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Sierra Club's Crescenta Valley Group Newsletter

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## Community Tree Mulching Event

**Saturday, February 19, 2022**

**By Pat Kramer, Crescenta Valley Group  
Program Chair and Community Organizer**

On Saturday, February 19th, 2022, from 8:30 - 11 a.m., there will be a Sunland-Tujunga Community Tree Mulching event held with participation by the Crescenta Valley Group of the Sierra Club, Ralph's Market in Sunland, and Tree People. We will be mulching and watering about 60 trees along Foothill Boulevard in Sunland (between Ralphs and Vons). Anyone who wants to participate can also adopt the trees they mulch for future watering. Our event begins at 8:30 a.m. in the parking lot of the Ralphs Shopping Center (by the now closed Sizzler). We will be providing mulch and Ralphs will be providing water for your tree. There will be a training at 8:30 a.m. by Tree People ambassador Xiomara Duran on how to properly set the mulch around the tree base. Volunteers need to watch the instruction before they will be assigned a tree. What to bring: Please

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## Hiking Safely, Hiking Smartly: Tips from Expert Hikers on How to Prepare for the Most Common Issues That Can Lead to Tragedy

**By Pat Kramer**

March 1, 2022, at 7 p.m. Join David Eisenberg, program chair for the Verdugo Hills Group of the Sierra Club and Pat Kramer, program chair for the Crescenta Valley Group of the Sierra Club for an informative question and answer session with members of Montrose Search and Rescue and trainers from the Sierra Club's Wilderness Training Course as they shed light on the problems they most often see on the trail that lead to injuries, accidents, and the need for rescue. Learn how to avoid these issues by being better prepared. Advance RSVP is required. Space is limited. Please use the RSVP link to register. <https://act.sierraclub.org/events/details?formcampaignid=7013q000002GVgsAAG>

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also bring two 5-gallon buckets to carry mulch and a watering can, a hand rake or spade, gloves, a face mask, and a safety vest, if you have one. You are also welcome to bring soil from your garden, compost from your compost bin, or a bag of soil to nourish your tree.

ALL NEIGHBORHOOD & CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!!! We also expect participation from local area gardening groups. Our event will last as long as it takes to get sixty trees mulched. Please register in advance to: patkramerstnc@gmail.com, so I can gather your contact information. We hope to have 50 or more people attend so plan to arrive early or by 8:30 at the latest. Thank you, in advance, for your community participation!



**Members (and guests) of the CV Management Committee enjoying Christmas Brunch at Joselito's (December 12<sup>th</sup>) in Tujunga.**



## **Regenerative Landscapes and Climate Adaptation” Webinar by Studio Petrichor**

Shawn Maestretti , the principal of Studio Petrichor and the creator of the talk series, ‘Regenerative Landscapes and the Climate Crisis’ and Leigh Adams consultant, educator, eco-sensitive designer presented *Regenerative Landscapes and Climate Adaptation* in the latest joint webinar of the Verdugo Hills and Crescenta Valley, which took place January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Hosted by David Eisenberg with co-host Pat Kramer. The program was educational and gave viewers valuable tips for transforming a yard into an eco-friendlier environment., attractive to wildlife and harmonizing with nature.

According to Shawn and Leigh, their landscape designs are created to meet the climate crisis, bringing solutions to the surface, and empowering communities to protect natural, living systems. They have shared their message at the Los Angeles County Arboretum, The Huntington Gardens, The Davis Village Homes, and Aquarium of the Pacific, Tree People. They currently collaborate with Pasadena Water and Power in regenerative design, implementation, and community workshops to bring about the changes we all wish to see.

<https://studio-petrichor.com/>

## **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.

Sign-up early, we expect to fill quickly. Send e-mail, Home & Cell Phones, SC#, check (Sierra Club) for entire amount to Reservationist/Co Leader: Stephanie Gross, PO Box 423, Montrose, CA 91021

Leaders Fred Dong, Stephanie Gross, Cathy Kissinger



**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](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.