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Games, Arts & Crafts and Activities were organized by Beverly Glen Playgroup

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Meeting: 10/15/2017

Holiday Party: 12/3/2017

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Annual Glen Fair Wrapup

For 57 years, the annual Glen Fair has been a highlight of life in our beautiful neighborhood. This year was no exception, with engaging music, lot of fun for the kids, and big helpings of delicious food prepared by Glen residents.

We were fortunate to benefit from the generosity of one of our new homeowners, Aaron Amid, who allowed us to use the grounds of his house on Beverly Glen Place only a few weeks after purchasing the home. We are grateful for his contribution to making the event successful, and appreciate all the homeowners who allowed use of their properties.

So many volunteers donate their time to ensure that everyone attending has a wonderful time. Chris

Holabird, one of the Glen Fair founders, put together another wonderful musical line-up. Councilman Paul Koretz joined the Flatland Band again – perhaps we have a new tradition!

Sally Krasne helped keep all the food organized. We had a wonderful selection of baked goods, salads and side dishes from the many talented cooks in the Glen. Thank you to all who contributed!

Chuck Buell and Abraham were of several of the volunteers grilling burgers and dogs for all the hungry fair goers.

Nick Gessler shared a unique attraction this year – a small portion of his collection of meteorites. Children and adults enjoyed the opportunity to see and feel these rocks from space and learn a little bit more about the makeup of our solar system.

The Playgroup parents put together a whole set of activities for the kids, including games, a bounce house and crafts. The volunteers of Playgroup helped throughout the Fair and



Councilman Paul Koretz presenting Gillian Calof with an award for the Residents of Beverly Glen



Chuck Buell at the Grill and Sally Krasne organizing in the background

really contributed to a successful day.

One of the annual highlights is wine-tasting hosted by Steven Foonberg of Westside Realty. The Westside Realty team provided a wide variety of wines to enjoy, whites, reds and rosé, perfect for the warm early summer day!

The Les and Dorothy River Community Center board of directors supported the fair this year by donating funds to provide for a clean-up crew. This really helped out the fair committee, i.e., the Residents of Beverly Glen board.

We are grateful for the help of so many volunteers, including: Dan and Tensie Palmer, Justin Bourret, Zeke and Cole Rippey, Hadley Arnold, Don and Carla Pestana, Diana Walstrom, Philip

Walstrom, Gillian Calof, Chuck Buell, Abraham Alfi, Will Zdnaric, Kira Palmer, Stephen Benson, Sally Krasne, Helen Fauteux, Mariclaire Costello, Trudy Krantz, Joni Person, Suzanne Greene, Cheryl Charles, Pat Forrest, Karen Pollack, Alyssa Kauthen, Elke Heitmeyer, Jane Curry, Brad Ellerman, Janine Gershon, Karen Simonson, Bob and Elaine Grunauer, Ron Rosenblatt, and no doubt many others. Thank you to everyone!



Additional beverages were provided by the Glen Market, another longtime supporter of Glen activities.

Photos: Kira Palmer

Message from the President

Dear Glen Neighbors!

Fall is in full swing and I hope you are enjoying the cooler days (we have certainly had our fair share of warm, abnormally humid days this summer!). In June we held the 57th annual Glen Fair, bringing together friends and neighbors, old and new. It was nice to see such a great turnout and a big thank you again to all who volunteered time to make it happen. Up next for the community is our annual meeting in October where we'll once again have a great lineup of speakers from the community on topics that you care about: traffic, development, and safety, among others. Please join us on **October 15, 2017 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.**—we hope to see you there. I would also like to take this opportunity to share that volunteering on the Residents of Beverly Glen Board is a great way to give back to your community. We currently have several vacancies (please see the Board roster to the right); if you are interested in serving as a board member please come to the annual meeting to learn more or email president@beverlyglen.org. As always, drive slowly and yield to your neighbors!

Best wishes,

Gillian Calof

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Fall is the Time for Planting Native Flowers and Shrubs

by Renee Ordeneaux

With so much natural beauty around us and the ongoing concern of water usage, California's native plants are a perfect fit for gardens in Beverly Glen. Native plants provide habitat for our local bees, butterflies and other insects, which in turn provide food for resident and migrating birds. California has its own set of seasons, though, and the rhythms of gardening here are different from those in other parts of the country.

Many native California plants are dormant in the late summer, preparing for their growth spurts with the beginning of the rains. September and October are a good time to prune these summer dormant plants, including sages, coreopsis, and Matilija poppies. These are also great months to plan out new additions to your garden. Putting plants into the ground from late October through mid-January allows new plants to benefit from cooler weather and (hopefully) abundant natural precipitation. You will probably need to water new additions, particularly if planting early in the fall, but planting before the rainy season begins provides your new plants with the best odds for making it successfully through their first year.

If you've never before worked with native plants, there are a few things to keep in mind. First, even drought-



tolerant plants will need water in their first year as they become established, and may look better in your gardens with supplemental water even as mature plants. Make sure you plan for an appropriate water regimen and plant in groups with similar water requirements.

