

Spring 2013



The Glenite

News and Noteworthy Goings-on in the Glen

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Glen Garden Glory

By Sharalee Flesche

The turnout for the Garden Walk was quite impressive this year, and I would like to personally thank the entire community of Beverly Glen for supporting our local events.

The Garden Walk began as we all met for tea sandwiches and refreshments at the Les and Dorothy River Community Center, also home to the Beverly Glen Playgroup.

David May at 2519 Perdido Lane



There are approximately 5 acres of orchards, cactus, and lush grounds at the end of Perdido Lane. David has been a part of the Glen Garden Walk for several years and as always provided a lot of information on the history and development of his labor of love. We captured a photo of one adventurous crew that did the 30 minute round trip hike up to the ridge overlooking Stone Canyon Reservoir.

Mary Morlas at 10211 Seabury Lane

This is an English country enchanted garden on Seabury Lane. The property boasts multiple ponds, azaleas, camellias, wisteria,



lavender, roses and a storybook bridge. There were even a few deer and a duck enjoying the landscaping; truly a storybook setting on Seabury Lane.

Deralee Scanlon at 1818 N Beverly Glen Blvd

Deralee had a busy year replanting her backyard to be showcased in the Glen Garden Walk.



There were a variety of interesting plants from Grevillea for hummingbirds, two dwarf purple butterfly bushes, blue hydrangea, Japanese toad lilies, burgundy lace ferns, pink clematis, bearded iris, red & melon colored day lilies, a lilac tree, a pink magnolia tree, hillside & creeping lantana, and various fruit trees. Deralee offered refreshments in the form of organic carrot, beet, celery, kale & ginger root combination vegetable juices, organic flax crackers and organic Montmorency dried tart cherries that were sweetened with apple juice.



Eric and Sharalee Flesche at 1665 N Beverly Glen Blvd

This sliver of Beverly Glen has been maxed out with beautiful landscaping of assorted styles and colors. Tiers of flowers and greenery excite the eye as you wander

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Arts & Crafts

Save the Date

Calling all Glenites
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Photos: Elke Heitmeyer

Letter from the President

I am so ready for springtime and it is finally here! We still have cool weather, clouds, RAIN and blooms on plants, trees everywhere around us! It is great to live here in The Glen! We can't say that often enough. I had such a glorious time at our annual Garden Walk! We had a great crowd and Sharalee did a wonderful job organizing it! I want to relive it again! I guess my pictures will have to do until next year.

We have made it through Tax Day and the deadline for our brush clearance. Are you ready? The early Fire Season reminds us how incredibly important this continual process is. We need to keep the brush down and the deadwood out and to water to keep our plants healthy.

Have you met your new neighbors? I met a family just this past week. Our longer days allow us to get out

and walk (yes, I said walk) on the boulevard and see what is growing around us (children, pets, flowers, wildlife). Have you seen a favorite little bird? Our lives are so busy, hectic and filled with important events. Do you struggle as I do to slow down and smell the roses?

Let's all try to spend some outdoor time: gardening, playing, talking, planning, reading . . . Yes, time is our most valuable resource, and it's non-renewable. Let's use it well! Enjoy and learn as you read through this edition of the Glenite. Find the part of Glen living that sparks your interest and contact us. More hands = more accomplishments.

See you at the Glen Fair!

Sincerely,

Tensie Palmer

President

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Glenite Autumn 2013 deadline:

Submissions needed by July 15, 2013

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BEL AIR BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (BABCNC)

by Ramin Kolahi

January, February, March & April 2013 Meetings

Beverly Glen Businesses

Calling all Beverly Glen Businesses! There is a vacant seat for you on the Neighborhood Council. If you are interested in having an official voice to the City, this is the position for you. The NC meets only once a month and is a great way to have an impact on your area through land use, public safety, budgets etc. Please contact babcnc@beverlyglen.org if interested.

We Need YOU!

BABCNC has two active committees, Planning & Land Use and Public Safety. You do not need to be a Board member to be on the committee; any stakeholder in the area (yes, you), can be on the committee. If you care about land use or public safety, this is for you! Email babcnc@beverlyglen.org. Don't just complain, volunteer!

At-Large Elections

BABCNC held a Town Hall Style Election for its two at-large positions. We had a Glenite run who, unfortunately, was not elected. The two at-large Board members are Chuck Maginnis and Laurence Leisten. Congrats to

Chuck and Larry, long time Board members who contribute greatly to the NC and what it does for you, our stakeholder.

City Budget

Wonder how the City spends its money? The Mayor released his budget to the Council. Let your Councilman know what you think is important. Read the budget at <http://mayor.lacity.org/Issues/BalancedBudget/index.htm>. Better roads, more police? Everything stems from the budget.

TRAFFIC

by Evelyn Alexander

Traffic is bad on Beverly Glen – we can all agree on this.

Either it's moving at the speed of light, with drivers dangerously cutting across the double yellow line and veering into the parking lane, where many of us walk, or it's moving at a snail's pace, trapping some of us in our own driveways.

