3:30 pm at North parking lot. Enter Crystal Cove Park opposite Newport Coast Drive, turn Right after toll booth, continue to farthest north parking area. Bring water, camera, \$15 for state park fee. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Mike Sappingfield, John Kaiser.

JAN 18 WED ORANGE CO, SIERRA SAGE
O: CERRO REBAL LOOP: 6 mi, 800' gain. 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 a fair amount of elevation gain which is steep in a few places. We also have great views in all directions, both mountains and sea. Meet 8:30 am at the South OC rideshare. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugs. Rain cancels. Ldr: Bob Hansen. Asst: Garry McCoppin.

JAN 21 SAT SIERRA SAGE
O: O'NEILL PARK: 6 mi.rt, 900' gain. Our hike climbs a short distance with an easy pace to a long ridge overlooking O'Neil Park. We will hike along the ridge, down into an oak shaded canyon for a loop return to the ridge by another canyon. Meet at 9 am at the end of Altisma in Rancho Santa Margarita. Take El Toro Road to Marguerite Pkwy and turn Right. Go short distance to Los Alisos and turn Left. After you cross over the toll road, turn Left at Altissima and go to the end to park. Rain within 3 days cancels. Ldr: Garry McCoppin, Asst: Mike Sappingfield.

JAN 25 WED SIERRA SAGE
O: LAGUNA CANYON TRAILS: 6.4 mi, 800' gain. We will do a loop on several trails in Laguna Canyon with a steep section on the Laguna Ridge Trail. Meet 9 am with water, snack, lugs. Meet at the Willow Canyon entrance, just south of the intersection of Laguna Cyn Rd and El Toro Rd. \$3 parking. Rain, 3 days after rain, cancels. Ldr: Len Gardner. Asst: John Kaiser.



FEB 01 WED ORANGE COUNTY
O: CAR WRECK: ca 6-7 mi, 600' gain. We'll follow the West Ridge trail to the top of Mathis, then take Car Wreck down to the Oak Grove (very steep in places), passing the remains of a 1947 Volvo near the bottom. Maybe a possible detour past Dripping Cave before we return up canyon, if we feel like it. Meet 8:30 am at Canyon View Park (from El Toro Rd go S on Moulton Pkwy, R on Glenwood, uphill & over the toll rd where it becomes Pacific Park Dr, R on Canyon Vistas Dr to bottom of hill) with 2 qts water, lunch, lugs. Must be able to keep up with group. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Helen & Ed Maurer.

FEB 04 SAT SIERRA SAGE
O: LITTLE SYCAMORE CYN & STAGECOACH NORTH: 4.7 mi loop, 450' gain. Hike up Little Sycamore Cyn in Laguna Coast Wilderness Park, turn Right on Serrano Ridge and return on Stagecoach Springs North Trail. Meet 8:45 am at Nix Nature Center parking (\$3), Laguna Cyn Rd 1.7 mi N of El Toro Rd junction. Bring water, hat, lugs. Rain cancels. Ldr: Chet Stipe. Asst: Garry McCoppin.

FEB 08 WED ORANGE COUNTY

O: STAGECOACH LOOP: 7.2 mi, 700' gain. We hike a loop encompassing several trails from the Nix Nature Center. Part of our route is on City of Irvine Open Space Land. Bring water, lugsoles, snack. Meet 9 am at the Nix Center (just West of Laguna Cyn Rd between I-405 and El Toro Rd). \$3 parking. Rain cancels. Ldr: Len Gardner. Asst: Andy Beall.

FEB 11 SAT SIERRA SAGE

O: CASPERS PARK EAST FLAT TRAIL: 6 mi rt, 600' gain. Our route begins at the Ortega Flats parking area and traverses the East Flats trail where we find open grasslands. We'll ascend Quail Run to the East Ridge for great views of the National Forest. We walk the ridge and return by the Oso and Bell Cyn trails where we visit oak groves as we return to the trailhead. Meet 8:30 am, South OC rideshare. Carpool to Caspers Park and share parking/day use fee. Bring 2 qts water, snacks, lugsoles. Ldr: Garry McCoppin. Asst: Mike Sappingfield.

FEB 12 SUN SIERRA SAGE,

O: WHITING RANCH LIVE OAK TO SLEEPY HOLLOW TRAIL: A "Mike's Hike" 4 mi rt, 200' gain moderately paced walk through shady oaks and sycamores in Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park. **Children 5 yrs and up with parent(s) are welcome.** Meet 8:30 am at secondary Whiting Ranch Parking Lot on Glenn Ranch Road, ¼ mi east of Portola in Lake Forest. Bring \$3 for pkg, water, camera, munchies, lugsoles, and hat. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Mike Sappingfield, Michael Metcalf.

FEB 15 WED ORANGE COUNTY

O: LION CANYON FALLS: 10 mi, 1100' gain. This is a long uphill hike from the Candy Store to our lunch spot on the rocks beside the falls; which might have water. Footing rough in places. Meet 8:30 am at the South OC rideshare with 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles. Ldr: Garry McCoppin. Asst: Len Gardner.

