You are invited to join us for a presentation on Raptors (Hawks, Eagles, Falcons, etc.) by Pete DeSimone, Manager of the Audubon Society’s Starr Ranch Sanctuary. Who knows, he might even bring a raptor along with him.

We also will cover upcoming hikes, current status of San Onofre Nuclear Plant fuel storage issue, and other topics of interest.

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

WHEN: 7:00 PM, Tuesday, March 28, 2017

ROOM: Juniper

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.

Note: This picture of a Red Shouldered Hawk was taken at Starr Ranch.
Join us for a Native American Gathering & Celebration of Protection and Preservation
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 26, 2017 Free Admission
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Panhe is the 9,000 year old historic village of the Acjachemen / Juaneno people, a sacred and ceremonial site.

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EVENT DETAILS & DIRECTIONS

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EARTH DAY EVENTS

Earth Day is April 22nd. There are numerous events scheduled in March and April to celebrate Earth Day. Here are some of those in South Orange County.

March 5, 2017  OCEAN AWARENESS DAY, 11-4pm
Dana Point Harbor
The Sierra Sage Group will have a table with activities and information for adults and kids.

March 26, 2017  PANHE  (see flyer on Page 2) 10-4pm
San Mateo Campground, San Onofre State Park
The Sierra Sage Group will have a table with information. The events celebrate the history of the Acjachemen/Juaneño People on the site of a 9,000 old village. We have partnered with the Achachemen/Juaneño People on several environmental issues, including the just resolved fight over the location of the 241 toll road.

April 22, 2017  EARTH DAY AND ARBOR DAY GREEN EXPO
8 AM TO NOON.
Mustang Run @ Los Aliso, Mission Viejo (next to Trabuco Hills High School
The Sierra Sage Group will have a table with information.

These events are open for people of all ages.

 Volunteers to help staff the table at any one of these events would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or teer, call Mike or Patty

Celebrate
EARTH
DAY APRIL 22
Wednesday, March 01, 2017 9:00 AM
0407-Orange County/Sierra Sage Outing
O: Ladera Ranch Loop
6.6 mi, ca 1950’ gain/loss. A “roller coaster” hike with a lot of ups and downs on a good trail over a relatively short distance. We will follow the ridge above the Arroyo Trabuco, then go down a big hill that borders San Juan Capistrano, and return to our starting point along a landscaped path, with the possibility of an optional Mexican or Thai lunch as a reward when we get there! Meet 9:00 am in the parking lot of the shopping center at Crown Valley Pkwy and Cecil Pasture Rd. From I-5 take Crown Valley Pkwy east, cross the bridge over the Arroyo and turn R on Cecil Pasture Rd; take the first L into into parking lot and park near that entrance. Bring water, snack, hiking shoes/ S. Rain cancels.
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Audrey Tomovich 949-830-8936 ourmeandog@yahoo.com

Saturday, March 04, 2017 7:30 AM
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing
O: Trail Maintenance on the Tenaja Falls trail
The Sierra Club (Orange County Group, Sierra Sage Group, & San Gorgonio Chapter) maintains trails in the San Mateo Canyon Wilderness. In March, we will work on the Tenaja Falls Trail. Work will involve lopping, sawing, or digging to clear the corridor and repairing tread as needed; those wishing to concentrate only on lopping are welcome. Tools are provided. Bring work gloves, sturdy boots, water, lunch. Crossing San Mateo Creek at the start of the hike is required; on the plus side we will have a good view of Tenaja Falls on the way to the work area. Up to 6 miles round trip hike with 900’ elevation gain. Meet at the south Orange County ride share at 7:30 am to car pool to the trail head. Those coming from Riverside can meet us at the trail head at 8:45 am (directions available on request). John Kaiser 714-968-4677 jkai39@gmail.com
Rich Maxey 949-310-5134 richmaxey@yahoo.com

Wednesday, March 08, 2017 8:30 AM
0407-Orange County/Sierra Sage Outing
O: Lion Canyon Falls
Mar 8 Wed Orange County/Sierra Sage O: Lion Canyon Falls: 9 mi, 1700’ gain. A long uphill hike to our snack/lunch spot on the rocks beside the falls. Footing rough in places, hiking poles advised. Meet 8:30 am at the South Orange County Ride share point with 2 it’s water, snack/lunch, hiking shoes/boots. Rain cancels.
Sharon Kirk 714-376-3197 sl.kirk@sbcglobal.net
Linda Ledger 949-444-1285 linda.ledger@me.com

