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Fun, Food and Friendship at Glen Holiday Party

By Elke Heitmeyer

The Glen holiday party was filled with the warmth of the community as neighbors gathered at the Center in December.

The tables overflowed with generous and delicious food items from Glenites and our wonderful restaurants. We would like to extend a warm thank you to all of you who took the time to contribute to and attend this popular event.

A special Thank You to Fabrocinis, Beverly Glen Deli and the Glen Market for their generous donations of food and drink. Readers, please thank them in person next time you visit them.

The wine tasting table hosted by Steven Foonberg, Beverly Glen Realty, and generously poured by Michelle Vannoy was once again a big hit and not a drop was left in any bottle. Throughout the years Beverly Glen Realty has been the most ardent supporter of our community efforts and we so appreciate them!

A very very special thank you to Jadon Friedberg for all of his hard work providing the sound equipment and his technical savvy for our enjoyment of the movies and the music.



Always a big crowd...

The children enjoyed themselves tremendously in heated yard. There were arts and crafts projects and much loved movies.

We also appreciate everyone that came early and stayed late for the set-up and clean up. It takes a lot of work to put on the events big or small, but together it can get done with ease and fun. The community participation in Beverly Glen is really fabulous.

I encourage you to speak to a ROBG board member about becoming involved at some level that works for you. The Garden walk on April 10 would be a great opportunity.



Glen Garden Walk

April 10 • 12:30 pm

Refreshments at LDRCC

10409 Scenario Lane

See the beautiful lush gardens after the rain and learn how local gardeners are adapting to climate change.

Photos: Roger Marshutz



Delicious desserts prepared by Glenites



Three girls enjoying treats

Message from the President

Happy Spring to all our Neighbors! Yes, Beverly Glen Canyon is a neighborhood... not like most neighborhoods in the city, but a neighborhood just the same. We are missing a few things that I was raised to "think" that neighborhoods needed. Sidewalks for one. We (for the most part) do not have sidewalks. What a blessing that would be if we could even have an 18 inch pathway on both sides of the Blvd. to walk on, to push a stroller on, to walk a dog on ~~~ safely. Have you thought about that? Until we can come up with that solution, we must consider how we travel our streets safely, along the curbs. Do you think about people walking along the curb when you are driving? I know that commuters do not often think about us walkers, but I sure hope that our residents drive cautiously through the Glen.

We are a large neighborhood. Have a great time getting to know your neighbors. Come out to The Garden Walk on April 10th! We have such a wonderful and fun time! I look forward to seeing many of you there. Let's get some outdoor fun into our lives here in the Glen!

Enjoy this wonderful Spring, longer daylight hours, green hills and trees!

Tensie Palmer

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Glenite Summer 2016 deadline:

Submissions needed by April 30, 2016

EXHIBIT AT THE FAIR!

Calling all artists, artisans, crafts people of all ages, jewelry makers, for the annual Fair on Sunday, June 5! If you would like to display your handcrafted work, please contact Karen Simonson at treasurer@beverlyglen.org for information about setting up a booth. No fee for residents of Beverly Glen!

Friends of The Glen



1st Emergency Radio installed and tested!

Combined effort of old and young captured the moment and brought a big part of Emergency Preparedness to fruition. Installation of the Emergency Communication Network of Beverly Glen (ECNOBG) started on Saturday March 18, 2016 at Craig O'Connor's carport. This location is the first of similar installations though out the length of North Beverly Glen from Sunset Blvd to Nicada Drive. When power goes out and there is a need for neighborhood first responders, these communication stations will enable them to coordinate actions.



Dan Palmer and his crew preparing to test the ECNOBG
Kerry Jensen, Zen Jensen, Zane Neelin, Gregg Neelin, Eric Paige, Matt Kauthen, Craig O'Connor & Dan Palmer

Following the installation of the 2-way radio, the group hiked up Crater Lane to view the location of the ECNOBG system radio signal extender device. (Repeater) We were joined by Hildreth Simmons, she informed us about rain causing land movement, the need to save rain water and how we all must recycle.

One more task was completed by the group. A full test of the audio signal strength from the Beverly Glen Market to the Beverly Glen Center. We are happy to report that the transmissions were satisfactory!

Emergency Preparedness is alive and well here in Beverly Glen, contact Dan Palmer (emergency@beverlyglen.org) Volunteer, be prepared.



CHEERS FOR CALTRANS!

