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Update from the Angeles Nation Forest website.

The USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region announces that current closure orders and fire prohibitions in California have been extended. This decision will be evaluated daily, taking fire and weather conditions into account.

The Angeles National Forest is located within one of the driest, most fire-prone areas in the United States – where human-caused wildland fires are becoming

larger and more frequent - significantly damaging natural resources as well as the important human infrastructure on these invaluable public lands.

Not all areas and resources impacted by these fires will recover naturally, so forest managers and partners have launched a number of restoration efforts intended to produce ecosystems that are able to adapt and thrive over time.

In the October newsletter we were advised of the closure of the forests due to the fires and were requested to make donations to Penny Pines via checks rather than putting your contribution in the little box that is circulated at our meetings. The Burbank-Valley treasurer has received many generous donations from our members. If you also would like to make a donation, please send your check to Ingrid Nonnast, 907 North Clybourn Ave., Burbank 91505. Debit or credit card donations may be made using Venmo. If you do not yet have Venmo on your phone, download the app to your smart phone.

REGISTER FOR NOVEMBER'S MEETING

The Link to Register for the November meeting will be emailed to all members who share their email. If you want to join but do not share your email, copy this link into your internet browser to Register:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/registerWN_Vb79OLSoSaSk1fFzd3lgLw

All who Register will receive the Zoom email invitation containing a link and a passcode. On November 5th at 10:00 a.m. use that link and passcode to join the meeting.

We will spend the first hour and a half listening to the Presentation and a question and answer time. Afterwards, we will have a brief garden club meeting and a Door Prize drawing. See you November 5th on Zoom!

Speaker—November Meeting



Holistic Health Care in Your Garden is the topic of our speaker's, Gisele Schoniger, presentation. Gisele Schoniger is the Organic Gardening Educator at Kellogg Garden Products. She has worked 34 years in the garden industry. She has a degree in Ornamental Horticulture from California Polytechnic University in San Luis Obispo.

Door Prizes at November 2020 Meeting

By Susan Law



Our friend, Steve List, agriculture teacher at Sylmar Charter High School will be donating plants for the November 5th meeting on Zoom.

To win a plant you must register online to attend the meeting. Kathy Ito-mura has been emailing invitations to club members. Please contact her if you have any

questions.

Do not spread the compost on the weeds.

-William Shakespeare, *Hamlet*

Tips on shredded paper

By Kreigh Hampel, Recycling Coordinator
Public Works Department, City of Burbank



Under a magnifying glass paper looks like a flattened mat of fibers stuck together. Long paper fibers make strong paper with a higher value - think art papers, shopping bags & cardboard. Short fibers have little strength and are often used to make low grade egg cartons or tissue boxes. When paper is shredded the strength and recycling value drop. Here are a few suggestions to help maximize paper recycling:

- Shred only what is necessary
- Remove the sensitive names and numbers from documents then shred only those sensitive parts.
- Recycle all non-sensitive documents – don't shred them.
- When you do have shredded paper, bag it and drop it off at the recycle center when you are running errands
- Please don't put shredded paper in City curbside collections – it scatters on streets and at the recycle center – it also contaminates other recyclables.

For more information visit burbankrecycle.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

November 2	Janet Jack
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November 6	Sandy Trainor
November 16	Elisabeth Trafton
November 30	Andrea Halloran
November 30	Judy Kenehan





Congratulations to Noella Ballenger!

Noella won a First Place for Color photography of an Animal in the Pacific Region's PHUND Raiser.

Here is Noella's cute story about her observation when she took the prize-winning picture.

Grizzly bear mom and cub taken in Chilco Lake area, British Columbia, Canada. It was the last salmon run of the year before winter set in. Mom was teaching baby to catch salmon and baby was being stubborn and pestering mom to do the fishing and just give him the fish. Mom got really fed up with baby and let out a huge roar. Baby sat down abruptly, paid attention and behaved after that.

In My Garden

By Charlene **Gallagher**

Love the colors of fall, red and yellow leaves, some brown and crunchy as you walk through them. Being from the Midwest, Black Hills of South Dakota, infamous Sturgis, walking through mounds of leaves were a norm. Here in California, it is an experience.

Falling leaves, of course, means more work for the homeowner, or gardener, but aren't they worth it?

Just what happens when green leaves turn colors and fall from the trees? I thought it was nature busy beautifying the world and getting ready for the long winter months. Noooo.....the process is much more interesting and rather time consuming. It is nature at its best keeping the trees healthy and the fall season gorgeous.

I gleaned this information from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry bulletin dated, September 28, 2020. Here is an excerpt. Who knew?

"It is a survival tactic employed by deciduous trees in an effort to reduce the weight on their branches from snowfall, and to conserve energy and water.

This process is known as abscission because it cuts the stem of a leaf off from the tree while forming scar tissue to seal the wound, but before that process is complete, the tree reabsorbs valuable nutrients, like chlorophyll and stores them in their roots. When it breaks down, existing carotenoid compounds responsible for yellow and oranges are no longer covered up.

Red hues come from a compound known as anthocyanin that unlike carotenoid is not already present in a leaf. Some trees produce it during autumn months to protect their leaves from the sun, and also protect against insects looking for a pre-winter snack."

More than you wanted to know? It took me three readings to absorb.



Finding Fall Colors Closer to Home

From Los Angeles Times Saturday Section

Ginkgoes are stunners in local gardens and on some city streets, turning from lime green to light yellow to deep gold before puddles of delicate, fan-shaped leaves appear at their base. Botanical gardens tend to have some of the best examples of the ancient trees from China.



At Huntington Library, Art Museum and Botanical Gardens in San Marino

Look for the grove of a half-dozen ginkgo at the Zen Court at the Japanese Garden. They turn golden around Thanksgiving and last into December. Ginkgo trees also line the sidewalk along Allen Avenue leading to the Huntington's entrance. There is more color to be seen here, including a weeping willow that turns yellow in the fall.

Descanso Gardens in La Canada Flintridge: Ginkgo trees are here too, including a notable one on the Promenade and in the Japanese Garden. The river birch trees in the Rose Garden are turning now, as are some red Japanese maples.



Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden in Arcadia: Gum trees, Eastern redbud, maples. California grape and sycamores bring yellows, golds, oranges and crimsons in late October. It is worth a trip to explore the 127-acre site.