Police have told us that they won't enforce the speed limit between Sunset and Nicada, because it's too dangerous for their officers. [Our response has been that if it's too dangerous for police officers, it's too dangerous for residents!] But police will enforce at Nicada, and they need to hear from us that we need additional speed enforcement. Call the West LA Traffic Division at 213-473-2222, and ask for Sgt. Kunz. Tell him that Beverly Glen is unsafe for our fami-

lies due to speeding and that we need additional enforcement. We will only get additional LAPD enforcement if we show our Councilman and the police that our community needs to be their priority. More calls = more enforcement. Call today, then call again tomorrow. Then call next week!!

You may have noticed recently that there was a "RED FLAG" day – this is a description used by the Los Angeles Fire Department to describe very hot, very dry days. Parking is restricted on some side streets on Red Flag days. If your street is affected, you have probably seen these signs (see photo) posted. Red Flag parking does not affect Beverly Glen Blvd.

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.

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 by e-mail, traffic@beverlyglen.org.



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Evelyn Alexander

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HILLSIDE FEDERATION UPDATE

MILLENNIUM HOLLYWOOD

By Gillian Calof

The Hillside Federation considered the Millennium Hollywood Project at its March 2013 meeting. This mixed use project would develop 1 million square feet (2 towers approximately 56 stories high) of residential, hotel, office and associated space, including parking. In addition to dramatically changing the view of the Santa Monica Mountains the project would have a significant impact on traffic in the area. While the project is approved, it is currently being appealed before the Planning Commission. The Hillside Federation opposes the project.

Digital Billboards

The Los Angeles City Council's "Planning and Land Use Management" group (PLUM) has created a "Billboard and Visual Landscape Visioning Group". The Group was formed to consider recommendations for signage in Los Angeles; Hillside Federation President Marian Dodge was asked to represent the Hillside groups. For a detailed account of the sign ordinance and the status of digital billboards please visit <http://banbillboardblight.org/>

Election of Officers

The Hillside Federation elected its slate of officers at the April 2013 meeting. For a list of officers and current member organizations please visit: <http://hillsidefederation.org/>

Q&A with City Attorney Candidates

At its April 2013 meeting the two finalists in the race for City Attorney - Carmen Trutanich and Mike Feuer - joined the Hillside Federation for a Q&A session.

BEVERLY GLEN PLAYGROUP

Julie Kolahi, Membership Chair

Beverly Glen Playgroup is a parent-run cooperative preschool located in the heart of Beverly Glen. We occupy the Les and Dorothy River Community Center on Scenario Lane.

Tucked away in a quiet corner of the Glen, Beverly Glen Playgroup endorses a play-based developmental approach to learning, emphasizing the uniqueness of all children and respecting their individual rates of development. We believe that children learn by doing. Our focus is on the process of education versus the end product. In operation since 1946, "Playgroup" is a close-knit community of current students, parents, siblings, and alumni – a warm and supportive extension of home and family.

We offer a morning and afternoon program. Our morning program is for older children (must be 3 years old by September 1st of the school year), and our afternoon program is for younger children (must be 2 years old by September 1st of the school year).

As a neighborhood school, we try to give priority to Glen families, but ***they are not guaranteed acceptance***. All families must complete their applications on time, attend a tour and be able to fulfill all co-op requirements. Other admissions factors include the need to accommodate gender balance, siblings and alumni.

Learn more about us at our website: beverlyglenplaygroup.org.



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BEVERLY GLEN FARMERS' MARKET: DESIGNED WITH OUR NEEDS IN MIND

by Heidi Miller

Don't you just love living in The Glen? I do. I love our Garden Walks, our June Fair, our sense of community, our Playgroup, our HISTORY. And just when I thought it couldn't get any better, it did. The good folks up at the Glen Center have brought us our very own farmers' market. And not just any farmers' market: a California Certified Farmers' Market. One designed with our needs in mind.

Each Saturday, you'll find an assortment of artisan breads, exotic, locally-grown fruits, specialty jams, spreads, pestos and sauces, garden-picked herbs, farm-fresh eggs, organic vegetables, fresh pastas, olive oils, aged vinegars, gluten-free and gourmet-prepared meals, homemade gelato, fresh flowers and so much more.

Let me tell you, this farmers market makes me blissfully happy. It's my own little slice of heaven. It's just the right size. Not too big. Not too small. It has everything I need and nothing I don't. It couldn't be more convenient, and when I'm there, I'm always guaranteed to run into someone I know. And with its petting zoo, candy apples, slides and bouncy house, it truly is fun for the whole family.



My personal obsession at the moment is the cherimoyas. Mark Twain called these "the most delicious fruit known to man"



Photos: Heidi Miller

and for good reason. Slice open these gorgeous, green, often-heart-shaped fruit with a scaly, dragon-like skin, and inside you'll find a creamy, sweet, custardy flesh that tastes a bit like a cross between a pineapple, a mango, a strawberry and a banana.

