



*Securing, protecting and stewarding  
our precious open spaces*

*Summer Newsletter 2017*

## ***Patagonia Awards AFC \$12,000***



**If you visit the Patagonia store in Old Town Pasadena you'll see a framed picture of this great cat, nicknamed "The Kraken." It's there courtesy of Johanna Turner as a thank you for their support of AFC's Hahamongna to Tujunga Wildlife Corridor Project.**

**Patagonia store employees voted to support our project to secure a 20-mile wildlife corridor from the San Gabriel Mountains above Hahamongna Watershed Park through the San Rafael and Verdugo Mountains and back up to the San Gabriels through Big Tujunga Wash and their vote resulted in a \$12,000 check!!!**

## ***TPL Partnership***

**Our hats are off to Tori Kjer and her staff in the Pasadena office of The Trust for Public Land (TPL). TPL engaged over 60 organizations to participate in the**

OurParks campaign. They helped shape Measure A, get it on the ballot, and get the word out to the public. AFC was one of those groups, making certain that funding will be available for precious open spaces and wildlife corridors.



Will Rogers, TPL's CEO, joined us at our Pinon Hills property on Earth Day (shown here with his wife Kate and our own Mickey Long). We thanked him for the successful Measure A leadership and he shared, "This is what we do - we've done it over 500 times nationwide."

Thanks again Will, Tori and TPL!

## AFC Thanks Our Volunteers & Foothills Society Members!



AFC was happy to sponsor our Third Annual Appreciation Event to thank our dedicated volunteers and members of the Foothills Society. This year our Board Vice-Chair and her husband, Katie & Chris Poole, offered their spacious backyard for our "picnic lunch". Johanna Turner gave us a fascinating talk on tracking and photographing wildlife as it moves through the Hahamongna to Tujunga Corridor. Johanna is one of our Advisors - she and Denis Callet monitor the motion-sensitive cameras that are set up on our properties. The attendees were a lively audience and had many questions for Johanna!

In addition to the yummy lunch and friendly company, we were honored by California State Senator Anthony Portantino. He not only came to say his personal Thank You to the AFC conservationists who are working to preserve our precious open spaces, he awarded Certificates of Appreciation to each person. We are grateful that our elected official recognizes his constituents for their contributions to the community.

We thank each one of the 50 folks who found time in their busy lives to attend this day with us. We hope to see everyone next year!

## Did you know...

Every year AFC publishes an Annual Report with the names of our generous donors for the fiscal year. We break people out into areas of support, like three-year Foothills Society members, annual gifts to support our core mission, and donations to help save property. This list is for our fiscal year, namely July 1 - June 30. To be recognized in this year's Annual Report, please consider making a donation by June 30, 2017. We love to publicly thank you for your dedication and continued support of AFC!

## Volunteer Spotlight

### Sharon Scull, conservationist and backbone of the Putney Area Neighbors!

We first met Sharon during outreach to our neighbors around Cottonwood Canyon. She introduced us to "Bob the Bobcat", and loves spotting wildlife passing by her sliding glass door. As an original Friend of Cottonwood Canyon, Sharon has worked tirelessly with AFC to make sure the canyon stays wild. In fact Sharon has been at this much longer than we have, advocating on behalf of her neighborhood association, the Putney Area Neighbors, to protect the Canyon.

A retired Professor of English at Glendale Community College, Sharon developed and administered faculty development programs and authored a textbook. When Sharon said she wanted to do something extra to help we found that she enjoys writing grants. Two years and several grant awards later, Sharon is an important part of our team.

*"We can always count on Sharon for help...she is an invaluable resource for grant writing"*

*~ Barbara Goto,  
AFC Director of Operations*



Bob is one of Sharon's favorite wild neighbors

Photo courtesy of Bill Grassie

**Thanks so much, Sharon, for all  
your help.  
We couldn't do it without you!!**

## Neighborhood Church Earth Day Service Benefits AFC

The Neighborhood Unitarian Universalist Church held a special Earth Day service with the theme of connecting Head, Heart and Hands to benefit AFC's mission of protecting natural open space. Program Administrator Tim Martinez shared his inspiration for becoming involved in conservation, and described the importance of taking local action to improve the land we call home. Congregants supported us generously, donating \$700 to AFC's pursuit to protect natural open space and create community programs!