Yes, you heard that right. Caltrans is planning to build a wildlife bridge crossing the 101 Freeway at Liberty Canyon. To find out more about the project go to: www.dot.ca.gov/dist07/travel/projects/libertycanyon/. They are not just saving a few turtles in the dessert, they are doing something that will have a lasting impact on OUR local ecology. They will increase the biodiversity and mitigate the effects of climate change. ROBG sent a letter to Caltrans supporting the project. We also encourage Caltrans to add other wildlife crossings in So. Calif. District #7 so that Angeles National Forest could be connected to Castaic Recreational area and Los Padres National Forest.

It gets even better, Caltrans is working with other groups throughout the state to make other crossings. They are planning a wildlife tunnel under HWY #17 in Santa Cruz County. (So much to talk about - so little space.) We are not alone! On the east coast individuals, corporations and governmental agencies are working together to create free passage for wildlife from Florida to Maine!

Now is your chance to make a difference. We need you to write more letters to Caltrans encouraging them to expand their efforts. We also need someone to organize or just volunteer to form a ROBG committee that will help support Caltrans and other organizations in their efforts though out the state.

Write to:

Barbara Marquez, Sr. Environmental Engineer
Division of Environmental Planning - Liberty Canyon Project
Caltrans
100 S. Main St., MS 16A
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Let's see you at our next meeting the second Monday of the month at 7:30 pm.

Charles Buell, Zoning Chairman

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EVERYTHING YOU'VE EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT CHAPARRAL

by Barton Phelps

Chaparral is the unscientific term for the most extensive, native plant regime in California. It's also the state's most characteristic wilderness. Driving out of towns and cities in southern California and into what remains of the countryside, one is sooner or later immersed in chaparral. In the canyon overlay of western Los Angeles this dynamic seems to work in reverse. Here the chaparral actually keeps the city away. And in narrow, less well developed canyons like Beverly Glen, the transition occurs with amazing speed and clarity.

While not particularly prepossessing as forests go, chaparral has been around for a very long time, its success goes unquestioned, and the observant find beauty in it. But, as locals are quick to note, this is also a landscape of fear. Having evolved as a fire-dependent ecosystem, chaparral provides perfect conditions for ignition and fueling of fast-moving wildfires.

The California Chaparral Institute informs us that the word chaparral comes from the Spanish chaparro for a dwarf evergreen oak or a thicket of them. Ecologists define it as a semi-arid, shrub-dominated association of woody plants shaped by summer drought, mild, wet winters, and occasional fires that are referred to as sclerophyllous. This term is derived from ancient Greek for "hard-leaved" and plants so-named exhibit traits that reduce evaporation. These include waxy coatings, unusually thick cell layers, and recessed stomata - the pores that allow evaporation and the exchange of oxygen and carbon dioxide. The dense low-lying growth is viciously thorny reminding us that protective leather leggings worn by horsemen in Alta California, were called "chaps" for a reason.

Botanists tell us that chaparral began forming in southern California approximately fourteen million years ago at a time when the frequency of summer rains began to decrease. Beginning about ten million years ago the occurrence of fire appears to have increased dramatically, accelerated selection for adaptations that helped plant

life survive. Plants requiring more moisture were pushed into canyons and higher elevations.

Then, around two million years ago, coastal uplift occurred, creating some of the modern variation in elevation that we see today. In California, coastal mountains block moist, ocean air from blowing further inland and seasonal change is defined more by the presence or absence of moisture than it is by variations in temperature. Hot, dry summers and mild, wet winters (much like spring elsewhere in the U.S.) characterize the pleasant "Mediterranean" climate that exists in southern California and only six other regions on Earth. Due to enclosing mountain barriers, there's just enough moisture on its western side to support the chaparral and plant success is tightly regulated in the regime.

For example, while mature endemic tree species, especially Black Walnut (*Juglans californica*), Mountain Mahogany (*Cercocarpus betuloides*), and many species of *Ceanothus* proliferate all over uncleared land beyond the gardens Arroyo House. Live Oaks (*Quercus agrifolia*) have a much harder time of it. In natural conditions, without irrigation, their success is predictably location-specific and seedlings are successful only on north-facing slopes and even there Oaks will most likely be found growing in lines tracing seasonal streams or barrancas that flow into the watercourse below. Building and planting in undisturbed canyon land means encountering the chaparral and design strategies for both merging and contrasting can useful.