Wednesday, March 15, 2017 8:00 AM (Time Tentative)
0407-Orange County/Sierra Sage Outing
O: Indian Potrero
10 mi rt. Join us for a rare opportunity to hike to this picturesque meadow in the San Mateo Canyon Wilderness. The out-and-back route follows a ridge at the western edge of the Santa Ana Mountains with outstanding views of OC and, on a clear day, the Pacific. Outbound is 900’ gain and 1200’ loss. Access to the trailhead is via a private road and attendance is limited. Registration is required; meeting time and location provided to those who register. Contact the leader for more information or to register. Rain or critical fire level will cancel.
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Sunday, March 19, 2017 8:30 AM
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing
O: Bear Canyon Loop
7 miles, 1300’ gain from the Candy Store through chaparral and oaks, via the Bear Canyon Trail to 4 corners, then down to Pidgeon Springs for lunch, then back to the Candy Store. Meet 8:30 am at South OC Ride share (1 Block east of I-5 on Ortega Highway and Rancho Viejo Road in front of Ball Park Pizza, in San Juan Capistrano). Bring 2 qts water, lunch, hiking shoes or boots. We will carpool to the FS Parking Lot and Trailhead at the Candy Store. Forest Service or Federal Senior Passes required for those driving to the Trailhead. Rain cancels.
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Wednesday, March 22, 2017 8:30 AM
0407-Orange County/Sierra Sage Outing
O: Mesa Loop /Juaneno Trail
5 mi, 200’ gain. A leisurely-paced “Mike’s Hike” into the east part of Caspers Park. Bring a friend and join us in exploring an area of the park which has long been closed to hikers. Meet 8:30 am at the South Orange County ride share point. Bring water, munchies, hiking shoes/ Michael Sappingfield 949-633-6993 mikesapp@cox.net
Peter R Height 949-713-4569 prheight1@cox.net

Saturday, March 25, 2017 8:00 AM
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing
O: Santa Rosa Plateau Hike
Santa Rosa Plateau: 6.5 mi, 300’ gain. Enjoy the glorious springtime in this ecological preserve, and a leisurely hike along streams, through rolling grasslands and 100-year-old Englemann oak woodlands. Lavish wildflowers should be in bloom, as spring runoff collects in vernal pools, which beckon wildlife. $3 entrance fee supports reserve. Meet 8:00 am at the South Orange County ride share point, or 9:00 am at the Preserve. Bring water, lunch/snack, luggages, binocs, field guides. Newcomers welcome. Rain cancels.
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Wednesday, March 29, 2017 8:30 AM  
0407-Orange County/Sierra Sage Outing  
O: Long and Short of It...Serrano Loop  
2 hikes to suit all tastes. Strenuous Bommer – Serrano Loop: 13.4 mi, 2170 gain/loss, circumnavigating the City of Irvine Open Space Preserve South, from Shady Canyon up to Signal Peak on Bommer Ridge, then down and up again to Serrano Ridge, following it back to our starting point. Long descent at the end. With good winter rains, the wildflowers could be spectacular on this one. Easy Shady Canyon: 5.5 mi, on natural surface trails through the gently undulating terrain of Shady Canyon to Turtle Rock Community. Well behaved dog on leash at Oak Park (facilities) and a visit to the Turtle Rock Nature Center and its native plant garden. Return via the same route. Both meet 8:30 am Quail Hill trailhead (from 405 Fwy exit Sand Canyon & go S on Shady Cyn Dr to traffic circle, continue S—trailhead is ca 100 yds past traffic circle & the fire station on the R) with 2 qts water, lunch, hiking shoes/lugsoles for long hike. Rain cancels.  
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Saturday, April 08, 2017 9:00 AM (Time Tentative)  
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing  
O: James Dilley Preserve  
This is a 5-mile loop to Nix Center. We will hike the preserve, meandering our way to Barbara Lake and back. Meet at 9:00 AM at the parking lot on northbound Laguna Canyon Road, just North of 73 Toll Road. Bring $3 or pass for parking, snack, water, lugsole boots. Contact leaders for more information.  
Sylvia Stevenson 949-616-2765 sjstevenson2828@yahoo.com  
Russ Brown 949-481-5295 russbrown3@cox.net