**We are very grateful to our friends on the Neighborhood Church "Green Council" for inviting us, and for their continued support.**

## **Events & Volunteer Opportunities with AFC!**

### **Rosemont Preserve**

#### **Habitat Restoration Days**

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

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

#### **Open Gate Days**

1st and 3rd Sunday of every  
month, 9:00-11:00am

Come visit the Preserve at your  
leisure, take a stroll...

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



#### **Animal tracking tour featuring Johanna Turner**

Saturday, June 24, 9-11am

Join wildlife photographer and expert tracker Johanna Turner for a tour through the Preserve. Johanna helps the National Park Service track and document mountain lions in the Verdugo Mountains. AFC is lucky to partner with her and Denis Callet who have installed cameras on several AFC properties to document wildlife passage through these natural open spaces. Learn what to look for when taking a stroll in the wild and the differences between animal tracks.

Because of the intimate nature of this tour - looking for tracks along the trail - we need to limit our group to 15. If you would like to attend please RSVP to RosemontFriends@gmail.com to let us know you will be attending.

#### **Geology of the Rosemont Preserve featuring Hans Hoek**

Saturday, July 22, 9-11am

Join us on Saturday, July 22, from 9:00am - 11:00am for a look at the geology of the Preserve and how it fits in the greater Los Angeles area led by Hans Hoek. Hans is an avid outdoor enthusiast and has led treks in the Himalayas and herded sheep in Southern France!

Come and learn about the geologic puzzle of the Rosemont Preserve and how geology affects the types of development in a given area.

#### **Native Plants at the Preserve and in your garden featuring Cassy Aoyagi of FormLA**

Saturday, August 26, 9-11am

Join us on August 26, from 9-11am as we host a native plant tour of the Preserve led by Cassy Aoyagi, President of FormLA Landscaping. FormLA recently teamed up with volunteers at the

Rosemont Preserve to replant a portion of the south slope prone to erosion. FormLA specializes in sustainable native landscapes and Cassy will explain how to translate the beautiful native plants of the Preserve into your own home garden.

### **Living With Wildlife featuring Animal Tracker/Photographer Johanna Turner**

Saturday, September 23, 9-11am

Join wildlife photographer and expert tracker Johanna Turner for a talk about living with wildlife in the foothills of the San Gabriel and Verdugo Mountains. Johanna tracks mountain lions, bears, coyotes, bobcats, foxes and more and will discuss how to recognize their tracks and keep them out of your trash!

### **Rubio Canyon**

#### **Volunteer Day**

Saturday, July 1st, 9-11am

Help us restore habitat, clear brush, and improve the historic Rubio Canyon trail. Meet at the intersection of Rubio Vista Road and Pleasant Ridge Drive in Altadena, CA. The trail begins between the two houses (1351 and 1342) on the corner.

#### **Docent-led Tour**

Saturday, August 5th, 9-11am

Docent TBA

### **Old Marengo Park**

#### **Volunteer Day**

Saturday, June 17th, 9-11am

Join us as we beautify Old Marengo Park! Help neighbors and friends bring nature back into the city. Old Marengo Park is located at the intersection of Marengo Ave and Woodbury Rd in Altadena, CA.

#### **Volunteer Day**

Saturday, July 29th, 9-11am

#### **Volunteer Day**

Saturday, August 19th, 9-11am

### **Cottonwood Canyon**

#### **Guided Meditation**

Sunday, June 25th, 2-3:30pm

Join Dr. Ling O'Connor for a guided meditation focusing on movement, chanting, and breath. Connect with nature beneath the beautiful and serene oak canopy of Cottonwood Canyon. Please bring a yoga mat! Cottonwood Canyon is located between 1950 - 2010 Linda Vista Ave, Pasadena 91103. Look for the red Chinese lantern at the fenced entrance across the street.

### **Pasadena Patagonia**

#### **Granted Film Festival and Enviro Fair**

Tuesday, July 11th, 7pm

Patagonia will be screening 3 short films, Harvesting Liberty, The Refuge, and Sea of Miracles; all highlighting issues that are close to Patagonia's ethos. They will be providing food, drinks, snacks, music, etc. AFC will be tabling at the event as a featured local, environmental group that the Pasadena store has partnered with and granted donation to. See you there!

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



## **Legacies & Bequests**


You can create a legacy that commemorates your commitment to AFC's mission. By making a gift through your estate or naming AFC as a beneficiary of your retirement or insurance plan, you will ensure that our work of protecting the land and the wildlife on it will continue. If you would like to learn more, please contact us at 626.796.0782.

### **Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy**

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