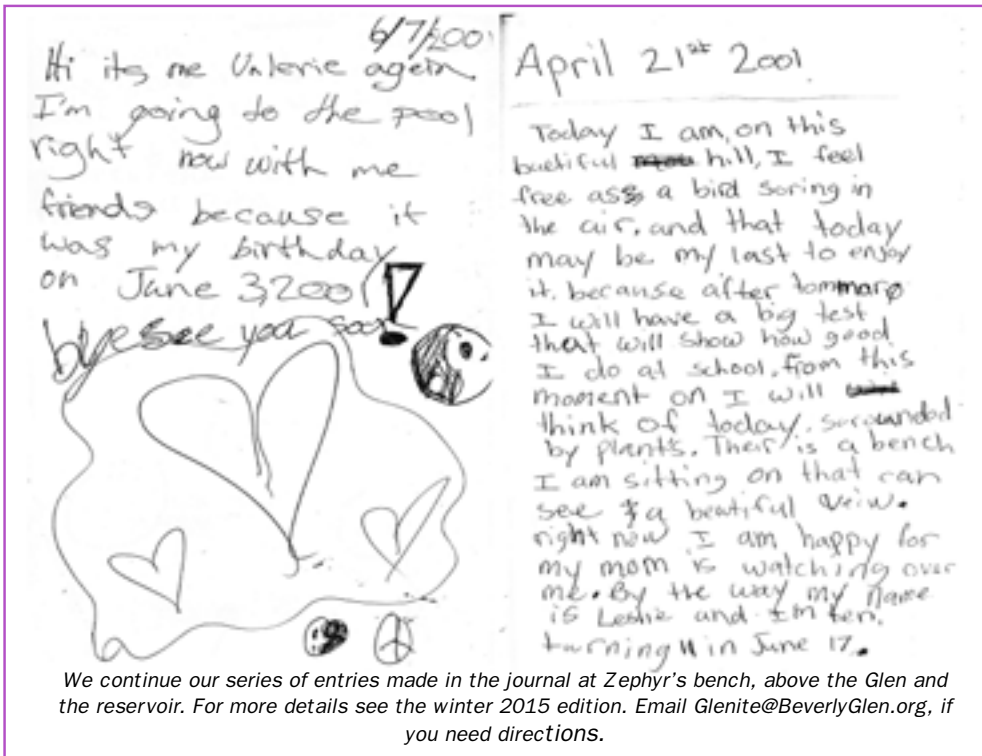
Chaparral requires relatively frequent burning in order to remain healthy and display its natural beauty. The Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve near Murrieta,



Glen chaparral with Glenites

California, an 8,400 acre natural preserve jointly owned by the State of California, Riverside County, the Metropolitan Water District and the Nature Conservancy displays the effect of scientific habitat management. Its chaparral is invigorated by controlled burning administered by resident ecologists on windless days with firefighters standing by. The fires are started in what is referred to as a stochastic schedule that mimics the randomness in occurrence of natural fire that moved constantly across what is now southern California prior to European colonization. The result is a naturally groomed rolling terrain that bears a remarkable likeness to the pastoral countryside of the south of England.

As of this writing, the chaparral in Beverly Glen has not been subject to a rejuvenating fire since the Bel Air fire over a half century ago and it shows. Even before the severe drought of the last four years it presented a notably stressed appearance with accumulations of disturbance plants, exotic grasses, and overgrown, disfigured trees and shrubs often growing horizontally in desperate competition for sunlight. A deep layer of duff covers much of the forest floor. Recently, native trees have died in great numbers and a huge amount of fuel is present. The chaparral of Beverly Glen is literally dying for a fire.



We continue our series of entries made in the journal at Zephyr's bench, above the Glen and the reservoir. For more details see the winter 2015 edition. Email Glenite@BeverlyGlen.org, if you need directions.

WHY THE GLEN IS SO SPECIAL!

by Gillian Calof, VP, ROBG

We all know the Glen is special for many reasons. When I moved here 10 years ago I immediately knew this was the case. From the beautiful semi-rural setting and its fauna and flora to being able to see stars at night - our spot in the City of Los Angeles is unlike any other. It's rare to be able to live in a metropolis and yet feel like you live in the country at the same time. But despite these things it's perhaps our residents and community that I love best.

Our community is a rich one - the people are friendly, kind and support one another. Five years ago the breadth of this community expanded further when our family became members of Beverly Glen Playgroup. Our young children have not only made friends with numerous other children in the community, but we've made many lovely friends ourselves. Through these friendships we have helped each other out with childcare; we've organized many playdates and birthdays and BBQs; we've carpoled to and from school on days we have outside commitments (reducing the number of cars coming and going from Beverly Glen Place as an added bonus!); and, we've spent countless hours picnicking together at Briarwood Park. These friendships have only just added to the spirit of the Glen community. We are all so fortunate to have this rare gem of a neighborhood in Los Angeles. n Assoc. is strongly encouraged. The more members we have, the stronger we are, and the more power we have in City Hall!



