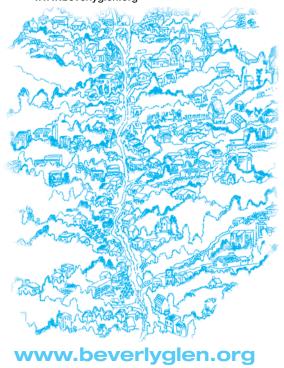
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The Glen Garden Walk

By Elke Heitmeyer

The Glen unfolded its magic to the many people who strolled around selected Glen Gardens. After fortifying themselves with refreshments in the yard of our Community Center, walkers enjoyed a multitude of beautiful flowers, especially roses in Jama Laurent and Todd Clark's front yard. The back yard offered a lush variety of plants, including a Shakespeare Garden, where we were also treated to an informative presentation about organic vegetable gardening by Guest Presenter Anne Phillips of www. GoGreenGardeners@aol.com.



Next on the tour was Ron Rosenblatt's yard with an amazing variety of fruit trees, blueberry bushes and blackberry vines. I want to come back at harvest time! Here we could also study how to collect rain water in a variety of barrels hooked up to their house gutters.

Barton Phelps & Karen Simonson once again opened their spectacular Arroyo House, Vineyards and Gardens. Terraces created with recovered concrete meander up the canyon, holding rows of vines. Secret garden terraces – "secret" because from below you cannot even guess their beauty – of varying nature and plantings enticed the walkers further up and around the arroyo. Several Glenites got to enjoy a bit of croquet on the lawn below framed by

a redwood grove, then Barton shared fascinating stories about the creation of this slice of heaven. The hardy ones soldiered on to David Scott May's orchard with a fascinating variety of fruit trees and other bushes and plantings. Another yard I want to visit at harvest time! After guiding the group through his extensive orchard, David led us up the hill. Thankfully,

he had put very sturdy rope rails along the steep trail, but once we were on top, overlooking Beverly Glen Canyon and the Stone Canyon Reservoir, all the huffing and puffing



was forgotten. Even the 7 year old in the group just loved it! It was a privilege to be guided by a person so much in tune with the land. A true Glenite. The Glen Garden Walkers got to experience the preciousness of "The Glen", with these generous garden hosts opening their spaces. We thank them for that.



Photos of the Garden Walk were contributed by Marc Olevin & Elke Heitmeyer

Letter from the President

outhern California springtime brings different feelings every year. We have just been through a very wet winter... so wet that the drought has been officially declared over. My concern is that this may lull us into a false sense of security. However, if you take the time to look at the hillsides around us, you will see very tall grass and weeds. (I have viewed



weeds I have never seen in the Glen before.) When this article reaches your mailbox or email address, the deadline for Brush Clearance (May 1st, 2011) will have passed. You should have received your brochure/letter from the Los Angeles Fire Department. If you have not seen it, please visit http://lafd.org/ This website is a VERY valuable resource. Please be proactive in clearing around your home, and help your neighbors if need be. This action will keep us all safe in the case of wild fire. I watch the news about the fires in Texas and get concerns for all our families' safety. Be alert, be wise and be safe! May your spring be lovely!



Tensie

Tensie Palmer President

Photos of the Garden Walk were contributed by Marc Olevin & Elke Heitmeyer

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NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

By Ramin Kolahi Report on February and March Meetings

UCLA FACULTY CENTER EXPANSION

UCLA was proceeding forward to prepare a EIR for the demolition of the existing Faculty Center and construction of a new center with more meeting space and a 200+ room hotel. After many concerns from neighborhood groups about traffic and impact, UCLA held another meeting in April to allow people to express their views. RoBG attended to express our concerns about accurate traffic impact reflection in the EIR on Beverly Glen, traffic flow impact in Westwood Village, proper tax payment to the City and better information sharing and notification. As a result of the many concerns from homeowner groups and faculty, UCLA has postponed its efforts and is looking into alternatives to the project and/or location. We'll keep you posted.

PUBLIC SAFETY

There have been protests the past few months on Beverly Glen from various groups. Although an inconvenience, they do have a legal right to protest, but if you see illegal activity of concern (e.g. using amplification or standing in or darting into the street). Keep those numbers handy for any non-emergency police matters.