When ripe, like an avocado, their skin begins to brown and they yield to gentle pressure. They have big, dark, slippery seeds that are easy to remove. (The seeds, in fact, are considered poisonous when crushed up and make an excellent insecticide.) But the most impressive thing about these little gems is that they contain an impressive amount of nutrients, vitamins, anti-oxidants and minerals and are even thought to help fight certain types of cancer.

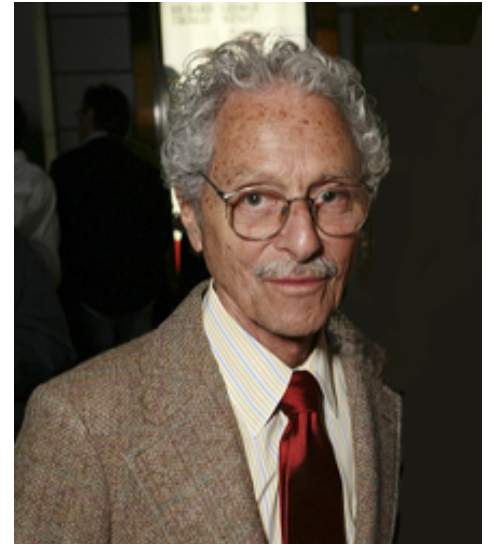
They're in season March through June, with the peak California season being April through May; so run up and get them while you can.



Mark your calendar. Set your clocks. This weekend, get yourself out of the house and into the glorious LA sun to support your local farmers, and fill your fridge, pantry and fruit bowl with some of the healthiest, freshest, tastiest food around. You will be glad you did.

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Allan Franklin Arbus

Feb 15, 1918 - April 19, 2013

A Glen Treasure Lost

Allan Arbus was born in New York City and became interested in both music and acting while in high school, both passions continuing throughout his life. His early profession, however, was photography. He began that career in 1941 as a photographer for the US Army during World War II. After the war, he established a highly successful fashion photography studio, along with his first wife, Diane Arbus, whom he mentored in the art. They had two daughters, Amy (a photojournalist) and Doon (a writer and art director). When Diane Arbus left the business in 1956, Allan continued his work in fashion photography but began studying acting as well. After Allan and Diane divorced, in 1969, Allan headed to Los Angeles to pursue a career in acting.

As most of us know, Allan was a highly successful character actor, appearing in more than 70 television shows and movies, in addition to his theater roles. His acting career spanned close to half a century, beginning with off-Broadway roles during the 11 years before coming to Los Angeles, then his first TV role as a doctor in "Hey, Continued on page 6



Allan Arbus, continued from page 5

Let's Twist" in 1961, and extending to his noteworthy appearance in the Arthur Miller play, "The Price", in 2001. Allan is best known for his role as Major Sidney Freedman, the witty psychiatrist in the TV series M*A*S*H. Despite these accomplishments, Allan was a very private and humble person, appreciated for his warmth and his humanity.

In 1977, Allan married fellow actor Mariclare Costello who continues to live in the Glen. Their daughter, Arin Arbus, grew up in the Glen (a Playgroup alumna) and is now an accomplished theater director, living in New York. We have all been enriched by Allan's life and extend our sympathy to Mariclare and Arin. If there is a basement in heaven with a piano, Allan is surely there.

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through the different levels enjoying the sounds of the waterfalls along the way. Hummus and olive tapenade cups and raspberry lemonade were welcome refreshments.



Barton Phelps and Karen Simonsen's Arroyo House on Lelia Lane

Barton and Karen's Arroyo House now functions as a portal to an expanded holding of two acres where terracing and runoff controls have allowed the creation of a sequence of outdoor spaces each supporting specific seasonal uses. From the "Landing Pad" at the top to the Citrus Patio below the house, the gardens fall 130 feet. There is even a small vineyard that produces Cabernet Franc and Sauvignon Blanc grapes for estate-bottled winemaking. Barton and Karen graciously opened their home for a look at the fabulous interior as well. Beer and other refreshments were enjoyed by all.

The 5 properties that were showcased this year were truly spectacular, and I know all of the homeowners enjoyed sharing their properties with their friends and neighbors.

We live in such a magical place, and it is events like the Garden Walk that keep the community going.

Next up: Mark your calendars for the 53rd Annual Residents of Beverly Glen Fair on Sunday June 2nd from Noon until 5pm!

IN THE KITCHEN WITH DIANE **Wild Rice with Fresh Peas**



by Diane LaFleur

Ingredients:

- 3 cups cooked wild rice (follow instructions on rice packet)
- 1 cup fresh peas
- ½ cup sliced pea pods, about ¼" wide, cut across the length (discard the end pieces)
- ¼ cup chopped scallions
- 3 Tb toasted sesame oil
- 2 Tb olive oil
- Salt to taste

Sauté three cups of cooked wild rice in 2 Tablespoon of olive oil. Add in fresh peas, scallions, and sesame oil. Sauté for about 3-4 minutes and add in the sliced pea pods. Sauté for an additional minute, and salt to taste. You can substitute any cooked grain or combination of grains for this recipe (barley, rye, red rice, black rice, etc.). Serves 6-8.



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