



Summer 2019 Newsletter

Help Us Celebrate 20 years of Preserving Open Space!

AFC's 20th anniversary is fast approaching. We have a lot to be thankful for. We have all earned a special celebration.

On April 10, 2000 we incorporated as Altadena Foothills Conservancy. After coming up short challenging a major development, concerned citizens decided to take things into their own hands and formed our land trust. Nearly twenty years later those hands can point to eight properties in Altadena saved by or with AFC's support (60 acres).

By about AFC's tenth anniversary we recognized a need to expand along the foothills. We changed our name to Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy, created the Rosemont Preserve in La Crescenta and identified a potential wildlife corridor between Hahamongna and Tujunga, then two others connecting up with Griffith Park.

As we continue to work together to save nature for wildlife and educate our next generation of conservationists, we are also strengthening our community. The celebration of our 20th anniversary will be a celebration of you, our supporters, and all we've done together.

Look for a year filled with fun events at AFC properties and a major event next summer that will be fun for all our AFC family and friends. We hope you will join us for a celebration of all we have accomplished together, and for a preview of what the future holds in store. Stay tuned!



AFC Intern Presents at International Urban Wildlife Conference

AFC intern Roshni Katrak-Adefowora represented our organization at this year's annual International Urban Wildlife Conference which took place at Portland State University in Portland, Oregon. There, Roshni presented her undergraduate senior honors thesis on identifying potential wildlife corridors throughout the Hahamongna to Tujunga Corridor proposed by AFC.



Roshni and AFC work with the Urban Wildlife Information Network (UWIN) to set up a camera-trap transect through urban and natural habitat along this corridor in an effort to understand which habitats wildlife are using. With the images captured from these camera-traps along with community science observations, Roshni built models of connectivity through urban, vegetated, and riparian habitats for six different species, including puma, bear, bobcat, mule deer, and gray fox. By combining the best corridors for each species, she is able to identify the best potential habitats for AFC to target for conservation in the future. Roshni gave a fantastic talk and received a lot of great feedback from conservation scientists and practitioners from around the world, many of whom were interested in applying her study to other urban regions and other species.

Field Trip Program Gearing Up!



AFC's field trip program is now expanding, thanks to a generous grant from the Helen and Will Webster Foundation. The Webster grant enables us to provide free busing for students across the region to access AFC properties, expand training for field trip docents, and create a new staff position to oversee it all.

We are happy to announce that former intern, Roshni Katrak-Adefowora, will now be AFC's Field Administrator, overseeing community outreach, docent recruitment and training and logistics for our field trips. If you know any teachers who might be interested in bringing their students to nature for some experiential learning, please drop her a note and let her know: rkatrakadefo@oxy.edu.

All AFC properties function as accessible outdoor classrooms, and field trips are a central component of our Conservation Through Education Initiative. Field trip curricula for 2nd, 3rd and 6th grades are compliant with the STEM Education Act of 2014 and relate to native plants, water and energy conservation and watersheds, geology and more.

We believe there is no substitute for real world learning where students can touch, smell and hear what they are studying. We are grateful for the Webster Family's generous support and dedication to educating the next generation of environmental stewards.

AFC Salutes Graduating Interns

Year-round Interns, Andrew Pham and Lizbeth Pliego, are moving on! After over a year in service of AFC, we are proud to see our interns gain employment after graduating this Spring from Cal State L.A.

Andrew began his experience with AFC as a Summer Intern, and continued on to assist with community outreach, education and wildlife camera programs,



as well as various administrative duties. AFC congratulates Andrew on earning his Bachelor's degree in Biology and accepting a position as a Tech Trainee with Birns and Sawyer, a rental house for cameras and camera equipment.

Andrew encouraged Liz to apply to AFC's Internship Program while they were both classmates at Cal State L.A. As our intern, Liz helped collect data on urban wildlife, supervised our Summer Interns, and trained future educational docents on AFC protected lands. We are happy that she

found employment in her field as Consulting Utility Forester for CN Utility Consulting after earning her M.S. Degree in Environmental Science.

Our congratulations and thanks to Andrew and Liz! We hope your experience with AFC serves you well in the future.

Did You Know?

Many employers will match their employees' donations to charitable organizations. AFC is currently receiving matching corporate contributions from Andeavor, Bank of America, Disney, First Pacific Advisors, LLC and Wells Fargo. It's up to the employee to request the match. Find out if your company offers this employee benefit and it will increase your donation to AFC!

Plan Your Calendar!



Summer Activities at AFC Properties

Please wear closed-toe shoes and bring water to all events!
Rain cancels.

Rosemont Preserve

Please park at Two Strike Park for Rosemont events ([map](#))

June

Open Gate self-guided tour on the Preserve: Sat, June 15, 2-4pm

Open Gate self-guided tour on the Preserve: Sun, June 16, 9-11am

Wilderness First Aid Tour:

Sat, June 22, 9-11am, Led by Ed Parker

July

Open Gate self-guided tour on the Preserve: Sat., July 6, 9-11am

Habitat Restoration: Sat, July 13, 8-10am (note earlier time)

Open Gate self-guided tour on the Preserve: Sun. July 21, 9-11am

Living With Wildlife: Sat, July 27, 9-11am

-learn about the critters who visit your yards, eat your garden....and try to raid your trash! This informational talk will be hosted by wildlife photographer/tracker Johanna Turner

August

Open Gate self-guided tour on the Preserve: Sat, Aug 3, 9-11am

Habitat Restoration: Sat, Aug 10, 8-10am (note earlier time)

Open Gate self-guided tour on the Preserve: Sun. Aug. 18, 9-11am

Wildlife Tracking & Photography Tour: Sat, August 24, 9-11am,

Led by Wildlife tracker/photographer, Johanna Turner.

September

Open Gate self-guided tour on the Preserve: Sat, Sept 7, 9-11am

Habitat Restoration: Sat, Sept 14, 8-10am (note earlier time)

Open Gate self-guided tour on the Preserve: Sun, Sept. 15, 9-11am

Native Plants in Your Garden: Sat, September 28, 9-11am

Learn about native plants and how to plant them in your garden; led by Roger Klemm

Rubio Canyon

Volunteer Day: Sat, July 6, 9-11am,

Meet at 1101 E. Loma Alta Dr. ([map](#))

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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 John Howell at 626.796.0782.



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