Although we live in a quaint and neighborly part of LA, always be alert. From ensuring your car and house are always locked to keeping potential theft items out of sight and out of mind of thieves. One ruse that has been noticed on the Westside (not necessarily Beverly Glen) is thieves dressed as utility workers, magazine salespeople or others to get you to open the door. Many will ask you to go into your yard while another robs the house or even worse. If someone knocks on your door and you're not expecting them, do not let them in; if from a utility company, call that utility company and ensure that person is supposed to be there. If you have any concerns, remember to call LAPD's Five Points of Contact posted on our website, http://beverlyglen.org/2011/03/22/protestors-what-to-do-who-to-call/.

PLANNING AND LAND USE

10291 & 10297 Mariel Lane

RoBG has been in discussion with the applicant regarding this request to reduce the front and side yard setbacks. The project was previously approved but the Zoning Administrator's Adjustment expired following a long delay in receiving building permits. RoBG has been negotiating parking and traffic issues that have a potentially greater impact with a two home construction project. Additionally, RoBG is working with immediate neighbors to ensure their concerns are addressed.

1756/1774 Beverly Glen Blvd.

Previously thought of as non-important, after the issues discovered on the much publicized Tower Grove Place Project, RoBG re-visited this application and submitted an email of concern to the City regarding a similar attempt by the applicant to bypass proper environmental review by taking a sub-standard lot and adjusting the lot-line to create a two home development that ordinarily would have some environmental review on a cumulative effect.

42nd ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

BABCNC approved a motion to support Assembly Bill 52 which would require insurance companies to obtain approval for significant rate increases from the State Insurance Commissioner. In light of the recent dramatic rate increases from insurance companies, BABCNC felt this bill would be appropriate. More information can be found about this and other legislation at http://asmdc.org/members/a42/legislation?layout=item.

COUNCIL DISTRICT 5

Councilman Koretz has been able to get the council subcommittee to expand

the Administrative Citation Enforcement Ordinance that helps provide citation abilities to the City for frequent infractions such as noise and working without a permit.

I-405

To stay informed on all the closures and activity, visit:
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www.twitter.com/I_405
www.facebook.com/405project

Any questions, email babcnc@beverlyglen.org

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

By Dan Palmer

Are You Ready?

Life is so busy, so hectic... have you made the time to be ready should a disaster hit our city? We were once told to have 3 days of food & water for each person and pet in our homes. Now LAFD is saying 7-10 days is necessary. Do you have your emergency kit? Have you looked at it for expiration dates or rotated the food in the last year or so? Do you know what you should have in your kit?

Water – 1 gal. per day per person.

Food – 7-10 day supply per person and per animal.

Radio - Battery or hand-cranked.

Flashlight – with extra batteries.

First Aid Kit

Whistle – to signal for help.

Dust Masks - to filter contaminated air.

Sanitation – Moist towelettes, garbage bags, & plastic ties.

Wrench/pliers - to turn off utilities.

Can opener – hand-operated type.

Maps – LA & surrounding counties.

Phone – cell phones require a charger & working cell site.

Land-line telephone to plug directly into the wall (no electricity required)

Family emergency PLAN & Contact List
Be prepared for you, your family & your
neighbor...We are a team!

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MEMBERSHIP

By Bob & Elaine Grunauer

We are off to a promising start for 2011 and we want to thank those residents who have already renewed their memberships. Our membership year runs from January through December so if you haven't already renewed we are asking that you do so as soon as possible. We are already gearing up for this year's Annual Glen Fair, among all our other activities. We need your help to make this our best Glen Fair ever; your membership really helps us prepare. Our lofty goal is to increase membership and community involvement at least 10% this year and we can only do it with your help. We welcome everyone who lives in the Glen. You don't need to be a house owner to join; you only have to care about your community. Renters are more than welcome to participate in our organization. See the last page of this Glenite for the application, dues and mailing information. Please join us in giving a little back to your community; we are watching out for your interests!!!



Christine and Barbara—
Glen residents who joined us for the
Garden Walk

HILLSIDE FEDERATION UPDATE

By Gillian Calof

At its April 6, 2011 meeting the Hillside Federation elected a new slate of Officers for its Executive Board. For more information about this organization, in which the Residents of Beverly Glen continues to participate, please visit: http://www. hillsidefederation.org/ The mission of the Hillside Federation is to protect the property and the quality of life of the residents of the Santa Monica Mountains and other hillside areas of Los Angeles and its environs, and to encourage and promote those policies and programs which will best preserve the natural topography and wildlife of the mountains and hillsides for the benefit of all the people of Los Angeles.

