

Summer 2016



# The Glenite

News and Noteworthy Goings-on in the Glen

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## Glenites loved the Gardens on their Walk

On Sunday, April 10, many Glen residents and guests got to experience some of the hidden beauty of the Glen in four Glen gardens during the annual Garden Walk. The day started with brunch at the Les and Dorothy River Community Center, including coffee, orange and pomegranate mimosas and delicious appetizers. There was also a popular gardening activity for children. Kids were able to set up their own little gardens and make a fairy to live in it. The kids loved it. A big Thank You goes to Leah Acosta, owner of the Four Oaks property, who donated the materials and her time to the children.

After the children's activity and socializing for the adults, Glenites started off to tour the gardens. New to the tour this year were the vegetable gardens of Sally and Frank Krasne, who have built raccoon-proof "cages" around vegetable gardens filled with tomatoes and other edibles. The Krasne's garden was an inspiration for those of us working with very steep lots, a lot of shade and regular wildlife visits.

Three popular locations from previous years were back on the tour this year. Barton Phelps and Karen Simonson's Arroyo House, designed by Barton, is a special treat making incredible use of the Glen's geography and landscape. The gardens include a small vineyard, a citrus patio, impressive retaining walls, comfortable seating in the shade and dramatic plantings of agave. Beyond the formal plantings, the chaparral extends, offering its wilder beauty.

David May's garden in the northern part of Beverly Glen really impressed walkers with its tree collection numbering more than 250, with many fruit-bearing trees. The steep site also provides beautiful views for those intrepid Garden Walk attendees who made it up the



Christina and Gavin Fabian and baby Hadley

canyon and David's slopes. On the ridge above the May's property is Zehpyr's Bench, a place to reflect and really enjoy our beautiful nature and the view of the reservoir. During other



Renee & Justine

times of the year, the ridge trail can be accessed from Basil Lane off of Nicada.

Eric and Sharelee Flesche again showcased their home right on Beverly Glen, with its terraced modern landscaping and delightful water features. Each of these landscapes are inspirations to gardeners seeking to enhance and complement the natural beauty of our Glen.

We are very grateful to the homeowners who not only showcased their gardens, but welcomed visitors with delicious snacks and wine.



Janine & Elaine



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## Message from the Board

Dear Glen Neighbors,

It is an honor and a pleasure to serve our community, and we do our best to look out for all of you, to ensure we in the Glen receive the city services we deserve, to ensure we are prepared as best as possible – for the next emergency, be it fire, mudslides (seem like ancient history at this point) or the ever threatening earthquake. We work to maintain our beautiful nature and organize some wonderful events for your enjoyment. We hope you will all join us for the very fun Glen Fair June 5. We would also love to see you at our meetings 2nd. Monday of the month at the Community Center on Scenario Lane. Drop in to check it out, share a concern, or to see whether there might be a spot for you.

We are a bunch of good people – and we always welcome your participation – a couple of hours a month is all it takes to support the community we all care about.

*Elke, et al.*

### PLAYGROUP HOSTED AT LDRCC

Playgroup kids are happy kids! Playgroup offers two preschool programs for children ages 2 – 5. The morning program is for older children (must be 3 by Sept. 1st), and the afternoon program is for younger children (must be 2 by Sept. 1st). Parents participate in their kids' education at the school. There is also a Parent & Me program that is designed for children who will be between 6 months and 2 years of age by September 1.

Parents can register to tour and download preschool applications at [beverlyglenplaygroup.org](http://beverlyglenplaygroup.org).

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Glenite Fall 2016 deadline:

**Submissions needed by July 30, 2016**

# Come and have Fun at the Fair on Sunday June 5!



The "friendliest neighborhood in the city" will once again come together to have a grand time, when the Beverly Glen Fair swings along the Place.

Some new elements - and lots of your old favorites. Barbecued burgers, corn and hot dogs, chili, delicious Glen food and desserts, fabulous live music and entertainment. One of beloved Shira's belly dancer friends will grace the event again. The kids will have all kinds of activities, including face painting, plant a flower,

tote decorating, carnival games, glitter tattoos, a balloon artist, and bouncies. Rumor has it that Justin Bourret's Dad Bod Quad beer will also make a comeback in the beer area. As in past years, Beverly Glen Realty/Westside Realty Group will provide a tasting of unusual wines. Unique and precious

arts and crafts will be available to purchase as gifts for yourself or people you care about.

Many people are busy pulling the fair together - and we all look forward to seeing the smiling faces of all of our neighbors!

## GLEN FAIR: MUSIC FROM YESTERYEAR

The saying goes "the more things change the more they stay the same," but maybe that's not always true.

Here is a taste of our musical entertainment from as far back as the 60's, and I don't think we've seen a jug band for some time (or at least a washboard). The dulcimer is a nice touch, too. So come around this year, you never know who (or what) may be performing.



Vintage Glen Fair photos courtesy of Marc Olevin

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## Les River Historical Glen Notes – FASCINATING!

*By Les River, edited by Elke Heitmeyer*

Your editor discovered notes from a tour which Les River (after whom our Community Center is named) gave in the Canyon. I have to research whether the houses he mentions (Glen Miller and Marilyn Monroe spent time in some of them...) are still there, but this one is the first in the series:

### 805 N. Beverly Glen

The Swiss chalet in the rear was the first home on that property. It was built just before WW I – a copy of the Swiss chalet in which Henry Liefer was born.

