

Happy 20th Birthday!

SSMPA News

Santa Susana Mountain Park Association  
P.O. Box 4831 - Chatsworth, California 91313

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### 20th Anniversary Celebration

In November, 1970, the Santa Susana Mountain Park Association was founded by Janice Hinkston. We plan to celebrate this historic event on Sunday, November 18, 1990. The festivities include food and entertainment as well as an awards ceremony. The awards categories are as follows: Board Member; Hiking Docent; Visitor Center Docent; Committee Chairperson; and Life Member.

If you fit into any or all of these categories, you will receive an award. Please plan to be there. This activity will be a fundraiser too so expect to offer a small donation of between \$5-\$10.

We are forming a Planning Committee to track down past volunteers as well as to organize the food and entertainment. If you can help, call President Nancy Razanski at (818) 341-3512; Pauline Aue at (818) 341-5872 or Janice Hinkston at (818) 884-9610.

Thank You!

### Computer For SSMPA

It was decided by the SSMPA Board to allocate up to \$2500 for a computer. This size of expenditure requires notification of our entire paid membership. Please plan to attend our next general meeting on Monday, April 16, 1990 in the Community Room at Glendale Federal, 21821 Devonshire Steet just two blocks east of Topanga Canyon Blvd. in Chatsworth. The meeting begins at 7:30 P.M. Refreshments will be served. So come, vote, and have fun meeting other SSMPA supporters.

### Congrats to New SSMPA Board for 1990-1991

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|-------------------|--|
| President:        | Nancy Razanski (818) 341-3512  |
| Vice President:   | Bonnie Tompkins  |
| Secretary:        | Bea Samuel   |
| Treasurer:        | Zelma Van  |
| Members-At-Large: | Pauline Aue (818) 341-5872<br>Leland Baum<br>John Burton<br>Doren Rusen (818) 360-0894<br>Bill Scott |
| Founder:          | Janice Hinkston (818) 884-9610   |

### Forest and Wildlife Protection Initiative Launched

An initiative to protect California's redwood, ancient forests (including oak trees) and wildlife habitat has begun circulation in an effort to qualify the measure for the November 1990 ballot. SSMPA has endorsed this proposal and urges its members to assist by volunteering to collect signatures of registered voters during the next three weeks. Petitions will be available at our April 16th meeting. Volunteers are needed for mall and special event tabling--please return the attached volunteer card to Forests Forever in Reseda or telephone Regional Coordinator Glenn Bailey at 818/344-1992.

A Hardy Thanks To ...

1. Safari Printing for donating copies through the faxing process of important information SSMPA sent to the Save The Mountain Parks Coalition.

2. Florrie Strobel for doing SSMPA typing.

3. Susan Siskin for recently volunteering to man the Visitor Center on second Sundays from 12-3 P.M.

4. Out other Visitor Center Docents as follows:

- Gretha Davis - 1st Sunday
- Diane Armstrong - 3rd Sunday
- Linda Stone - 4th Sunday
- Nancy Razanski - 5th Sunday

5. Sunday Hikes Docents as follows:

- Kent Kelligrew - 1st Sunday
- George* Gene Davis - 2nd Sunday
- Barbara Coffman - 3rd Sunday
- Dan Cooper - 4th Sunday
- Barbara Coffman - 5th Sunday

6. Sunday Invitation to Explore Hikes Docents:

- Bill Scott - 2nd Sunday
- Janice Hinkston - 4th Sunday

If you would like to be a back-up Docent, call Janice Hinkston at (818) 884-9610.

7. Children's ~~Weekly~~ Hikes Docents:

- Barbara Coffman
- Gary Show
- Virgene Engberg
- Kent Kelligrew
- Janice Hinkston*

8. and a thanks to Steve from Springboard Engineering for the use of his laser printer to help us with an important letter sent to the Sanitation District about the proposed dump in Blind Canyon above Chatsworth.

Recycling Rally - April 18

On Wednesday, April 18, 1990 at 7:00 P.M. in Van Gogh Elementary School auditorium in Granada Hills, there will be a recycling rally with interesting speakers scheduled. You may also voice your concerns. Please come.

SSMPA will be selling sturdy cloth Eco Bags there for \$10.00 each. These bags are the alternative to using paper or plastic bags in which to carry groceries.

If you have any questions about this rally which is sponsored by Friends of Sunshine Canyon and North Valley Coalition, call Mary Edwards at 360-7635.

