



The Branding Iron

DUARTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

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President's Message



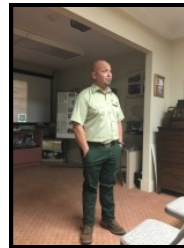
Colleen McKay with red-tailed hawk "Naomi" and great-horned owl "Professor Woody Owlbert"



MEET YOUR 4-LEGGED NEIGHBORS UP CLOSE SATURDAY, AUGUST 6 AT 2 FAMILY EVENT!

Possoms, skunks and raccoons, oh my! Living in the foothills we co-exist with many different types of wildlife. To meet a few up close, join Colleen McKay, Regional Park Superintendent I from Whittier Narrows, who will bring pelts to share, a red-tailed hawk named "Naomi," a great-horned owl named "Professor Woody Owlbert," and a barn owl named "Sora." A few slithery snakes may come along and she will pass around pelts so we can experience what our backyard visitors feel like. Kids will love it! The birds are well mannered and are anxious to visit. Space is limited so come early. For more information call (626) 358-0329.

WHO MANAGES OUR MOUNTAINS AND WHAT IS AHEAD?



Nathan Judy



President Barack Obama recently designated a San Gabriel Mountains National Monument encompassing 346,177 acres of the Angeles National Forest. Nathan Judy, of the U.S. Forestry, explained the ramifications of this designation at a museum talk on April 15. Dozens of questions from the audience gave proof of the interest local Duarteans have in this project. The upshot was "it's in the planning stages," that many agencies are involved and funding has not yet been allocated.

ROYAL OAKS STUDENTS

One of the highlights of our Local History Unit is visiting the Duarte Historical Museum. Not only does it expose the students to a museum that's in their own back yard, it helps them to become aware that their community was not always as it appears now. They see artifacts such as the Andres Duarte branding iron, orange crate labels, the great flood of 1938, and a display about the big band leader, Glenn Miller. A nice surprise this year was to see a new display with information about the Gold Line, more proof to see that a community is ever changing. Thanks to the docents who helped the students during their visit: Mark and Pauline Montgomery, Dan Crandall and Marion Stone.

—Lorri Rosenfeld, teacher

DOCENT APPRECIATION LUNCH GIVES THANKS

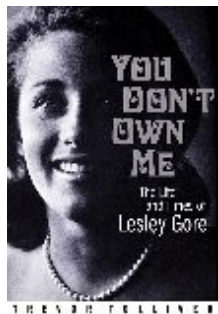


Lunch catered by Juan Pollo Chicken and a mesmerizing talk on “Stone Stories” by Monrovia Janie Duncan made for an educational and entertaining afternoon for those who make it possible for the Museum to remain open.

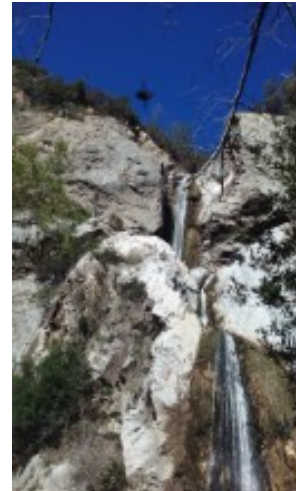
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LOCAL AUTHOR SHELF

The Museum library now features a shelf featuring works by local authors such as Bob & Julie Davey, Elizabeth Pomeroy, Marisela Adams, Trevor Toliver, and many more. The books are not for loan, but feel free to spend time and look them over. Other books feature local history, local school yearbooks and natural history.



FAMILY WILDERNESS DAY FEATURES HIKE TO FALLS



On April 2 weary hikers descended the Falls Trail and stopped by the Museum for water and bragging rights. (Photo by Zoe Osburn)

They arrived from all over the state to trek up the trail to what is known as the most beautiful waterfall in the San Gabriel Mountains. Thanks to a wet winter, the three-tiered falls were gushing crystal clear waters to the delight of the hikers. The two-mile trail transcends through a bubbling river shaded by a canopy of trees. Although the city maintains the trail there are narrow spots aside plunging cliffs and an overabundant amount of poison oak, but the 2 mile hike is enjoyed by young and old alike, as well as canine companions. It is one of the very positive draws to Duarte despite the destruction in the area leveled by the quarry operation.

DOCENTS NEEDED
It's fun and educational! Docents need only serve about once every other month on a Saturday or Wednesday. For more information Call Sheri Uhlig at (626) 523-6622

JAN WIGHT HAS LEFT DUARTE A BETTER PLACE

A dedicated supporter of the Duarte Historical Society & Museum, Jan Wight was a familiar face at all museum activities. She came to the area as a child and graduated from Monrovia-Duarte High School. An integral part of Duarte, she was active in the Duarte Woman's Club, the Duarte Kiwanis, and Friends of the Duarte Library. Jan served on the DUSD Board from 1987-1995 and the Education Foundation from 1986-1990. She served as president and CEO of the Duarte Chamber of Commerce and worked on the initial Route 66 Parade. Jan passed away on May 2, leaving a void in the City and certainly in the life of her husband, Bob. She also leaves a son, David.



THANKS TO THE METRO GOLDLINE FOR THE FINE EXHIBIT FOR APRIL-JUNE

**A nature exhibit is planned for
August through October**

DO YOU WANT THIS NEWSLETTER?

Beginning with the July issue, the Branding Iron will only be mailed to dues-paying members. You can, however, access it on the Museum website at www.RanchoDeDuarte.org.



NESTING BALD EAGLE TOPS MUSEUM BIRDING LIST

On a crystal clear Duarte morning on May 1, a group of 20 birders trekked along the Encanto Park bioswale from the Museum and then proceeded across the Puente Largo Bridge to the first spillway. Among the 47 species counted were yellow-chevroned parakeets, Vaux's Swifts, a flock of Cedar Waxwings, a dozen Lesser Goldfinches, and a Western Tanager. With a bit of water in the river, binoculars focused on a few mallards, a western sandpiper and a killdeer. The walk was led by ornithologist Kimball Garrett, collections manager at the L.A. County Museum of Natural History.

Following the walk, some of the birders caravanned up Hwy 39 to a lookout near the San Gabriel Dam to observe a nesting immature bald eagle sharing a nest with a baby bald eagle, a rare site in the area. The nest, in sight from the highway, is perched in a tall tree and some observers have been lucky to spot the parents, the juvenile and the baby.

Photos by Candace Dougherty, Tuko Nakamoto, and Alan Heller

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

July 20, 4:30 p.m. Board meeting at Museum.

August 2, 5-9 p.m. National Nite Out at Encanto-Park. The museum will be open featuring Jim Constantian and his music machines. Sounds of music from the 20s and Glenn Miller will keep you in the mood.

August 6, 2 p.m. "Meet your Neighbors Wildlife talk" by Colleen McKay. Free. Family event!

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