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You are invited to join us at our bi-monthly meeting:

Program: Bob Allen and the Wildflowers of Orange County.

Bob has just recently published a highly acclaimed book on the wildflowers of Orange County. As a result, he is quite knowledgeable about those gorgeous flowers we see throughout the county. Here is a chance to learn more and get your questions answered.

In addition, the latest on the San Onofre decommissioning, the plans for the 15th Annual Starr Ranch BBQ, the upcoming hikes and other events will also be discussed

WHERE: Norman Murray Community and Senior Center
24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo, CA

WHEN: 7:00 PM, Tuesday, March 25 2014

ROOM: Juniper



DIRECTIONS:

Northbound on I-5, exit at La Paz, turn right onto La Paz, cross Marguerite Parkway and proceed over Oso Creek. Turn left onto Veterans Way and drive to the Murray Center Parking lot.

Southbound on I-5, exit at La Paz, turn left onto La Paz, cross Marguerite Parkway and Oso Creek. Turn left onto Veterans Way and drive to the Murray Center Parking Lot

ADVANCE NOTICE

15TH ANNUAL STARR RANCH BBQ

This is to alert all of our members that we will be having our 15th annual STARR RANCH BBQ at the Audubon Starr Ranch Sanctuary again this spring.

WHEN: Sunday, May 18, 2014
1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

WHERE: STARR RANCH in South Orange County. (Map provided with ticket receipt.)

TICKETS: \$30 per adult,
\$15 per child under 12

TO ORDER TICKETS: Send check or money order, made payable to Sierra Sage along with a self addressed stamped envelope to:

STARR RANCH BBQ
c/o Patty Sappingfield
26352 Via Juanita
Mission Viejo, CA 92691

For more information, you can phone Mike & Patty Sappingfield at 949-768-3610 or email Mike at mikesapp@cox.net or Patty at solanese@cox.net

WHAT: food will be grilled hamburgers or veggie burgers, beans, salads, fruit, chips, and all the fixings.

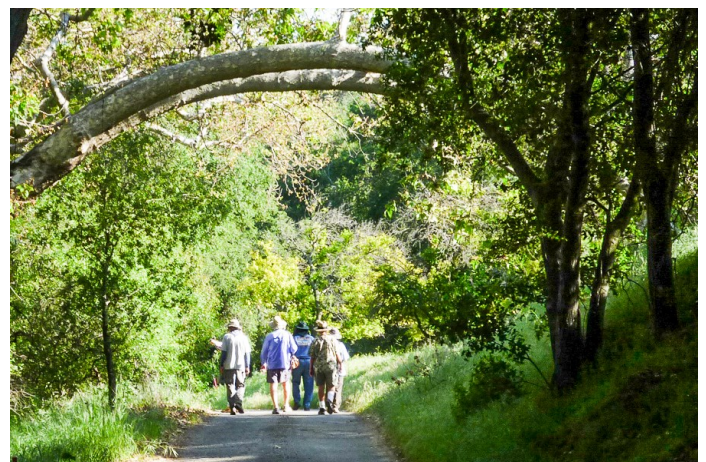
Hikes and Birdwalks will be conducted during the afternoon by various leaders. Some will be short and easy, others will involve a bit more energy.

Starr Ranch is world renowned for its live videos of owls, hummingbirds, hawks, and many other types. They promise to provide a viewing room for folks to check out the live bird cams .

A live bluegrass band will play for much of the afternoon for your listening pleasure.

A beverage stand will provide free water and lemonade and some other beverages with a donation.

STARR RANCH PICTURES



SAN ONOFRE UPDATE

Southern California Edison has established an Advisory Panel to provide input on the decommissioning of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station. Appointed to the Advisory Panel are our own Glenn Pascall, Chair of the Sierra Clubs San Onofre Task Force, and Gene Stone of ROSE.



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The Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club has joined Amazon Associates. Now every time you make a purchase from Amazon.com using our link (angeles.sierraclub.org/amazon), Amazon will give a portion of the proceeds directly to the Angeles Chapter!