Wednesday, April 12, 2017 8:30 AM  
0407-Orange County/Sierra Sage Outing  
O: Caspers Corral to Hot Springs  
Join us on an 8 mi, 1400’ gain, grand tour of Caspers Wilderness Park. This moderately strenuous hike begins at the Corral Trailhead, meanders through the oak groves, and then makes a long, steep climb to the shade rameda for an early lunch/snack stop. We will then continue up and down along the ridge & boundary with Starr Ranch Audubon before descending steeply on the Cold Springs Canyon trail. The final section of the hike will take us to the Hot Springs area. This is a rare chance to visit the Hot Springs, without a long round-trip hike. We have a car shuttle back to the Corral area. The shuttle requires extra time at the beginning and end of the hike; participants' patience is essential. Rain or critical fire levels will cancel. Meet 8:30 am at the South Orange County rideshare point with 2 liters water, snacks/lunch, hiking shoes/lugsoles.  
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Wednesday, April 05, 2017 8:30 AM  
0407-Orange County/Sierra Sage Outing  
O: Whiting Ranch/Billy Goat Loop  
Join us for a strenuous, moderately-paced 7 mi rt, 1400’ gain/loss hike up Serrano Canyon and Dredged Hill to Four Corners and the Billy Goat Trail, returning thru Sleepy Hollow with possible deer sighting. Bring 2 liters water, snacks, hiking shoes/boots, sun protection, $3 parking or annual pass. Meet 8:30 am at the Glenn Ranch Rd entrance in Lake Forest. Exit I-5/405 at Bake Pkwy, go E 5 mi, R on Portola, L at Glenn Ranch Rd ½ mi and L into parking lot. Rain cancels.  
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Saturday, April 08, 2017 to Sunday, April 09, 2017  
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing  
O: San Mateo Wilderness Backpack  
Backpack into San Mateo Canyon, 3.5 miles and 500-foot elevation loss to camp. The canyon features a rocky creek, sandy pools, oak forests, and abundant springtime flowers. From the Fisherman's Camp trail head, we will hike to Castle Rock on the San Mateo Trail and set up camp. After lunch, we will hike down canyon to an area the Cleveland National Forest calls "very remote and rugged"—it often needs trail maintenance, and we will lup as we go. Sunday morning, optional visit to the Bluewater Trail; hike out after lunch. Easy backpack for beginners. Register with leader.  
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Saturday, April 15, 2017 8:00 AM  
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing  
O: O'Neil Regional Park Hike  
Moderate 6.5-mile hike, 900' of gain. We will hike to the Vista Point, then, after enjoying the view, continue south to the Homestead Trail, then drop down into Live Oak Canyon and follow the Homestead trail north to the paved road to the monastery, then back up over the ridge and back to the trail head. Lots of great views, wild flowers, etc. Meet us at 8:00 AM at the Trailhead at the end of Meadow Ridge Dr. Bring at least 2 qts water, snacks and a hat. Rain cancels.  
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Saturday, April 22, 2017 8:00 AM  
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing  
O: Sitton Peak Hike  
This 10 mile hike with 2150' gain/loss takes us through varied terrain, flora and vistas in the San Mateo Wilderness.
We start on the Bear Canyon Trail heading south from the Candy Store on Ortega Hwy. We will continue on the Bear Ridge Trail to Four Corners. From there, we take the Sitton Peak Road to the steep informal trail to the peak where we will have lunch while enjoying views of ocean and mountains. We will return via the Bear Canyon trail. Meet at 8:00 am at the South O.C. ride share location. Bring lunch water, sturdy hiking boots and shade hat. Gloves recommended for the steep climb up to the peak. Linda Ledger 949-444-1285 linda.ledger@me.com  
Rich Maxey 949-310-5134 richmaxey@yahoo.com