Second, the growth pattern of perennial plants is often described as "sleep, creep and leap," meaning that there may be little growth in the first and second year, followed by more rapid growth after the plant is established. I've definitely seen this pattern with my natives: a California buckwheat planted three years ago is now five feet across. One planted last fall made it through the summer heat with no problem (and only a few summer waterings), but is only about a foot wide. I'm anticipating more growth this winter.

Third, seasonality truly is important. A native plant garden is likely to look

pretty dry in the summer months when many plants are naturally dormant. Here on the Westside with coastal weather influence, plants tend to stay greener than they do further east, but you will definitely see brown in the summer and fall. However, plant choice can help keep your garden interest event during the dormant period. That buckwheat previously mentioned began blooming in July and is continuing to attract bees and butterflies well into September.

Finally, California is a big place, with a wide variety of native plants. In our areas, plants naturally found in the chaparral, coastal scrub, Channel Islands and oak woodland plant communities seem to work best. Some good plants to try if you are new to natives are hummingbird sage (*Salvia spathacea*), California buckwheat (*Erigonum fasciculatum*), Island snapdragon (*Galvezia speciosa*) and Island alum root (*Heuchera maxima*.) All are perennials with modest water needs and the ability to handle some shade.

Renee Ordeneaux is the board treasurer for the Theodore Payne Foundation, a nonprofit organization that educates about and promotes the use of California's native plants in landscapes and gardens.

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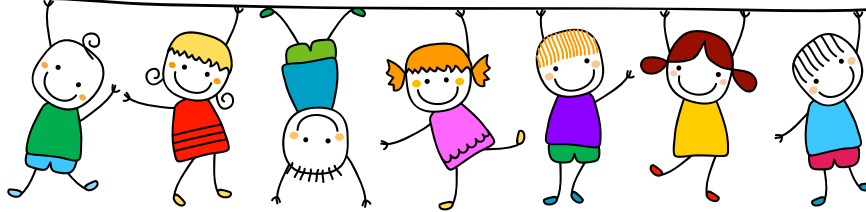
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Judy has set up and directed 8 preschools and childcare centers and has become a trusted advisor to many Westside schools in Los Angeles. She has served as a transition-focused interim preschool director for six other preschools including her most recent position at Little Dolphins by the Sea in Santa Monica. Judy has been a resident of Santa Monica for the last 40 years, and in her free time enjoys reading, her regular dance lessons and a daily three-mile walk.

We are very excited to welcome Judy B. to the Playgroup family!

FALL TOUR SCHEDULE

Founded in 1946, Beverly Glen Playgroup is a parent-participation, cooperative, not-for-profit preschool on Scenario Lane that endorses a play-based, developmental philosophy. The "Playgroup" approach respects individual rates of development. Children learn through hands-on play that incorporates art, music, literature, science, mathematics, movement and dramatic play. Small class sizes, low student-teacher ratios, a cozy setting and a vibrant, close-knit community of educators and families provide children with an intimate, safe environment to develop early skills with confidence.

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Parent & Me for ages 12 months to 2.5 years: Playgroup's weekly play and parenting class meets on Thursdays at 3:15PM.



Founded in 1946, Beverly Glen Playgroup is a parent-participation, cooperative, not-for-profit preschool that endorses a play-based, developmental approach to learning. Housed in a quiet cabin in Beverly Glen canyon, Playgroup recognizes the uniqueness of each child and respects individual rates of development. Beverly Glen Playgroup is a vibrant, close-knit community of families dedicated to preserving a safe, nurturing environment where educators and parents collaborate to create an enduring early learning experience for children.

2017 FALL TOUR DATES:

September 28

October 26

November 9

December 7

Tours begin promptly at 9:45 a.m. Parents only, no children.

Register to tour at beverlyglenplaygroup.org or call 310.470.0992.

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An Icon Has Left the Glen

Our beloved Sara (Sally) January Price Santschi left her body on July 10, 2017

Sara has been a big part of the spirit and community of the Glen, her memory will live on in the Canyon, as she had left her mark on so many of us and the neighborhood.

Born June 3, 1930 and raised in St. Louis, MO, she studied art there, and in Boston. Her uncle, famous actor, food and art connoisseur Vincent Price was so impressed with her talent, he convinced Sara to move to Los Angeles, to pursue a career as an artist. Almost immediately after transplanting to L.A. in 1951 Sara met Bill Santschi who played the piano into her heart one night at a mutual friend's party. Within a year they began a life together in Beverly Glen Canyon, where their two children, Heidi and William, were born.



Sara's art flourished in the Glen such as her Sandcasting designs; which were exhibited nationally and were sold in a gallery in Taos NM. During her time spent in New Mexico she developed a passion for the Native American teachings and philosophies and connected deeply to nature.

Children, her own and those of neighbors in the Glen, were a huge part of Sara's early life in the Glen. She held Children's Art Workshops in her back yard for years, helping many of the kids reach higher levels of themselves. From that sprung the Beverly Glen Art Fair in 1960 that she and Chris Holabird birthed.

Initially Sara was a very active member of the community, participating in the Residents' Association and serving as president while leading the fight to stop the development at the top of the Glen; the settlement of which helped finance the Les and Dorothy River Community Center.

