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Santa Susana Mountain Park Association P.O. Box 831, Chatsworth, California 91311

Hello folks! This time we have some good news for you. The Santa Monica Mtn. Conservancy is accepting the dedication of the open space lots on the condo development going in on the Santa Susana Pass Rd. just west of Topanga Cyn. This area is known as the Garden of the Gods. The open space includes part of Devils Canyon north of the Simi Freeway. This is just what we need to keep these beautiful places open to the public once the development is completed. SSMPA will help to manage the property.

We hope that shortly we can let you in on another donation that includes part of the Old Stage Coach Trail. We will know more in another month or two.

If you have any time to spare and would like to help us in our efforts to preserve this beautiful land, come and join us. Our next meeting is March 21st. We meet at Glendale Fed, 21821 Devonshire Blvd. at 7:30 p.m... Our speaker is Mrs. Pepper Ebert of the Theodore Payne Foundation. She will show slides and speak on the Chaparral; the interaction of wildlife, plants, and animals. Terry Franklin, an expert on wildflowers, will show some of his collection. This is a meeting you won't want to miss.

On Sat. March 26th, we will be having our Wildflower Hike. Meet us at 9 a.m. at Rocky Peak Rd and Santa Susana Pass Rd. Bring a camera!! We will have Bob Muns along. He is a naturalist with particular interest in the wildflowers of the area.

The March meeting is also our election meeting--so come out and vote! The slate for the new year is: Pres.-Cynthia Fichtner; Vice Pres.-Glenn Bailey; Sec-Lois Scott; Fund Raising-Chessa Roth; Treas.-open; Natural Resources-Jan Hinkston; Cultural Resources-Pauline Aue; Legislative-Ed Burke; Communications-Denise Roth; Recreation--open.

We have a couple of positions open, so please join us if you have a little time that you can spare. We will accept nominations at the meeting, and will have the usual exotic goodies--carrot cake etc. and herb tea.

It's time to check your mailing label. If the date is old, send us your renewal. These dollars really help to pay our mailing costs. We appreciate the support of all of you. When we talk to the various Parks Depts. it helps when we can tell them how many members we have.

Long time member, Nancy Razanski, has written a childrens book about a swan lost in the Chatsworth area. It makes a nice gift for youngsters 2 to 8. The artwork is beautifully done by Bill Razanski, her father, a commercial artist. If you would like a copy, call Nancy at 341-3512.

We are hoping to have a play in the Park in May. "The Broken Flute" is based on a book "Decembers Child" about the Chumash Indians. It is based on traditional Chumash tales as told to the historian, John P. Harrington. We haven't ironed out all the details yet, but keep May 15th open---we hope to have the Indian dancer too.

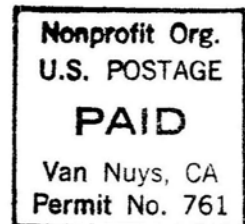
We will need your help with ticket sales as this will be a major fundraiser for us. Call us if you have any helpful suggestions.

We are enclosing a copy of our new fact sheet. Be sure to keep this for future reference. It has our regular hike schedule and phone numbers of some of our Board members. Why not give photocopies to some of your friends and see if they will join us, too.

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy has had their funding cut by the Governor. Please write to him reminding him that the funds come from Off Shore drilling and were intended to be used for parks and open space. Just a brief note will help.  
Honorable George Deukmejian, Gov. of Calif.  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Also Please telephone Assemblyman Gray Davis at (213) 275-7002 to advise him that you support his position--that of providing funding for projects that are already being worked on. These include China Flats acquisition and a buffer zone project at Rancho Sierra Vista and Point Mugu State Park. These along with other trail easements will help make our mountains more accessible. If you would like more information, call Cynthia Fichtner at 993-8229 evenings or weekends.

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