



PAW PRINTS

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PUBLIC CALENDAR

Park Hours:

Nov. 1, 2023 - Mar. 31, 2024

Gate Hours: 8:30 am - 5 pm

Nature Center Hours: 9 am-5 pm

Gate & Nature Center are closed on Mondays

Contact: ECNC 626.398.5420

Docent-Led Family Nature Walk

Every Saturday at 9 am. Meet in front of the Nature Center. No dogs please.

Nature Tails Story Hour

Every Saturday at 10:30 am on the Outdoor Patio. Stories and activities for children.

Saturday Nature Center Discovery

Saturday mornings on the Outdoor Patio. Animal Ambassadors: 10 am and 12 pm. Nature Discovery Tables: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Conservation Group Work Day:

Second Saturdays from 9 am-12 pm
Sign-up to receive notifications:
<https://tinyurl.com/eatoncanyonconservation>

Audubon Bird Walks are back!

1st Sat. of the month - 8 am-10 am
Next ones: Nov. 4th and Dec. 2nd
Meet at the Outdoor Classroom
Evening Bird Walk: Nov. 2nd,
5 pm-7 pm

Meetings:

Pasadena Audubon Society

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Eaton Canyon Nature Center Auditorium.
<https://www.pasadenaaudubon.org>

California Native Plant Society

Meetings are held in the Eaton Canyon Nature Center Auditorium, the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm. <https://www.cnps-sgm.org>

Pasadena Group Sierra Club

Program meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month in the Nature Center Auditorium.
<https://www.sierraclub.org/angeles/pasadena>

Tom Mills is ECNCA's 2023 Volunteer of the Year!

On September 9th, the Eaton Canyon Nature Center hosted the Nature Center Associates' 2023 Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition. Volunteers from Eaton Canyon, as well as from our other sister nature centers, were recognized for their volunteer years of service and Volunteer of the Year Awards were also presented. LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger and Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation Director, Norma Edith Garcia-Gomez were in attendance and spoke to the audience about the importance of our volunteers, how much they are appreciated, and thanked the volunteers for their dedication of time and talents.

The ECNCA announced that Tom Mills is our 2023 Volunteer of the Year!



Tom Mills- 2023 Volunteer of the Year



Tom Mills receiving the 2023 Eaton Canyon Nature Center Associates Volunteer of the Year Award: (l-r) Brenda Hurst, Lorraine Lazarus, Tom Mills, Supervisor Kathryn Barger, LA County Dept. of Parks & Recreation Director Norma Edith Garcia-Gomez. Photo: Melanie Fong

Volunteers receiving their years of service badges at the event were:
Annabelle Aylmer (5 Year), Ronna Ballister (5 Year), Susan Hopkins (5 Year)
Rose Haig (10 Year), Steve Bass (10 Year) (accepted by Judy Bass)
Marilynn Hildebrandt (15 Year), Gail Nelson (15 Year)
Pam Edwards (25 Year), Karen Mateer (25 Year), Tom Mills (25 Year),
Melanie Symonds (25 Year)
Judy Bass (35 Year)

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Paw Prints is a monthly publication of the ECNCA. Articles and photographs are welcome on topics related to natural history and Nature Center activities. If you see something interesting in the canyon, please share it with us! The deadline for submissions to the December 2023 issue is November 15, 2023. Send submissions to Brenda Hurst eatonmember@gmail.com.

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Paw Prints Production

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DOCENT AND MEMBER CALENDAR

**Bag Lunch Mini-Inservice
 November 1, 2023 at Noon:
 "Making Yucca Fiber Cordage."**

Fellow EC Docent, Tom Mills, will provide instruction on processing Yucca leaves to extract the long fibers to make cordage.

Eaton Canyon Gardening Group

Every Wednesday at 9:30 am and second Sundays of the month at 10 am. Current volunteers only. Meet by Nature Center garage door.

Guided School Tours

School tours are conducted from October to the end of the school season. For reservations call the office 626-398-5420.

ECNCA Board Meetings

The ECNCA board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Nature Center. If you are interested in joining a meeting, please send an email to eatonmember@gmail.com, at least 2 days prior to the meeting.



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Other volunteers receiving badges but not in attendance were: Marilyn Allen (5 Year), Carole Scurlock (5 Year), Mark Westerdale (5 Year), Alfredo Justo (5 Year), Toni Buckner (10 Year), George Yenoki (10 Year), Paul DiConti (10 Year), Debbie Baird (15 Year), Gary Kinsley (25 Year), Madeline Schleimer (25 Year), Cynthia Null (45 Year). ■



(l-r) Susan Hopkins, Ronna Ballister, and Annabelle Aylmer receive their 5 Year Docent Naturalist Badges. Photo: Melanie Fong



Rose Haig and Steve Bass received their 10 Year Volunteer Awards. Judy Bass accepted the award for her husband, Steve. (l-r) Rose Haig, Judy Bass. Photo: Kenia Estrella



George Yenoki receiving his 10 year Docent-Naturalist Badge at the Volunteer Thank You Dinner. Photo: Brenda Hurst



(l-r) Gail Nelson and Marilynn Hildebrandt receive their 15 Year Badges. Photo: Melanie Fong



(center l-r) Tom Mills, Karen Mateer, Pam Edwards, Melanie Symonds receive their 25 Year Docent Naturalist Badges. Brenda Hurst and Lorraine Lazarus also pictured. Photo: Melanie Fong

A Visual Poem

By Colleen Boye (pen name Gwen C. Katz)

I went to the woods by day
when the crawling ones warmed themselves on the rocks
in the soft spring sunlight
and sought shelter to cast their skins
discarded scales a chronicle of another month, another year survived
And the seasons turned...