The other houses along that driveway were designed and built by Rodney Walker in the early 50's and re-modeled by Dick Watts in the 60s.



### THE ORIGIN OF THE GOAT

In 1913 a Swiss gentleman named Henry (Heinrich) Liefer, aged 50, came to Beverly Glen with advice from the doctors that he had but one year to live. He ended up living in the Glen for another 40 years! Mr. Liefer always attributed his longevity to drinking goats' milk every day.

He had imported some Alpine goats, and soon there were many of them, grazing up the hills behind the canyon in what is now Bel Air (ca. 1921) Over the years Liefer had many customers for his goat milk, including Warner Baxter, (an American actor, known for his role as The Cisco Kid in "Old Arizona", for which he won an Oscar) who lived in a large house near the top of the hill.

... Legend has it that Mr. Liefer himself posed for our Res. of Bev. Glen goat. That is not true. The artist is simply known to have commented that Mr. Liefer looked as good as one of his own goats at age ninety (and probably had an eye on Picasso's goat as well...).

## There, A Field

*by Deivis Danovitch (age 8)*

There, a field.

The green grass sways in the  
gentle breeze,

And a lake, full of mysteries.

On one side a small wood,  
Rabbits are scurrying as they  
should.

On the other side are  
rolling hills,

blocking out the  
mountain chills.

*For this month's Glenite, my daughter Maya (age 10) interviewed our neighbor Dylan Davis (age 11) about his singing career. She summarized it in the article below:*

### Interview of Dylan Davis (age 11) about his singing career

*By Maya Danovitch (age 10)*

Dylan Davis is a talented singer who is currently part of the National Children's Chorus. He started singing at 8 years old, and now, at 11 years old, says that he doesn't even get too nervous when performing anymore, with the exception of solos. The excellent young man has performed at the Hollywood Bowl with Dudamel, and at Disney Hall, Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center and Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. Dylan now performs with the NCC organization and previously performed with the L.A. Opera. This year he sang the national anthem for opening day of the Little League baseball season, solo. Dylan reports that among his choir he has made two good friends, Patrick and Matthew. Dylan may be the face of the future, but he is also the face of audition posters for his choir! Presently 11 years old, Dylan Davis is a great role model to young passionate singers like him.

## CARIBOU LANE CELEBRATES ITS FIRST BLOCK PARTY

On Sunday, May 15th the neighbors of Caribou Lane joined together for their first annual block party. In the Danovitch's backyard they shared a potluck of burgers, home-smoked salmon, fresh guacamole and salads and other treats. While the adults chatted, the kids of Caribou enjoyed making giant bubbles, face painting, coloring caribou, and having a spontaneous hike on the hillside together.



The ever-sociable Glenites know how to enjoy a block party.



The kids had a good time, too.

Photos: Daina Danovitch



## In the Kitchen with Diane

by Diane LaFleur

*Masterchef Diane is on hiatus, your editor felt this recipe is so unique, it is worth reprinting.*

### Preserved Lemons

This is a Moroccan style recipe that uses kosher salt to pickle lemons. It is a very simple recipe, but takes about 5 weeks to have the final outcome. I just love the flavor and they are good in so many dishes.

#### INGREDIENTS

- 6 large lemons, well scrubbed and cut into quarters (Look for unblemished, firm lemons that feel heavy for their size and have no tinges of green, which indicates that they're under-ripe. Lemons with a thick skin are best for this recipe. Avoid very pale lemons, as they are older, and will contain less juice).
- 1/2 cup kosher salt (more or less)

Sterilized quart canning jar with lid (I sterilize the jar by placing it and the lid in a cold oven. Turn on the oven to 325. When it reaches 325 take out and cool).

Place about 2-3 Tbsp of salt in the bottom of the sterilized jar. One by one add a few lemon pieces and then more salt until all of the lemons and salt fit tightly into the jar. Push down. Cover with more salt and push down again. The juice will start to come out of the lemons.

Seal the jar and let sit on your kitchen counter overnight. The next day open the jar and push in a few more lemon pieces and add in a final layer of salt on top. Now, let this stay on your kitchen counter for about 5-6 weeks. Over time the rind of the lemon becomes very soft and the salt begins to turn into a beautiful syrup.

After 5-6 weeks, try one of the lemons. Cut a small piece (these really go a long way), rinse. Use just the rind and white part. Chop into small pieces and add to steamed carrots with olive oil and parsley. Really good in salads of any kind. Sprinkle on chicken before baking. Add a little fresh garlic and olive oil and mix with cooked beats. You can store these in the refrigerator for up to 6 months.



## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MEETING

Sunday June 12 @ 2 pm  
LDRCC -10409 Scenario Lane

We will install one more Communication Box at LDRCC and decide where the 3rd one will be installed, so that the entire Canyon community can be connected in case of an emergency. We will also review, which signs along the Blvd need to be cleared of obstructing brush. In case of questions, please email [emergency@beverlyglen.org](mailto:emergency@beverlyglen.org)



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## Zephyr's Bench Update

We are reviewing the entries to see what else you might like to see from the journals at Zephyr's Bench on the ridge above Beverly Glen and the Reservoir.

Email [glenite@beverlyglen.org](mailto:glenite@beverlyglen.org) for directions.

Here is a photo of Glenites at the bench, hearing from the creator David May.

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