Pride Rally in April

Call Marilyn Stout for more information - (818) 349-6738.



vote for  
Get Prop. 117 on June Ballot

Prop. 117 is the Wildlife Protection Initiative also known as the Mountain Lion Initiative. SSMPA donated \$20,000 to this campaign and loaned \$5000 - remember?

We need your attendance at an important campaign meeting on Monday, April 30, 1990 at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Room of Mercury Savings and Loan at 14801 Ventura Blvd., in Sherman Oaks between Van Nuys Blvd. and Sepulveda Blvd.

SSMPA is the major SFV financial supporter of this legislation. We gain \$20 million for our local hills and mountains if it passes on the June, 1990 ballot.

If you have a telephone answering machine, please record the following message: Please vote for Prop. 117 to save mountain lions and their habitat on June, 1990's ballot. Thank you!

Earth Day  
By  
Corina Roberts

The first Earth Day was held in 1970. It is celebrated around the world. Its purpose is to heighten global conscienceness about the state of our planet, to educate individuals and nations about all environmental concerns and to affirm our commitment to global preservation of our own home, earth.

"We all live in the same house" is the theme of Corina Roberts' and Dan Bayer's photographic display at Simi Valley Public Library located at 2169 Tapo Canyon Rd. Hours are Monday-Thursday - 10:00 to 6:00 P.M. and Friday-Saturday - 10:00 to 5:00 P.M.

Editor's Note: This is Corina's eighth and Dan's third year doing educational photographic displays at the Simi Valley Public Library.

#### Earth Day Activities

At CSUN on April 18, 19 and 20 from 9-4 P.M. we need volunteers to man our SSMPA booth and sell books, T-shirts, eco bags and memberships - also to get Forest Forever Initiatives signed. This measure would save old growth trees of 200+ years of age. It focuses on California Redwood but many of our local oaks also qualify. It needs to get on the November, 1990 ballot or clear cutting logging practices will destroy hundreds of California's indigenous Redwoods.

We also need volunteers on Sunday, April 22, 1990 from 9-2 P.M. to man our booth at Sepulveda Basin. Call Glenn at 344-1992 or Nancy at 341-3512 if you can help.



Creatures can't write,  
but  
people can!



NO MORE NEIGHBORHOOD LANDFILLS! GO FOR RAIL HAUL!!!!

SSMPA is establishing a letter writing campaign to the L.A. County Sanitation Districts, to convince them that we, the public, know about the alternatives to neighborhood landfills and will not stand by while they try to force these proposed "neighborhood landfills" down our throats.

Send to- Joe Haworth  
L.A. County Sanitation Districts  
PO Box 4998  
Whittier, Ca 90607



If your label is dated 90-04 or earlier, it's time to renew.  
Thank you for your continued support!

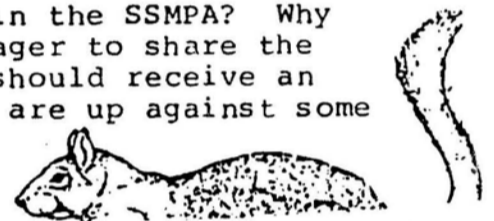


*Membership Renewal*

DUES: \$10 individual, \$15 family, \$5 student/senior,  
\$25 contributing/business, \$100 life membership

Do you know someone who is interested in the SSMPA? Why not send us their address or phone number? We are eager to share the splendor of our mountains with new friends. If you should receive an extra copy of our newsletter, please pass it on. We are up against some tough opposition...we need some strong support!

Checks payable to SSMPA, P.O. Box 4831, Chatsworth, CA 91313



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Year of the  
Oak

Excerpts From  
"Recycling To Save Sunshine Forest"  
By Joan Sander

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Joan Sander organized the Sunday, March 31, 1990 Rally to Save Sunshine Forest by preventing a dump expansion project there. Sunshine Forest "is a closed canopy oak forest of 8,600 oak trees...It is a Significant Ecological Area, a wildlife habitat and a very special place"... "Many of the beautiful canyon areas in these Santa Susana Mountains are under attack from the Bureau of Sanitation and the County of Los Angeles who want to turn (potential) parkland into dumpland. What is the answer to the trash crisis? The answer is recycling ... We need to learn the 3R's of protecting the earth: Reduce waste, Recycle and Reuse!"

If you can help by donating for a video or writing letters to Supervisor Antonovich, call Joan at 363-6446.



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