Wednesday, April 19, 2017 8:30 AM  
0407-Orange County/Sierra Sage Outing  
O: James Dilley Reserve  
An easy-paced wildflower hike in several habitats. 7 mi, 800’ gain in one of South County’s newer parks. Meet 9:00 am at Hummingbird Park, Aliso Viejo, 1 block S of El Toro Rd off Aliso Creek RD on R. Bring water, snack/ lunch, hiking shoes/loopsoles. Ldr: Sylvia Stevenson. Asst: Pete Height.  
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Wednesday, April 26, 2017 9:00 AM  
0407-Orange County/Sierra Sage Outing  
O: Laurel/Emerald Canyon Loop  
8 mi, 1625’ gain/loss. Spring is a good time to experience well-named Emerald Canyon. We’ll go up Laurel to Bommer and enter the canyon via Old Emerald Falls Trail. We’ll go down as far as the bridge before returning via Old Emerald Trail, Bommer, and Willow. Meet 9:00 am Laguna Coast Wilderness Willow parking lot on Laguna Cyn Rd (from I-5 go West on El Toro Rd, L on Laguna Cyn Rd at the “T”, almost immediately R into lot). Bring at least 2 qts water, lunch, hiking shoes/loopsoles. $3 for parking (cash, credit card or annual pass). Rain cancels. Helen Maurer 949-768-0417 7gables@cox.net  
Linda Ledger 949-444-1285 linda.ledger@me.com

Saturday, April 29, 2017 8:00 AM  
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing  
O: San Mateo Peak (3591’)  
6 mi rt, 950’ gain. Join us for a loop hike to this rocky peak, the highest in the San Mateo Wilderness, and enjoy outstanding views of the wilderness and on, a clear day, distant peaks. After reaching the peak, we will descend on the Rancho Cap trail through upper Wild Horse parks, Rancho Capistrano, and along the headwaters of Morrill Creek on our return to the trail head. Sections of the trail are steep – wear good hiking boots. Meet 8:00 am at the South Orange County ride share point or 8:45 at the Morgan trailhead on S Main Divide Rd. Bring water, hiking boots, lunch. Contact the leader if you are planning to meet at the trailhead – directions are available if needed. Rain or critical fire level will cancel. Ldrs: John Kaiser (714) 968-4677 jkai39@gmail.com, Rich Maxey John Kaiser 714-968-4677 jkai39@gmail.com Rich Maxey 949-310-5134 richmaxey@yahoo.com

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

Angeles Chapter and Sierra Sage Group Present  
Southern New Mexico  
October 14-21, 2017  
Leaders: Mike & Patty Sappingfield

This trip is full, however, there are spaces on the Wait list in case of cancellations.  
Join us for this fascinating 8 days, 7 nights, exploration of Southern New Mexico. Highlights are Carlsbad Caverns and Guadalupe Mountains National Parks, White Sands, and Prehistoric Trackways National Monuments and Chumash National Memorial. In between, we will visit the plaza of old Mesilla, and the stomping grounds of Billy the Kid in the historic town of Lincoln, and modern day museums such as the one about UFOs in Roswell, the White Sands Missile Range Museum, and the New Mexico Museum of Space History. Towns and Cities visited include El Paso, Texas, and Las Cruces, Alamogordo, Roswell, Carlsbad, in New Mexico.  
Trip includes transportation via a 56 passenger Motor Coach from El Paso, to all stops, and returning to El Paso at the end of the trip. All Breakfasts, and up to two picnic lunches and Lodging for 2 people per room for 7 nights in middle range hotels such as Comfort Inns and similar places are included. It also includes all admissions to all museums, parks, and the planned tours in Carlsbad Caverns. Other lunches, all dinners, air or other transportation from home to El Paso are not included.  
Trip cost is $1295 per person for Sierra Club Members ($1395 for non-members.)  
A $500 deposit per person will reserve your spot with final payment of the remainder due no later than July 1, 2017. A small number of rooms will be available for those who wish to have a private room and are willing to pay a single supplement of $500.  
To apply, request the application package from Mike & Patty Sappingfield at mikesapp@cox.net or via mail at P. O. Box 524, Lake Forest, CA 92609. Send the completed application forms along with the $500 (+250 deposit if you wish a private room for one) to “Sierra Sage of South Orange County, P. O. Box 524, Lake Forest, CA 92609.”
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