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Join us for a Tree Watering, Tree Fertilizing, Tree Mulching Day in Sunland-Tujunga, Saturday, June 11, 2022, at 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. DIY Home Center, 6300 Foothill Boulevard, Tujunga, CA

By Pat Kramer

Our trees need help! Climate change, drought, no regular watering by the City of L.A., and years of being encased in blocks of impermeable pavement is taking its toll on our trees along the Boulevard.

What can you do?

Join our group of community members led by the Crescenta Valley Group of the Sierra Club and the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council's Safe Traffic & Transportation Committee. We will be providing mulch, fertilizer, and water to as many trees as we can, based on the number of our volunteers who show up to sustain our trees that are struggling along Foothill Boulevard. Please bring work gloves and join us.

Please RSVP for location and what to bring: Email: Patkramerstnc@gmail.com



Does this look like a healthy tree to you?

Get Ready! It's time for our Annual Summer Brunch Picnic and Hike!

The Crescenta Valley Group of the Sierra Club invites you to our annual summer Brunch Picnic and Hike at Deukmejian Wilderness Park, Saturday, July 23, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

The Deukmejian Park is located at 3429 Markridge Road, Glendale, California 91214. Wear your hiking shoes and wear a hat and join us for bagels, fruit, sweet rolls, and drinks. Tree-watering will be on the list, so bring a jug of water along if you want. The hike is about one-mile round trip with approx. 300' elevation gain and begins at 8 a.m. Bring your hat and sunscreen. The Hike is followed by brunch. For the hike, please contact the leaders: Bettie Pearson, 818-203-0628, bettielpearson@aol.com. Bob Thompson, 818-249-1237, bobcat237@charter.net.

**The Crescenta Valley and Verdugo Hills Groups Present Webinar:
“How Ingenuity Led to Protection of the Environment Against Big Money Fracking”
Wednesday, June 15, 2022, 7 p.m.**

By Pat Kramer

From 2010 - 2015, Environmental Attorney Helen Holden Slottje, Esq. led the charge in New York state to protect communities from fracking. Her efforts resulted in Helen being awarded the 2014 Goldman Environmental Prize, the Nobel Prize for environmental efforts, and being invited to the White House to meet high level decision-makers in the Obama Administration. On Wednesday, June 15th, 2022, at 7 p.m., she will share how she came up with this successful strategy and grassroots efforts to protect communities across New York State from fracking. This webinar is a joint presentation of the Crescenta Valley Group and the Verdugo Hills Group of the Sierra Club.

At the outset, New York’s battle against fracking faced seemingly almost universal support for fracking: ranging from exhausted farmers seeking a way out, a rapacious fossil fuel industry, municipal planners envisioning riches, politicians seeking power, and Big Green groups reliant on the gas industry for funding the fight against coal.

Leveraging the power of grassroots communities, Helen, together with her husband, formed a nonprofit public interest law firm that successfully advanced her theory: that fracking could be stopped through the use of a legal doctrine – overlooked but hiding in plain sight - called “Home Rule” using local laws that prohibited high-impact heavy industrial land uses.



Environmental Attorney Helen Holden Slottje

The story of this “Emperor Has No Clothes” moment in which the oil and gas industry was handed a stunning defeat by local community activists is told in the film “The New Environmentalists: From Ithaca to The Amazon” narrated by the Academy Award-winning director and actor Robert Redford. Helen has shared her insights about how the wreckage of our fracked and fragmented worldview may be transcended and how we might bring forth a more just future in a TEDx talk for The World Wildlife Federation in Belgium, and at college campuses across the country including Columbia, Yale and Cornell, as well as at the Berkeley Forum.

Congratulations to Crescenta Valley Group Award Winners!



Bob Thompson and Jerry Burnham received the “Conservation Certificate Award”



Kate Miller received the “Outings Service Award”



Pat Kramer (center), received the “Special Service Award” (She is flanked by Angeles Chapter Chair Dyana Peña and Sr. Chapter Director Morgan Goodwin.)

Awarding Service at a Superbly Enjoyable Event

Since the last one in 2019, and due to, well, Covid, the awards banquet had been on a “hiatus.” The pause was finally lifted, and due to the unflagging service of Silvia Darie, Cathy Kissinger, and Donna Specht (the Banquet Committee), the awards event went forward.

According to the committee’s banquet report, there were 220 people who reserved. Participating entities: Palos Verdes South Bay, Crescenta Valley, OCSS, Pasadena, Central Group, West LA, Santa Clarita, Sierra Sage, 20s & 30s, Airport Marina, Santa Monica Mountains TF, National Staff, Angeles Chapter Staff, Hundred Peaks, Wilderness Adventures, Wilderness Travel and Inspiring Connections Outdoors (ICO). Ray Hiemstra, Frank Gruber, the chapter director Morgan Goodwin and Keith Martin bought their own table for their family and guests. Chapter entities hosted the bar. Entities sponsored their own awardees.

Based on the program, there were 43 awardees.

<i>Outings</i>	<i>Date and Time</i>
<p>Canadian Rockies National Parks & Fireworks Finale Fred Dong, madelinesdad@earthlink.net, (818) 545-3878 Cathy Kissinger, ckissinger105@verizon.net (818) 281-4455 Stephanie Gross, madelinesmother@gmail.com (818) 545-3878</p>	<p>Sat, Aug 20, 2022; 8:00 AM (Local Time) - Sun, Aug 28, 2022; 6:00 PM (Local Time) Time is tentative.</p>
<p>Churchill Polar Bear Adventure Fred Dong, madelinesdad@earthlink.net (818) 545-3878 Stephanie Gross, madelinesmother@gmail.com (818) 545-3878</p>	<p>Sun, Nov 6, 2022; 8:30 AM (Local Time) - Sat, Nov 12, 2022; 6:00 PM (Local Time) Time is tentative.</p>

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