

*Conserving, protecting and stewarding
our precious open spaces*

Fall Newsletter 2018

Disney Conservation Fund Awards AFC \$50,000!

The Disney Conservation Fund awarded Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy \$50,000 to support our work in the Hahamongna to Tujunga Wildlife Corridor over the next two years.

Wildlife in Northern Los Angeles lives trapped by relentless development in isolated islands of open space. Animals suffer from in-breeding and territorial disputes, risking death by freeway if they try to cross to expand their range. The Hahamongna to Tujunga Wildlife Corridor Project aims to establish wildlife corridors allowing these animals to move freely to and from the San Gabriel Mountains. This critical project will secure unimpeded passage for wildlife between large areas of natural open space in a 20-mile wildlife corridor stretching from the San Gabriel foothills above the Arroyo Seco through the San Rafael Hills and Verdugo Mountains back to the San Gabriels through Big Tujunga Wash. It will connect fragmented open space and provide passage through and around heavily developed areas to increase the genetic diversity and health of wild populations.

The Disney Conservation Fund supports local efforts around the world aimed at saving wildlife, inspiring action and protecting the planet with more than \$75 million distributed to nonprofit organizations since 1995. Recent DCF grant recipients were selected based on their efforts to implement comprehensive community wildlife conservation programs, stabilize and increase populations of at-risk animals and engage communities in conservation in critical ecosystems around the world.

20,000+ View AFC's Exhibit at Descanso Gardens

AFC thanks Descanso Gardens, Executive Director Juliann Rooke and Director of Education Emi Yoshimura, for the opportunity to showcase what we do in their "Growing Habitat" exhibit over the summer. More than 20,000 visitors had a chance to see our important work of preserving biodiversity in the Hahamongna to Tujunga Wildlife Corridor. The exhibit also highlighted how our partnership with wildlife tracker/photographers Denis Callet and Johanna Turner impacts what we do.

For those unable to attend or who would like to see it again, take a look at the exhibit video - created and donated by Butcherbird Studios.

