



# Least Bell's Vireo's Voice

Whittier Narrows Nature Center Association Newsletter

November 2018

*Mark your calendars!  
The date is closer than you think!*

**Make Your Own Holiday Wreath**



**December 8<sup>th</sup> 2016      10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

Donation \$20.00

We provide:

Wire frame, fresh pine tree foliage, pine  
cones, ribbon, bells

Web site access:

**WNNCA.org**

Our email:      [wnnca@att.net](mailto:wnnca@att.net)

**This month:**

**November 3. 8:00 AM.  
Bird/Nature walk. Docent  
led.**

**ALSO: 9:00 AM. Training  
for iNaturalist app.**

**November 10. 8:00 Bird/  
Nature walk. Docent led.**

**November 17. 8:00 AM.  
Bird/Nature walk. Docent  
led.**

**ALSO: 10:00 am. Month-  
ly Association meeting.**

**November 24 8:00 AM.  
Bird/Nature walk. Docent  
led.**

**DON'T FORGET!**

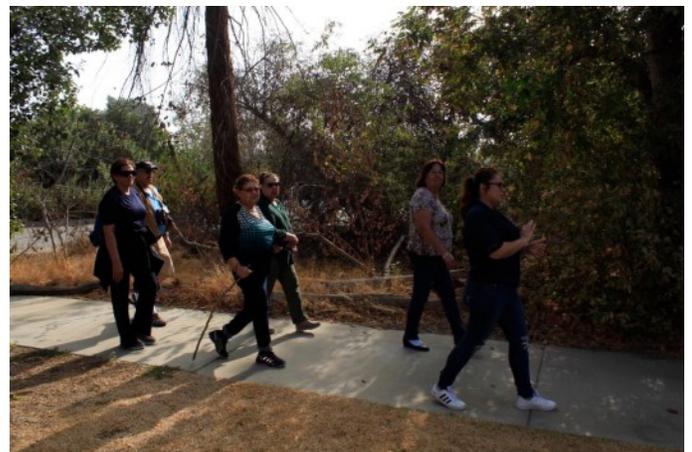
**Ranger Raccoon's  
Recycle Rally  
Last Sunday of every month  
10am—2pm**

# VERY WELCOMED VISITORS



We had the privilege to receive a visit of a group of ladies from the South Bay Community Center Thrive L.A. organization bringing us a donation of their crafts. They come from South El Monte and generously shared their artistry and expertise in embroidery. These articles are for sale in the gift shop.

We thank Maria Cuevas for bringing these delightful group to us. It was a first visit to Whittier Narrows for most of them. We had a short but enjoyable walk through Woody's trail and hope to see them back soon. They have our appreciation and gratitude.



# Docent/Naturalist Training

## Herpetology with Andrew Louros



Andrew impresses everyone not only with his expertise but also with his obvious passion for his field. The way he shares his extensive knowledge of reptiles and amphibians is comprehensive and fascinating to his audience. He awakes everyone's interest and appreciation of these very important species.



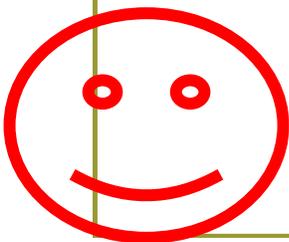
To the left is an illustration of amazing adaptations these animals demonstrate and at the bottom, we have some of their reproductive systems.



Thank you, Andrew.

## APPEAL TO ALL MEMBERS:

**IF YOU HAVE** any Christmas decorations suitable for the enhancement of the wreaths:



Please donate them to the wreath event.  
Just drop them off at the Nature Center  
Santa will put you on his NICE list.

# FIRST NATIONS HARVEST FESTIVAL

## A NEW BUT REWARDING ADVENTURE FOR WNNCA



First Nations Harvest Festival was held on National Public Lands Day, the Nation's biggest coast to coast volunteer event. Members of WNNCA hosted this event for the first time.

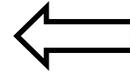
Native American dancers and vendors came from as far away as New Mexico, and Monterey Bay, CA, showcasing their traditional regalia, handmade tribal arts and crafts. Cake walks, an animal presentation, and hourly opportunity drawings (raffle) were also fun ways to support WNNCA and its mission to educate and involve the community about the Native American culture.



# More Harvest Festival Fun



We want to thank the WNNC staff for their untiring and vital help with this demanding event. Here he is Max, “supervising” the making of a appetizing Indian taco.



Somebody seems very happy just having won a delicious cake, one of many donations for our so-called “cake walk.” We guess the walk was necessary after the cakes were consumed because all that was required to get one was to buy a lucky ticket. No walking needed.



A very handsome sight



Our very own Armando with his horse Travieso, cutting a very fine figure.



# ARIZONA SPLENDOR



CLOUDS  
AND  
RAIN  
OVER  
THE  
GRAND  
CANYON

One of our members, Joan Winters, shared these gorgeous photos taken by her daughter in law, Rose, in the Grand Canyon area.

We are grateful to Joan for sharing these very beautiful photos and to Rose for her skill in photography and her eye for beauty.

Don't hesitate to send us pictures and/or articles for the newsletter. The staff is always looking for interesting tidbits to share.



**Join the fun. Join the Whittier Narrows Nature Center Associates.  
Membership includes out monthly newsletter and a 10% discount in our gift shop.**

The Whittier Narrows Nature Center Associates is a volunteer 501(c)3 nonprofit organization actively looking for new members. WNNCA is a chapter of the Nature Center Associates, a nonprofit support organization of the natural area park system of Los Angeles County.

We were founded to help enrich educational and scientific knowledge in the community. Our primary mission is to help foster an appreciation of the natural world in children and adults and to help preserve the Whittier Narrows Natural Area and the county's other natural areas for future generations.

Our activities include leading school group tours, answering visitors' questions, arranging and leading classes, planting and maintaining plants around the nature center, helping in the nature center museum and in the gift shop, performing light office work and answering phones, and more.

**Membership application**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual membership levels (circle one)**

\$30 - Individual      \$15 - Senior (Over 62)

\$45 - Family      \$15 - Student

\$75 - Friend Associate

\$100 - Patron Associate

\$250 - Supporting Associate

\$1,000 - Golden Oak Associate

**Send with check, payable to the address below.**

The Whittier Narrows Natural Area and Nature Center are located within the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County in the Supervisory District of Hilda Solis. The natural area and nature center are operated by the County of Los Angeles, Department of Parks and Recreation, in partnership with the Whittier Narrows Nature Center Associates.



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