FEB 18 SAT SIERRA SAGE, SAMTF

O: MORGAN TRAIL: 5 mi, 1000' gain, moderate pace. Hike one way to Morrell Canyon for lunch in a scenic grove of oaks and sycamores. Continue to South Main Divide where a clear day will bring excellent views. Car shuttle to return to trailhead. Meet 9 am at FS San Juan Loop parking area across from Candy Store (on Ortega Hwy, 19 mi E of I-5). Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles. USFS Parking pass reqd. Rain cancels. Ldr: John Kaiser. Asst: Mike Sappingfield.

FEB 22 WED ORANGE CO, SIERRA SAGE

O: EMERALD CANYON: 6.5 mi, 1200' gain. Please join us as our route leaves the Willow trailhead and heads up Laurel Cyn to Bommer Ridge. From the ridge, we will descend to our lunch spot under spreading sycamores in

Emerald Canyon. Return by the Willow Road. Meet 9 am at the Willow trailhead on Laguna Cyn Rd just west of the junction with El Toro Rd. \$3 parking. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles. Hikers must be able to stay with the group. Rain cancels. Ldr: Bob Hansen. Asst: Garry McCoppin.

FEB 25 SAT SIERRA SAGE, ORANGE COUNTY, SANTA ANA MTNS TF

O: TRABUCO CANYON: 8 mi rt, 2200' gain. Hike up Trabuco Canyon beside Trabuco creek through chaparral, oaks, Douglas fir, and Coulter pines to Main Divide Rd. Return same route. Meet 8 am at dirt parking area S of bridge where Plano Trabuco/Live Oak Canyon Road crosses Trabuco Creek in Trabuco Canyon. We will carpool to the trailhead (limited parking) on rough road. If it is necessary to park at Holy Jim junction, hike lengthens to 10 mi. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles. USFS Parking pass reqd. Rain cancels. High creek levels will shift hike to O'Neill Park. Ldr: John Kaiser. Assts: Sharon Kirk, Michael Metcalf.

MAR 03 SAT SIERRA SAGE O: SANTA

ROSA PLATEAU ECOLOGICAL RESERVE: 6 mi rt, 500' gain. A special place, at its best in Spring. The checkerbloom 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 10 SAT SIERRA SAGE

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. hiking



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. **C E** backpack mountains

Mar 14 Wed Orange Co /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

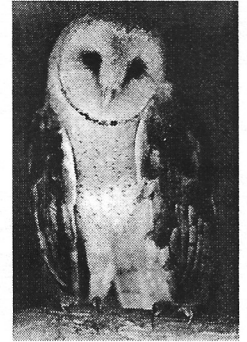
STARR RANCH BBQ ADVANCE NOTICE

Date: Sunday, May 20th, 2012

Time: 1:00 pm to 5 pm

Place: Audubon Society's Starr Ranch Conservancy.

Ticket Price: \$30 per adult, \$15 for children under 12.



Purpose: to explore and enjoy the conservancy, via hikes, birdwalks, live music, video feeds of baby birds, good foods, refreshing beverages and great conversation.

For more information, tickets, and to volunteer to help out, contact Mike or Patty Sappingfield at mikesapp@cox.net or via phone at 949-768-3610

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

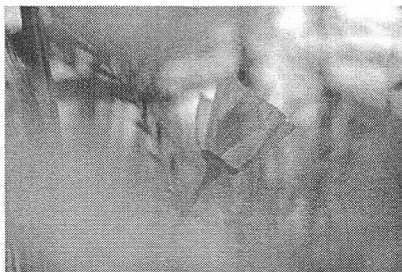
O: IRVINE TURTLE ROCK. Easy/Moderate/Tiger paced hikes, 4-7 mi rt on hilly trails. Bring Water, light hiking boots. 405 Fwy, exit S at University/Jeffery, L on Ridgeline, L on Turtle Rock, pass Sunnyhill, L into parking lot of Turtle Rock Community Park, Ldrs, John LaRue, Markey and Robert Neighbors,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



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Clark, Todd	714-803-0195	Rau, Gabriele	949-559-9212
Cote, Sylvie	949-547-2998	Reed, Fred	714-325-2710
Creighton, Barbara	714-960-3949	Roy, Gail	949-981-8523
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Johnson, Eric	714-524-7763	Specht, Donna	714-963-6345
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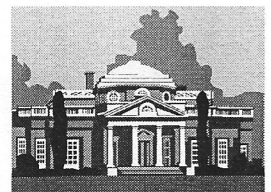
ANGELES CHAPTER, SIERRA SINGLES, SIERRA SAGE

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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Sierra Sage Executive Committee Meetings.

(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

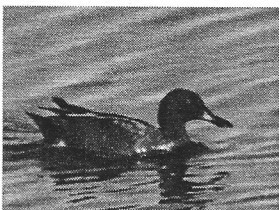
(normally on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Open to all interested members. Call Duana Miller for location, time, and agenda)

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 Michael Metcalf or 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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