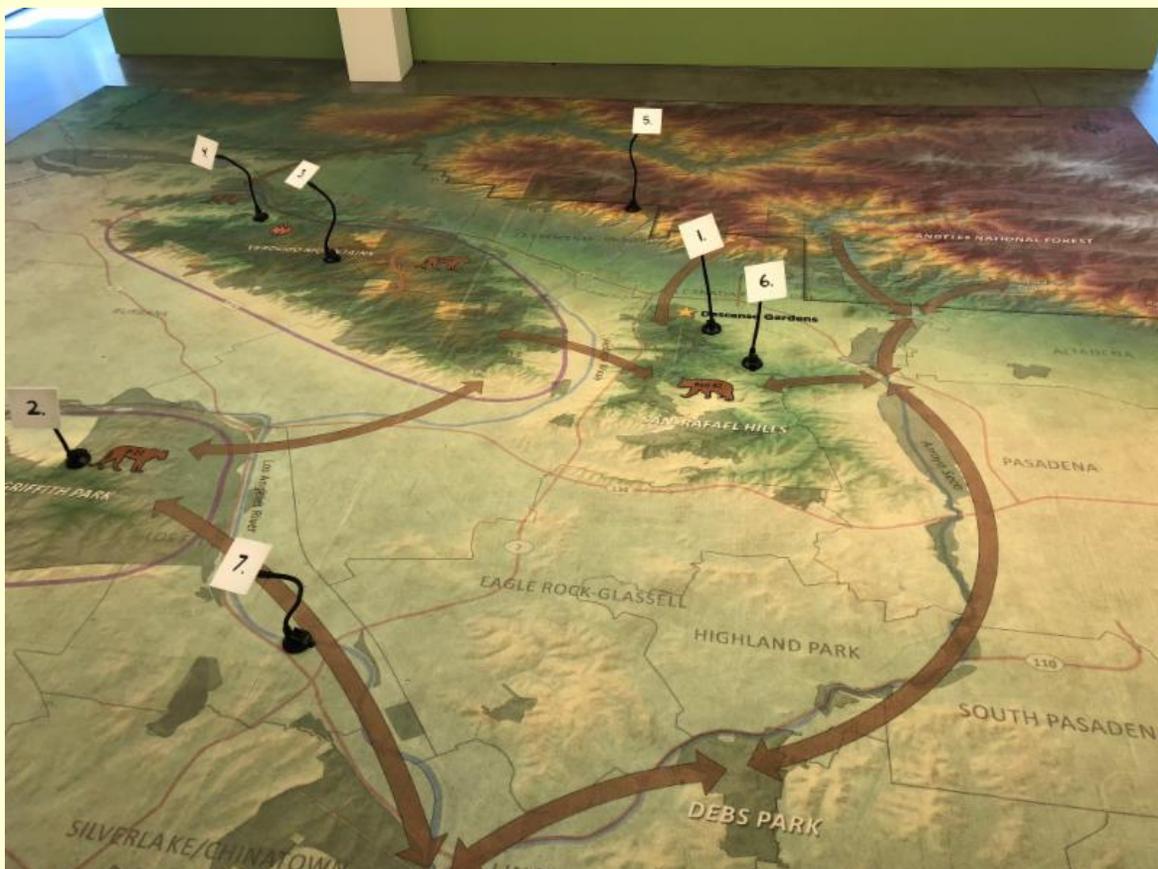


Video courtesy of Butcherbird Studios

Volunteer Spotlight - Mark Duttweiler

Caltech alum Mark Duttweiler came to us at the perfect time. He wanted to put his global information systems (GIS) skills to work for conservation. John Wros was doing our mapping and created our all-important Database Driven Land Prioritization Matrix that guides us to the most important lands to save, but was swamped saving swaths of land in Alaska. Mark stepped in and is now mapping our targeted properties. He's also to thank for the remarkable floor map featured in the Descanso exhibit this summer (below). Our wildlife tracker and photographer Johanna Turner brought Mark to us and we can't be more thankful.

Thanks for all you do, Mark!



Athens Services Donates Roll-Off

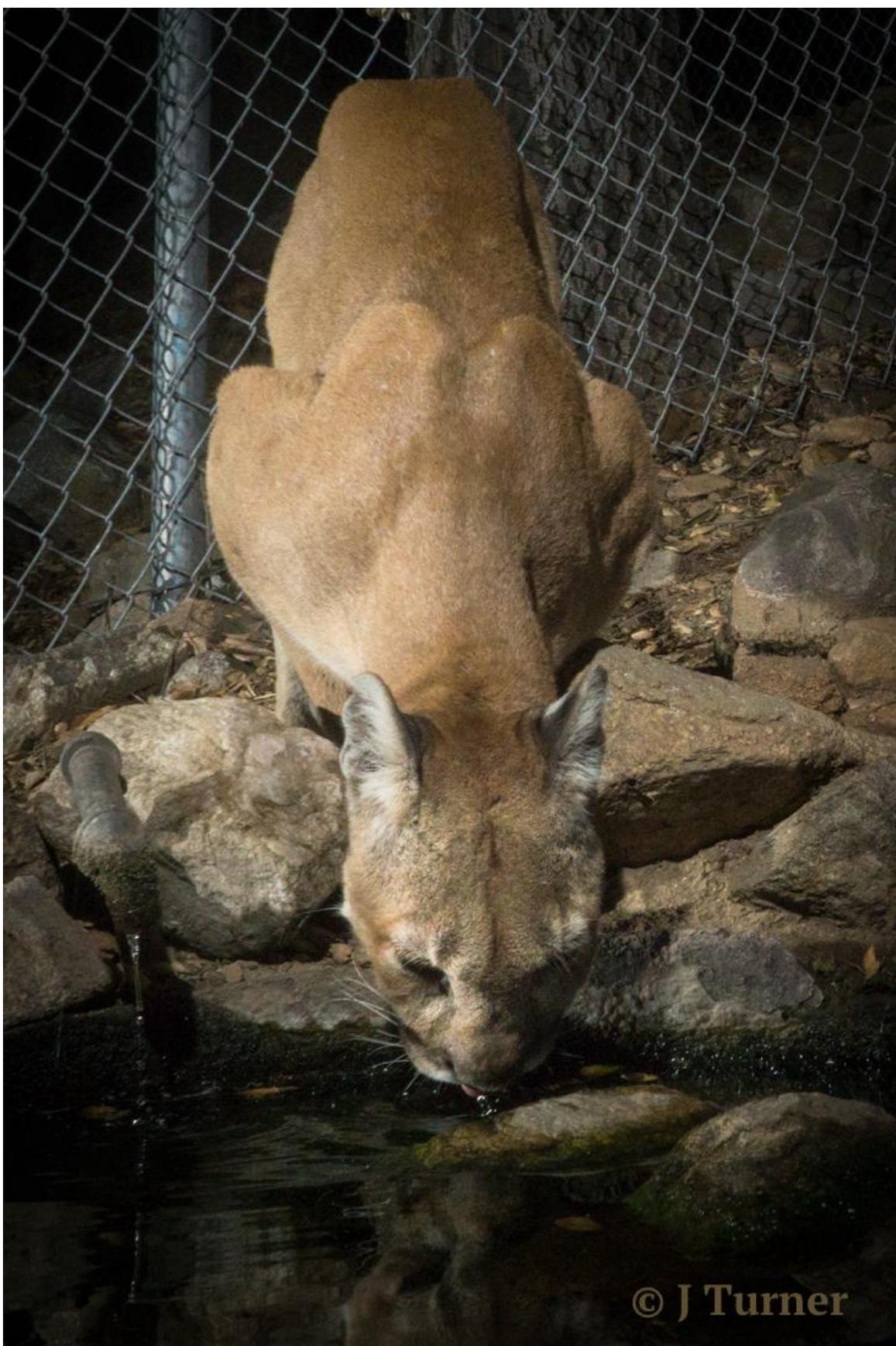
Special thanks to Athens Services for their generous donation of a 40-yard roll-off Dumpster to Rubio Canyon Preserve!

