

**SANTA SUSANA MOUNTAIN PARK ASSOCIATION  
AN EXPLOSIVELY ENTERTAINING SLIDE TALK  
MONDAY MARCH 18, 1996 PROGRAM**

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**MILT McAULEY PRESENTS BEAUTIFUL WILDLIFE PROGRAM**

SSMPA'S Annual Election meeting will feature a marvelous slide presentation by renowned wildflower expert, Milt McAuley at 7:00pm in the Glendale Federal Bank Community Room at 21821 Devonshire Street two blocks east of Topanga Canyon Boulevard in Chatsworth. We are also happy to announce that Milt's new book **Wildflowers of the Santa Monica's Volume two** is hot off the press and will be available at this program.

In addition to Milt's 30 minute slide program, outgoing President Glenn Bailey will show a short video supporting **NO ON PROPOSITION 197**. This measure is to appear in the March 26, 1996 California Election **PROPOSITION 197** repeals the Mountain Lion Protection Act of 1990 known as **PROPOSITION 117** which not only protects lions from trophy hunting, but provides funds to acquire and thus preserve wildlife habitat also benefiting other fauna as well as flora and geological rock formations.

This free program is open to everyone and will be packed with great information which is also a nice way to meet your officers - old and new. The new 1996-1997 slate is as follows:

President	-	Doreen Rusen (Janice Hinkston will Co-Chair)
Vice-President	-	Albert Knight
Recording Secretary	-	Ted Dent
Treasurer	-	Jim Riley
Founder	-	Janice Hinkston
Members at Large	-	Pauline Aue, Bette Butler, Barbara Coffman, Susan Gerke & Lindsay Wilhelm

**SANTA SUSANA DOCENT GIVES PRESENTATION AT CHATSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Our own Santa Susana Children's Docent, Janet Lazik gave a fantastic program on **Chumash People In Our Area** on Saturday, March 2, 1996 at 10:30am. We hope you had the opportunity to go and enjoy it. Though this program was geared to children, all information is fascinating, and Janet has spent several hours in a research library to acquire the knowledge she shares with all of her enthusiastic listeners.

We are proud of our docents who offer nature walks for children on school field trips. Anyone having free time on weekdays and who is interested in serving as one of these invaluable docents, please contact Pat Levin at (818) 998-5224.

**WELCOME TO JUDY GARRIS**

SSMPA welcomes Judy Garris who is currently in training as one of our Sunday Hike Leaders. She will be genuinely appreciated to fill the slot left by long time leader Kent Kellegrew who recently moved to Central California. Last issue we honored Lindsay Wilhelm as another new recruit and Lindsay found Judy for us. Thanks again Lindsay!!! For hiking information please contact Barbara Coffman at (818) 347-5603.

**LOVE AND BEST WISHES TO VIRGINIA WATSON**

Virginia Watson past curator of the Chatsworth Historical Society and avid historian and environmentalist, has undergone a quadruple bypass surgery on Wednesday, February 29, 1996. We pray our friend will make a rapid recovery and be back to her spry old self again!!!!

Nancy Razanski

**INDIAN SPRINGS STATUS REPORT**

Indian Springs Phase II is 338 acres of rugged, unique undeveloped land on the north side of the 118 Freeway just east of the Los Angeles/Ventura County border. SSMPA has an agreement with the bankruptcy trustee of the Eugene Kilmer Estate that 272.5 acres will remain undeveloped and given to a public agency as permanent open space and that the remainder will be developed as 56 estate-size lots. Los Angeles County has approved the tentative vesting tract map in December, 1995. The Indian Springs Property Owners Association is litigating access for development via their gated community. In September, 1995 the court ruled that the dispute be arbitrated.

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INDIAN SPRINGS continued

Ownership of the 272.5 acres will be transferred to a public agency as a condition for recording of the final tract map, which will occur when the streets and utilities are in place. The case, which has been in arbitration, was scheduled for a March 1, 1996 decision.

Dorian Keyser

**THE KEY TO OUR PROBLEM IS SOLVED**

Thanks to the following SSMPA members who called in their checking account numbers to Glendale Federal Bank so we can continue to use the Community Room free of charge instead of paying \$25.00 per use.

Linda Stone

Donna Afflerbach

Richard Levin (Pat's son)

We already had one for our organization, but due to a new ruling, we needed a total of four. Anyone else who has a checking account at Glendale Federal and would like to get on our list, please contact Pauline Aue at (818) 341-5872 or Nancy Razanski at (818) 341-3512.

**CHATSWORTH TRAIN DEPOT GALA**

A big celebration on Saturday April 20, 1996 at approx. 11:00am is planned to acknowledge the opening of the depot and honor those people who purchased pavers. Several SSMPA members purchased them which enabled a percentage of the donation to be given to our Foundation. Hope to see you all there. It should be great fun!!!!

**MY "PRO" HIKE**

Meaning provisional, not professional! On February 10, 1996 I led a hike required for Sierra Club certification in the Simi Hills. Two friends from the California Native Plant Society and two Sierra Club members toured historic scenes with me in the Chatsworth Formation. Barbara Coffman, a longtime SSMPA hike leader, rated me on my leadership skills.

Sites explored were the old quarry, the stagecoach relay ruins, Native American mortar stones. We ate lunch at the 1939 plaque commemorating the Devil's Slide stagecoach route. On the loop back, on the old freight road, an owl flew overhead, fluttered to the base of a scrub oak and pretended to be part of the trunk. Thanks to Barbara's binoculars, we could all get an excellent view of this beautiful horned owl. Once out of the city park I performed well as a hike leader and interpreter of history. So I look forward to spending many sunny Sunday mornings on the rocky Simi slopes. **PLEASE JOIN ME!!!**

Lindsay Wilhelm

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