Baseline Hillside Ordinance

The Baseline Hillside Ordinance (BHO) was passed by City Council on March 18th and signed by Mayor Villaraigosa on March 25, 2011. It will go into effect May 9, 2011. See: http://beverlyglen.org/news/ zoning-development for more information and to learn how the new ordinance may affect you. The BHO establishes guidelines for residential dwelling size and height in hillside areas. The Mulholland Design Review Board blocked plans by Caltrans to realign the historic Mulholland Bridge, which crosses the 405. Community groups and the Hillside Federation opposition stemmed from the lack of a public input process and an Environmental Impact Report.

The City Attorney's Office has developed a new process to handle municipal code violations. Known as ACE, the Administrative Citation Enforcement will

work to enforce such violations. We will continue to report on this process as it develops.

TRAFFIC

By Evelyn Alexander

The goal of the traffic committee is to promote the safety of those of us who live here. We hope that residents will drive the speed limit (30 mph) through Beverly Glen, setting a good example for our commuting visitors. Our traffic committee has worked closely with the Los Angeles Police Department, and we will soon launch our Speedwatch program. Volunteer residents will be trained how to use the LAPD's laser speed guns, and we will monitor traffic and send the LAPD a list of cars who travel through Beverly Glen at a high rate of speed. These speeders will be sent a letter from the LAPD (not a ticket, a letter). If you are interested in volunteering for this program, please e-mail Evelyn (traffic@beverlyglen. org). Please help us remind the LAPD that we have a speeding problem here - the more they hear from us, the more likely they will be to send additional police officers to enforce the speed limit. Call LAPD at 213-473-0222 and let them know if you have experienced someone driving too fast or dangerously, like zipping into oncoming traffic to go around a driver going the speed limit. LAPD needs to hear from us. You don't need to give a license plate just let them know that we need additional speed enforcement in the Glen.

If you are interested in getting involved in traffic issues or have any great ideas for our committee, please contact Traffic committee chair Evelyn Alexander at 310-470-3024, or traffic@beverlyglen.org. Thanks for helping us keep the Glen safe!



It's Coming! Save the Date for the Glen Fair— June 12!

GLEN GOLDEN FAIR

Preparations are in full swing!

What would you like to do at the Glen Fair of the Century?

On Sunday, June 12, the most wonderful Summer Fest will happen right in your own neighborhood! Music, Food, Games, Dances, Raffle – a festival for all.

Will you be there? Bring the Kids, the neighbors, the relatives, out of state (or any) visitors – it is going to be very special, and you don't want to just be hearing about it afterwards!

And it will be even more fantastic if you participate! What would you like to do?

Make and or serve salads, desserts or other cold food items? Flip Hamburgers? Decorate the tables? Display your art? Sell your arts and crafts? Have another idea?

Have plant cuttings? We would love to sell or raffle off homegrown plants as a fundraiser for the community.

We are also creating kids' art and historical photos exhibits.

Start planning for that!

Let me know what you would like to do!

Come one – Come all! Elke Heitmeyer fair@beverlyglen.org 818.906.7757



Food, Fun & Frivolity at the 2010 Faire



Diane LaFleur

IN THE KITCHEN WITH DIANE

Roasted Root Vegetables

By Diane LaFleur

Serves 4-6

This is a great recipe that can have variation if desired. Here is the basic recipe, which we love to have as a side dish along with a salad and bbq'd meat or poultry. It is also very tasty for a morning brunch with sausage and eggs. At times, I will also use this as a main dish by adding cubed cooked meat before roasting. You can also change it up a bit and use cumin instead of the infused olive oil for a different taste.

Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

Ingredients

- 2 large yams, cubed (not peeled)
- 1 parsnip cubed (not peeled)
- 4 med size jerusalem artichokes cubed (not peeled)
- 2 cloves of diced fresh garlic
- 3 T of extra virgin olive oil (give or take, i just sprinkle the above ingredients with the oil)

Sea salt and cracked mixed pepper to taste (the one with the pink peppers is less harsh)

Roast the above ingredients until tender (about 35-40 min) Remove from oven and drizzle with infused oil. Serve hot.

Infused Oil

To make an infused oil, slowly heat (do not bring to a boil) about 6 T of extra virgin olive oil in a skillet with the following whole herbs, not chopped: (fresh rosemary, fresh lemon theme, fresh sage) simmer for a few minutes on low heat and let stand for 20 min. Strain.