A new little Glenite!

Adriana and Lawrence Imel are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, **Chloe Florentina Imel**. Chloe was born at the UCLA Hospital (Go Bruins!) on October 8, 2015. She weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces and was approximately 19 inches long. The community rejoices with them and is looking forward to meeting little Chloe!



In the Kitchen with Diane

SLOW ROASTED TOMATO TAPENADE

Recently we entertained for a friend's 60th birthday and one of the guests, our friend Orly, brought the most delicious tapenade. I asked her for the recipe for this column.

Makes about 1 1/2 cups

Ingredients:

- 3 small baskets of mid-size cherry tomatoes (organic if possible)
- 1 tsp. fresh thyme leaves (no stems)
- one small pinch chili flakes (optional) or substitute with 2 cloves of fresh garlic peeled
- pinch of fresh ground black pepper
- pinch of kosher or sea salt
- 1 ¼ cups olive oil

Cut each tomato in half; combine all of the ingredients in an oven proof baking dish (glass or ceramic is best) and let sit for 1 hr.

Preheat oven to 275 degrees.

Bake the ingredients for one hour at 275, lower the temp. to 225 and bake 3-4 hours.

This is delicious with a soft goat cheese on bread with lox, or can be used with pasta—just stir in at room temp. into the hot pasta.

This will keep, refrigerated, for about one week.

Gypsy Sound Revolution in the Glen and at Vibrato!

Frenchman Cedric Leonardi arrived in the Glen five years ago with his 1995 Maple Custom Yamaha drum kit, affectionately know as his “Japanese wife” and a suitcase of Indian kurta, his preferred style of dress. Marrying the Glen’s long time Australian resident Hedda Leonardi saw a convergence of food, music, yoga and travel. The couple - who have five daughter between them- started two passion projects, one based on Cedric’s roots as drummer for the world famous Gipsy Kings, the other based on Hedda’s long time love affair with whole foods and yoga. The Gypsy Sound Revolution, as the music project is called, mixes the Gipsy Kings rumba from Cedric’s home town Montpellier with the rhythms of the tribe that are the descendants of all gypsy culture, the Manganiyar of Rajasthan. For a few years now, their Beverly Glen residence



has been hosting Cedric’s fellow Gipsy Kings band mates Mario and George Reyes and their three Rajasthani band mates, Manjoor, Dilawar and Nehru Khan. The Indo-Gypsy fusion project has been setting audiences on fire with a launch at The Kennedy Center (Aired through TED on July 16, 15), performances in front of Mick Jagger and the Maharajah of Jodhpur for the Rajasthan International Folk Festival. April 20th, the group will perform at “our LA home,” VIBRATO, on top of the Glen, the classiest club in the US, run by dear friend Eden Alpert.

For more information on the music www.gypsystoundrevolution.com

Hedda will organize a global cooking event at the community center. Learning how to make Dhal, Roti and Salad Nicoise! A community event in early May. Look for the announcement email and posters.



Longtime Glen resident Janice Convery has recently become a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the all-volunteer arm of the U.S. Coast Guard. As a USCGAUX member, she, along with 31,000 other Auxiliarists nationwide, is tasked with providing recreational boater safety and assisting the Coast Guard in its missions (excluding law enforcement). Beverly Glen is less than 10 miles to the ocean, which makes living here a great way to enjoy the best of both worlds--canyon and seaside.

The community appreciates Janice’ willingness to serve.

BEAUTIFUL GLEN GARDENS ARE BECKONING

By Renee Ordeneaux and Elke Heitmeyer

Enjoy the varied and beautiful gardens showcased on April 10. Learn about new plants and watering techniques, enjoy the lushness the rains have brought out.

Share your gardening tips and tricks with your neighbors as you walk our beautiful canyon. There will be new gardens to explore and old favorites to revisit. The community greatly appreciates the hosts for opening their properties to us.

We will meet for refreshments at 12:30 pm at the Les & Dorothy River Community Center (LDRCC), 10409 Scenario LN at the corner of Beverly Glen Place, behind the former Four Oaks Restaurant. Wear comfortable walking shoes. The event is free to current members and \$5 for each non-member adult.

If you haven’t paid dues for 2016, please bring cash, check or credit card to renew your annual membership or visit www.beverlyglen.org to renew online.

Please contact Renee if you’re interested in volunteering to help out on the day at 310-383-3560 or email social@beverlyglen.org.

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