



*Securing, protecting, and stewarding  
our precious open spaces.*

## SUMMER 2014

### A Conservation Hero

It is with sadness that AFC acknowledges the passing of Sid Tyler. Sid had a passion for the environment and for protecting natural open space land, and was a devoted friend of AFC.

Executive Director John Howell recalls, "Sid contacted me toward the end of our Millard campaign and said 'We have to save this land. How much do we still need?' With his help we saved Millard. At the start of the Cottonwood campaign he sat me down again. 'We're sending you a donation. It's critical we protect this land and wildlife corridor.' I asked him if I could share the news. After a pause he said 'Yes -- just save this land.' With another five-figure gift he got the ball rolling. We're well on our way, Sid.

"On a personal level I've known Sid since his first run for City Council in 1997. We became friends, and I was so fortunate for it. Principled, practical, selfless," John adds.

Betsey was Sid's perfect partner... and equally devoted to conservation. Our thoughts are with her as we continue to do their work.

AFC was honored by the **Pasadena Community Foundation** at their "Local Heroes Breakfast" with a \$25,000 award in commemoration of Sid. We appreciate the work of the Foundation, which also distributed funding to Pasadena Beautiful and 30 other deserving local non-profits.

### Pasadena Audubon Society Leads the Way

AFC is deeply grateful to the Pasadena Audubon Society for taking the lead in supporting our Cottonwood Canyon project with a pledge of \$25,000. Just as individual donors are the life blood of AFC, we rely on conservation-minded community groups to be the backbone of our joint efforts to protect natural open spaces. The Pasadena Audubon Society has been essential in helping save wildlife habitats and corridors over the years, and now they have come through for conservation in a big way. Our gratitude knows no bounds.

***"I think having land and not ruining it is the most beautiful art  
that anybody could ever want."***

**Andy Warhol**



## The Garden Club of America, Pasadena Chapter, Honors AFC

On nomination of the Pasadena and Hancock Park Garden Clubs, their parent organization, the Garden Club of America, honored AFC with their Zone Conservation Commendation for "dedication to preserving natural areas and for educating the community regarding sustenance of our environment."

The Pasadena, Hancock Park and Diggers Garden Clubs, working together, inventoried clusters of Humboldt lilies (left) at Millard Canyon and removed over a quarter mile of Eupatory that was choking the streambed. AFC is delighted that the Garden Clubs will be back working as our partner for a third year.

Honoring AFC's work is really a testament to their commitment to conservation.

## Cottonwood Canyon Open House

In order to familiarize our friends and neighbors with Cottonwood Canyon, this important wildlife corridor, we are holding a series of Open Houses on the property. These are friendly and informative gatherings. 78 people have come out to the first two Open Houses in the Canyon. Please find time to drop by and visit with us any time during these dates and see what they're talking about!

### Sunday: September 7

"Happy Hour!" from 4:00 - 6:00 pm  
Hosted by Craftsman Brewing Co. - beer and lemonade

### Saturday: October 4

"Nature's Brunch" from 10:00 am - 12 noon  
Homemade, hand-held acorn pancakes, juice and fruit

## Did you know...

you can leave a "legacy" donation to AFC? We are grateful to have received a bequest of \$56,700 from the Adamson Family Trust. In this way, Marie Adamson made certain that her love and support for the protection of nature will live on after her. Thank you, Marie!

## Neighborhood News

### Our friends at *Pasadena Heritage* are offering an exciting seminar! **September 20 - Improving Energy Efficiency in Historic Homes**

This seminar, supported by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, will educate participants on how to evaluate and improve the efficiency of historic homes without compromising their authentic historic character. Speakers will explore the design features of historic buildings and suitable system upgrades. Topics include traditional climate control methods, weatherization tips, energy audits, and other measures to help you reduce energy consumption in your historic home. This event will take place at Polytechnic School, 1030 E. California Blvd, Pasadena. Tickets go on

## Westridge School Visits Millard & Rubio Canyons



The 7th grade class of Westridge school came out to two AFC properties for a community service day in May.

One half of the class went to Rubio Canyon, where they removed invasive mustard plants. The girls did a great job clearing the trail and reducing the fire hazard from the quick growing mustard!

The other half of the class went to Millard Canyon where they mulched an area to keep down the invasive grasses and reduce the fire hazard in the area. Wheelbarrow antics were plenty. Thanks to Barbra Chabot coordinating a great event. Thanks to Bill Ramseyer and Tim Martinez for leading the groups.

A big thanks to the Westridge 7th grade class for helping improve both of these beautiful canyons!



## Get Involved with AFC!

### [Rosemont Preserve](#)

#### **Habitat Restoration Days**

2nd Saturday of every month,  
9:00-11:00 am

Join us in removing invasive plants and replacing them with natives.

#### **Open Gate Days**

3rd Sunday of every month, 3:00-5:00 pm  
Come visit the Preserve at your leisure,  
take a stroll...

Count the deer and enjoy this beautiful open space in your backyard.



If you would like to volunteer with AFC [click here](#).

## Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy

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