Photo by Marc Olevin

Emma and Wolfy at Playgroup

PLAYGROUP STATEMENT

Playgroup is a Glen preschool, non-profit and parent cooperative, founded by Glen neighbors in the 1940's. It rents space from the Dorothy and Les River Community Center on Scenario Lane at Beverly Glen Place. Children of Glen residents receive placement priority but cannot be guaranteed immediate acceptance at any given time. Other factors include age, timing of the application, boy/girl balance and siblings in the class, and ability of the parents to commit to the responsibilities of a cooperative school. Interested parents should inquire promptly by calling (310) 470-0992.



Letters from France & Italy

By Suzanne Dunaway

The Blackberry Diaries

Day one: Discovery of a cache far larger than my casual summer meandering through vineyards has turned up. A good acre of briar, low to the ground, each hung with clusters of berries much in the way the neighboring vines are hung with grapes, and with little paths through the thickets. A blackberry picker's paradise! I have always loved wild foods, asparagus in spring, porcini in the fall, the lovely little bright yellow bouquets of wild finocchio flowers, which I dry and use in fish soups or curries. But never have I come upon such bounty. On this first day, I picked a handful of promising little nuggets but decided to wait a couple of days to see if global warming might contribute to the ripening of these jewels.

Day three: Two days later, thanks to intense heat and patience on my part (not easy to achieve at all), there is one deep black berry (the only one on each cluster) that tugs against me when I pull. I find that picking, or rather pulling blackberries is an art—they must roll trippingly, as do some words, off the vine and into your container of choice-which must not be a plastic bag! As a novice picker, I thought I would speed the harvest by using a plastic bag under the cluster to catch my bounty, but the briar always won, whipping out its thorn-laden branches and tearing holes in my plan. I turned to trusty Tupperware after a half-hour's hard work had tumbled into the bushes through a gaping gash in the flimsy sack! The briars, foiled by one of the world's great inventions, retaliated with several neatly placed stickers in thumb and finger.

Day six: A strong tramontane has blown in but the heat of the previous two days has ripened most of the clusters and



the berries glow shiny and seductive in the late golden light of summer—I now cannot resist eating one for every two and the picking becomes more tedious, but tasty. I am studying this elusive fruit. Blackberries hide and then suddenly appear when you think you have stripped an area. A path you have picked along in one direction will suddenly display myriad new clusters as you reverse your steps. Where do they come from? It is all very magical, as if they have been conjured up just for my pleasure, a kind of hide and seek with nature. I discover that some berries on briars in full sun are hard and tasteless, sour and stunted, while shaded briars house fat, shiny juicy fruit that practically falls into my container. Fortunately for me (seemingly the only picker in the fields outside this tiny fishing village), the paths I take were also the well-worn paths of four donkeys and a mule, long time friends of mine used in the grape harvests in autumn. Their numerable piles of composted dung have nourished my blackberry field better than any added commercial fertilizer; the bushes near the calling cards of my furry companions are laden with berries and appear to multiply each day; I pick a good kilo of berries per day but also find that two of us demolish that in minutes, I eating straight out of the dish with no frills and my partner in crime floating his in heavy Normandy cream and sugar. I have yet to make a tart, as I cannot save enough for the process!

How different my blackberry from the one that breaks a reverie by buzzing or ringing or vibrating one's psyche back into civilization.

Suzanne Dunaway, our roving correspondent, is author of Rome, At Home, The Spirit of la cucina romana in Your Own Kitchen (Broadway Books) and No Need To Knead, Handmade Italian Breads in 90 Minutes (Hyperion). She lived for many years on Chrysanthemum

Lane and serves as our roaming Beverly Glen expat.

New! Children's Corner

The California Beach

By Raksha Gems, 10 years old

The California beach is a crowded but beautiful place. The bright sun shines on the crystal blue ocean. The yellow powdery sand feels like cake crumbs under your feet. You can also hear the sound of the waves crashing on the shore. On the beach the weather is almost always beautiful and no cloud is in the sky. Sometimes the beach is as hot as in a desert but it is a very relaxing comfortable and cozy place. You can also build big sandcastles and decorate them with beautiful seashells. The California beach is a wonderful place!

Raksha Gems is Renata Zerner's grandniece and lives in Frankfurt, Germany. A frequent visitor to the Glen, she is clearly a big fan of the beach here.

When space allows, we would love to include works from the Glen children. Please send contributions to glenite@beverlyglen.org

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