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Pat Kramer with David Eisenberg

Visit to The South Pacific Hosted by David Eisenberg Sept. 3, 2024 – La Crescenta Library

Join with the Crescenta Valley Group on September 3, 2024 at 7 p.m. as David Eisenberg presents his favorite shots from his three months in the South Pacific earlier this year. David traveled through Polynesia, Around Australia, and along New Zealand's eastern coast. See a sampling of the 43 ports in these locations. This will be a hybrid presentation at both La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, CA and online. Zoom link to come.



SC 2024 Award winner Pat Kramer, flanked by Chapter Chair Dyana Peña and Sr. Chapter Director Morgan Goodwin



2024 Awards Banquet – L to R: Audrey, Nadia and Silvia.

Tree Care Event

Saturday, July 27th from 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. (*tentative*)

Saturday, **July 27th** from 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. in the parking lot behind Council District 7 7747 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga, CA 91042. Please bring empty plastic water jugs to fill.

Each tree needs 5 gallons of water. We need volunteers to water 100+ trees along Foothill Boulevard in Sunland/Tujunga.

On May 4th, the last tree care event, about 20 people came to the location, filled their water containers and watered designated trees along Foothill Blvd.



.... *filling buckets with mulch*



...*filling 5-gallon containers with water*

Crescenta Valley Group Management Committee			
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BHUTAN CULTURAL & FESTIVAL TOUR

Sat, Nov 9, 2024 - Sun, Nov 24, 2024

Event Organizers:

Fred Dong, madelinesdad@earthlink.net, (818) 545-3878

Stephanie Gross, madelinesmother@gmail.com, (818) 5453878

Join us for a 11 day, 10 night tour of the mysterious Kingdom of Bhutan with an additional 3 nights and in Kathmandu. This is a more extensive tour visiting new places from our previous tours. You will get an in depth tour learning about the culture, meeting some Bhutanese families, seeing beautiful and historic buildings and religious temples, beautiful mountain and countryside scenery on this small tour of Bhutan. A visit to Bhutan is like stepping back in time. We are limiting the tour to 16 participants!!! We are traveling in November which is one of the best times for photography and viewing the dramatic scenery.

You will see two different festivals, Jambey Lhakhang Drup Festival & **Prakhar Duchhoed Festival**, have traditional dance, song, and music in Bhutan in two different areas. You will see lots of Bhutanese in traditional costume and playing traditional instruments. The Jambay Lhakhang You will see many of Bhutan's UNESCO nominated world heritage sites. You will also learn about the religion and culture of the Bhutanese. We will have family visits with a couple of Bhutanese families including at least one farm family visit. You will travel between numerous sites in and around Paro, Thimphu, Punakha, Trashigang, Tongsa, Bumthang, and other areas.

You will see the famous Buddhist Tiger's Nest Monastery that is dramatically perched on the side of a mountain. Numerous Dzongs and castles which are Buddhist monastery and fortress that houses the district Monastic Four of the Dzongs are UNESCO nominated world heritage sites. You will get dramatic views of the Bhutanese Himalayas and other mountain areas including a trip up the highest road pass in Bhutan at over 12,600 ft. You will also learn about such Bhutanese arts as weaving, painting, sculpting, carving, and more in our visits to the Fine Arts Four of the Dzongs are UNESCO nominated School. You will see some of the craftspeople make the beautiful Buddhist religious paintings (thangkas) and their fine weaving at our visits. We will be visiting crafts and weaving villages in Eastern Bhutan.

Cost includes bus, land transportation, hotels/lodges, most meals, park and admission fees, most hikes & walks,



airport transfers. It costs \$4,600 plus \$800 Kathmandu to Bhutan & Return airfare internal air within Bhutan for those who sign up and pay in full by March 9, 2024; \$4,700 plus \$800 airfare starting March 10, 2024. Non-members of Sierra Club add \$100 to per-person cost. **SIGN-UP EARLY. LIMITED TO 16 PARTICIPANTS.** International Airfare is extra. Sign-up, send e-mail address, home and work phone numbers, Sierra Club membership number and check to Sierra Club for full amount to: Stephanie Gross, PO Box 423, Montrose, CA 91021; (818) 545-3878. Leaders: Fred Dong, madelinesdad@earthlink.net. You can add our 14 day Nepal trip whose schedule is integrated with the Bhutan trip, so you can end one trip and start the next trip without delay. The Nepal trip is normally \$2,250 (\$2,150 if you sign-up before March 9, 2024), but if you combine the trips you can take off a total of \$300 making the combined Nepal-Bhutan trip \$6,450 if you sign-up before March 9 or \$6,650 you sign-up after March 9, 2024 for a combined trip of almost one month. Internal airfare in Bhutan & roundtrip airfare from Nepal to Bhutan is an additional expected \$800.