In 1973 the tragic surfing accident of her son William put an end to many of her activities, as she lovingly became the full time caregiver of her quadriplegic son. For over four decades she mastered juggling his care while still finding time to paint, write and nurture and enlighten her three adored, and adoring grandchildren.

In the 70s she started the Sacred Women's Circle, which has been gathering almost every Equinox and Solstice since then. She shared her wisdom of the seasons and astrology and Native American traditions with the "sisters". The circle has inspired and spiritually nourished and sustained many women over the years.

Sara and other Glen women created a Labyrinth for walking the spiritual path in the hills above the Glen. Sara had many passions, studying various spiritual traditions. She was a true seeker, always trying to find a balance between the challenges and the joys of her life.

Her genuine joyfulness, warm smile, heartfelt giving; her wisdom and kindness will always be remembered by all who had the fortune of having spent time with Sara. She helped friends and family through trying times, and explorative phases, sharing her knowledge and wisdom.

Besides her children, Heidi with husband Bill, and William, as well as Sara's ex-husband Bill and her first son in law and friend, Donald Strauss, she will also be missed by her grandchildren Sara Lily with life partner Kayleigh, Ursula with significant other Dylan, Morgan with wife Rana and daughter Zelda (born on 6/3/17), her Glen friends and many friends and family outside the community who were inspired by her, and especially her Circle Sisters.

She loved the Glen and loved serving it – and the Glen loved her back.



In the Kitchen with Diane

by Diane LaFleur

Peach Cobbler

Cook Time: 35 minutes—Preheat oven to 350
Makes 6-7 servings

INGREDIENTS:

TOPPING

- 3 cups store bought granola (I like coconut almond)
- 6 Tablespoons unsalted butter (room temp)
- 1/2 cup walnut pieces
- 2 Tablespoons brown sugar

FILLING

- 6 cups sliced ripe peaches (peelings on, pits removed)
- 1/4 cup light brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon sea salt
- 1 teaspoons grated lemon zest
- 1 Tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 2 Tablespoons white flour

In a large bowl, toss together the filling. Transfer to a shallow 2-quart buttered baking dish.

For the Topping

In a medium bowl, stir the granola, walnut pieces, brown sugar and unsalted butter until crumbly. (Use your hands for this)

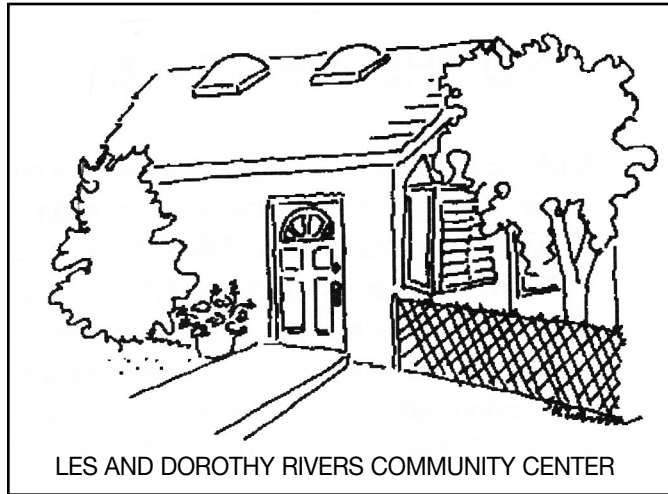
Crumble topping over fruit. Bake for 15 minutes at 350, reduce heat to 275 and bake another 20 minutes. Turn oven off and let sit in the warm oven for 1/2 hour before serving. Very good served with vanilla ice cream or full fat plain Greek yogurt.

You may also like to try adding in a few handfuls of fresh blueberries into the filling for a different taste.

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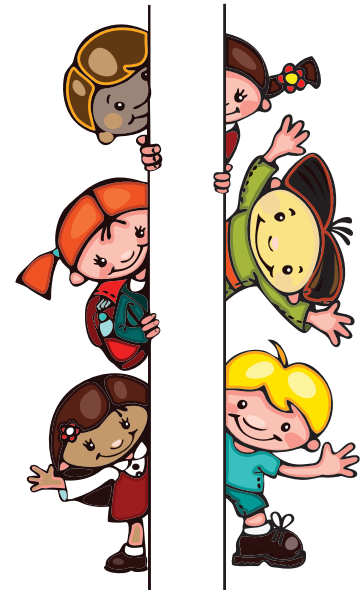
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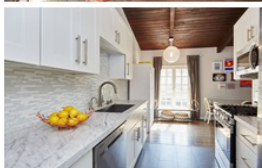


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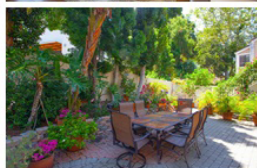
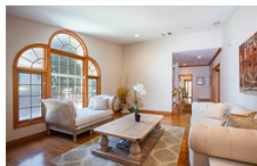
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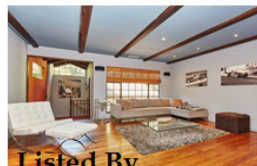
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