Our summer interns removed a lot of dry brush, invasive plants, and trash from the mountains this past summer, and we are grateful to Athens for helping keep Rubio Canyon clean, green, and beautiful.



Adonis & Nikita

After the initial flurry of images captured of Adonis, sightings have slowed. We hope the mountain lion is still in the area but we can't know for sure. As for Nikita, Denis and Johanna continue to capture great images of her.



Events & Volunteer Opportunities with AFC!

[Rosemont Preserve](#)

Habitat Restoration Days

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

Join us in removing invasive plants and replacing them with natives plants along with some light trail work.

Open Gate Days

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

Come visit the Preserve at your leisure, take a stroll, count the deer and enjoy this beautiful open space in your backyard.

Medicinal Uses of Native Plants with Jim Adams

Saturday, October 27th, 9:00am - 11:00am

Discover nature's medicine cabinet in your own backyard and enjoy a leisurely morning stroll. Join us at the Rosemont Preserve for a program about using Native American healing in our daily lives. Associate Professor of Pharmacology and Pharmaceutical Sciences at USC, Dr. James Adams has studied healing with the Chumash Indians, and is an expert on herbal remedies, antioxidants, and human drug metabolism. He is co-author of *Healing with Medicinal Plants of the West*.

Rosemont Preserve's Annual Seed Broadcast & Restoration

Saturday, November 10th, 9:00am-11:00am

Join Friends of Rosemont as we spread native wildflower seeds around the Preserve at our annual seed broadcast event. Seeds will be provided for volunteers to spread over the Preserve in hopes that the spring will bring many beautiful blooms. We will also do restoration work that day, removing invasive, non-native plants and working on the trails.

Native Plants at the Rosemont Preserve with Rich Toyon

Saturday, November 24th, 9:00am - 11:00am

Join Rich Toyon as he talks about life in Alta California before La Crescenta existed and where the Rosemont Preserve fits in. A 14th generation Native Californian and La Crescenta native, Rich is an Emmy-winning cinematic production designer by profession, conservationist by heart. He is active in Boy Scouts, local politics, and in representing the Tongva Nation for various environmental and public issues and serves on the board of directors for the Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center. Rich has been the guiding hand for many Boy Scout Eagle projects on AFC properties. He is the president of V.O.I.C.E., Volunteers Organized In Conserving the Environment, and member of the Friends of the Rosemont Preserve.

Urban Wildlife Tracking Tour with Johanna Turner

Saturday, December 22nd, 9:00am - 11:00am

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. The first 15 to respond will be guaranteed a spot, a waiting list will be created in case of cancellations.

Rubio Canyon

Trails and Lore of Rubio Canyon

Date: TBA

Join Friend of Rubio Canyon and AFC volunteer, Mel Lynch, on a guided hike through Rubio Canyon. Discover the history of the Canyon from the Mt. Lowe Railway and Camp Huntington days, and explore the newly improved stretches of trail. Learn how you can get involved with our ongoing efforts.

Patagonia Pasadena

Path of the Puma Book Signing with Author Jim Williams

Wednesday, October 24, 2018, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Join us for an evening with wildlife biologist and author Jim Williams, whose new book, *Path of the Puma*, tells his story of wildlife conservation and mountain lion research. Jim has chased ghost cats from the Yukon Territory to Tierra del Fuego, exploring what makes the puma so resilient and resourceful. He'll share stories of magical landscapes, remarkable wildlife habitats and the people who work to protect them. Snacks and drinks are on the house at this free and engaging event. Buy a book and have it signed by the author!

P-22 Day Festival 2018

Saturday, October 27, 2018, 11:00am - 4:00pm
4800 Crystal Springs Rd, Los Angeles, CA 90027

Stop by the AFC booth and celebrate the third annual P-22 Day Festival in Griffith Park! It's FREE and open to the public. Learn from experts on how to coexist with wildlife, listen to live music, enjoy delicious food, and discover many more exhibits and activities.

For more information about Urban Wildlife Week and P-22 Day, click [here](#).

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.

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