I went to the woods by night
when bright eyes opened against the dark
and soft feet padded through the chaparral
fleeing the sultry summer heat
and my prying gaze
And the seasons turned...

I went to the woods at dusk
when the rocks were spangled with splayed footprints
and the creek water was alive
as in the cool of autumn
life remade itself, sculpting its own form like clay
And the seasons turned...

I went to the woods at dawn
when by the hundreds
small forms darted through the mottled shadows
and called to each other with furtive voices
that carried on the winter air
And the seasons turned...

And the seasons turned
And turned
And turned
And turned once more



Turn the mandala to see the California kingsnake, the common raccoon, the Pacific chorus frog, and the California quail. To play an interactive version of this poem with colors and animation, go to: <https://gwenckatz.itch.io/mandala>

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Judy Bass receiving her 35 Year Docent-Naturalist Badge (l-r Brenda Hurst, Judy Bass, Lorraine Lazarus). Photo: Kenia Estrella



Cynthia Null receiving her 45 year Docent-Naturalist badge at the Volunteer Thank You Dinner. Photo: Brenda Hurst

Shop Local—Support Small Business!

By Pam Edwards

With the holidays on the horizon, what better place to get that special gift for your favorite nature-lover while supporting your ECNCA Gift Shop? Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Solstice, Christmas, and the New Year aren't that far off. New items are being featured as well as our favorites! ■



County of Los Angeles
Department of Parks & Recreation



EATON CANYON NATURE CENTER

ART FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER 11, 2023

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Join us for a day of Art in Nature!

Youth Painting Activities
Photography Plein Air Artists
Jewelry Artists Paintings

Artist Talks

Located inside the Nature Center

Featured Speakers

Lily Yllescas @ 12:30pm

Victor Picou @ 2:30pm



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Inspired by Nature

Sylvette Frazier

This program fosters explorations with natural and recycled material encouraging the child to build relationships with nature while fostering sustainable practices.

Children will explore natural materials such as fresh and dried botanicals building appreciation for their environment and fostering of innovation and creativity.



Register now!

**EATON CANYON
NATURE CENTER**

1750 N. Altadena Dr.
Pasadena CA 91107
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NOVEMBER 18TH, 2023

Time:

10:00 am - 10:50am

\$30 registration fee

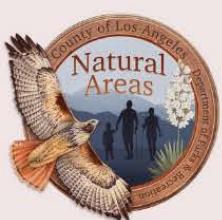
Kids ages 5-8

Registration # 32155

Register online at:
reservations.lacounty.gov

@parks.lacounty.gov @LACountyParks

Find more classes at: parks.lacounty.gov/fall/classes



**MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR
SOMEONE IN NEED!**

WINTER COAT & BLANKET DRIVE

In partnership with **WE EXPLORE EARTH**, Eaton Canyon Nature Center will be a collection site for slightly used blankets, coats and jackets. All items will be distributed to people in need on Skid Row in December.

**Drop off on a day in November.
Nature Center Hours:
9:00a.m.- 5:00p.m.
Closed on Mondays**



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Eaton Canyon Nature Center Associates (ECNCA) is a chapter of the Nature Center Associates (NCA), a non-profit support group of the natural area park system of Los Angeles County. Founded for educational and scientific purposes, its primary mission is to develop in children and adults an appreciation of the natural world and to preserve Eaton Canyon as a natural area for future generations.

The Eaton Canyon Nature Center and Natural Area Park are located within the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County in the Supervisorial district of Kathryn Barger. The Natural Area and Nature Center are operated by the County of Los Angeles, Department of Parks and Recreation, in partnership with the Eaton Canyon Nature Center Associates.

Become A Member of the ECNCA (Eaton Canyon Nature Center Associates)

Membership benefits include the ECNCA newsletter, program announcements and a 10% discount at the gift shop. To join the Eaton Canyon Nature Center Associates, fill out the form below and mail with your check, payable to the ECNCA, 1750 North Altadena Drive, Pasadena, CA 91107.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Please check appropriate box and mark return envelope "Membership"

Individual \$30 Family \$45 Senior \$15 Senior Family \$30 Student \$15

Friend of the Canyon \$75 Sage Saver \$100 Chaparral Contributor \$250 Riparian Guardian \$500

Oak Woodlands Protector \$750 Wildlands Angel \$1000 NEW RENEWAL

Enclosed is my MEMBERSHIP in the amount of \$_____ Enclosed is my additional DONATION of \$_____

Please make checks payable to the ECNCA. All contributions are tax deductible.

You may also join and/or donate online at www.ecnca.org.