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REPORT ON ANNUAL SIERRA SAGE ELECTIONS

(Directory on page 7)

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2014-2015 term of office

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Sylvie Coté
Sylvia Stevenson

2013-2014 term of office

Mike Sappingfield
Patty Sappingfield
Garry McCoppin
Sharon Koch
John Kaiser

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Starr Ranch BBQ : Mike Sappingfield

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Aliso Ridge Penny Elia
SAMTF John Kaiser

Outings



Sunday, March 02, 2014 9:45 AM

0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Social Event

O: Bowers Museum - Santa Ana, CA

The Bowers Museum is one of California's finest and Orange County's largest museums, offering ever-changing national and international treasures and permanent collections. Free admission on First Sundays of the month to first 1500 people-be there early. Weekends may also feature multicultural entertainment, art projects and dancing in the magnificent Spanish-style courtyard! After a self-guided tour (audio headset included w/admission), dine in the on-site restaurant, Tangata (tapas, salads, soups and sandwiches – make own reservations prior to outing). Afterwards, return to the galleries or visit the museum store for unique gifts. Meet 9:45 am - 2002 N Main St, Santa Ana, just off the 5 Freeway (Main St exit). Park at museum or a lot directly across on Main St. Wear comfortable shoes and bring money for lunch. Rain doesn't cancel. This outing is co-sponsored by Sierra Sage and LA Sierra Singles.

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Sylvia Stevenson 949-487-2660 SJStevenson2828@yahoo.com

Wednesday, March 05, 2014 9:00 AM

0407-Orange County Group Outing

O: Laurel Canyon hike

: 6 mi, 500' gain. We start from the Willow parking area, up the Laurel Cyn trail, under the Toll road, down Camarillo Cyn road and across the Stage Coach trail, a shady walk uphill with a view. We should have a good view of wildflowers in the Laguna Coast Wilderness. Meet 9:00 am at the entrance to the Laguna Coast Wilderness, Willow parking on Laguna Cyn Rd, 100' south of El Toro, turn R into the Willow parking lot. \$3 parking. Bring water, snack, lugsoles. Rain cancels. Provisional Ldr: Sherri Sisson. (949) 282-7207 sksisson@gmail.com Asst: Helen Maurer (949) 768-0417, 7gables@cox.net. This will be the provisional hike for Sherri Sisson. 4

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Saturday, March 08, 2014 9:00 AM

0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

O: Arroyo Trabuco Wilderness Walk

A "Mike's Hike", 4.5 miles round trip, leisurely paced walk in O'Neill Park, through one of the biggest

groves of sycamore groves in California. Meet 9:00am at O'Neill Park access on Arroyo Vista in Rancho Santa Margarita. (From Santa Margarita Pkwy, turn south on Empresa, right on Banderas, and right on Arroyo Vista.) Bring water, snack, hat, sunscreen and sturdy shoes – some stream crossings. Rain cancels.

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Chester Stipe 949-363-1142 chetbar@cox.net

Wednesday, March 12, 2014 9:00 AM

0407-Orange County Group Outing

O: Long and Short...Quail Hill and (possibly)Turtle Rock

O: The Long & the Short of It---Quail & Turtle Variant: Moderate 10 mi, 1900' cum gain/loss. Starting at Quail Hill, we'll follow the Shady Cyn Trail into Bommer Cyn and climb the nicely-switchbacked Turtle ridge Trail to the ridgetop. There we'll enjoy good views before looping back into Shady Cyn and returning to our starting point. Meet 9:00 am in the parking area at the Quail Hill trailhead in Irvine. (from I-405 exit Sand Cyn & go S on Shady Cyn Dr to traffic circle, continue S---trailhead is ca 100 yds past traffic circle & fire station on R). Bring at least 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles. Rain cancels. Short Hike: 5 mi, 700' gain/loss. H (A shorter version of this hike is possible: 5 mi, 700'cum gain/loss. Starting at the same place & time, it would follow natural surface trails through the gently undulating terrain of Shady Cyn to Turtle Rock Community Park or into Bommer Cyn (facilities at both), where it would split off from the longer hike and return via the same route. Bring water, lunch or snack. Walking shoes ok for this one. *Ed Maurer 949-768-0417 balois@cox.net*

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Sunday, March 16, 2014 8:45 AM

0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

O: Wood Canyon North Loop

4 miles, 400' gain, moderate. Ridge road, canyon and steep single-track connecting trails in Aliso & Wood Canyons Park. Meet 8:45 am at top of Hollyleaf Street in Aliso Viejo. From Pacific Park, take Canyon Vistas Drive, Left on Silkwood, Right on Bottlebush, Left on Hollyleaf to trailhead. Bring water, hat, lugsoles. Rain cancels. *Chester Stipe 949-697-1985 chetbar@cox.net; Michael Metcalf 949-492-6277 msmetcalf04@yahoo.com*

Sunday, March 16, 2014 3:00 PM
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing
O: Laguna Niguel East Ridge K9 hike

5 miles 400' gain. Hike the hills along the ridge bordering Laguna Niguel and San Juan Capistrano. Great views into Capistrano valley and all directions. Bring your friendly dog, water, lugsoles. Rain cancels.
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Sylvia Stevenson 949-487-2660 syl-via_stevenson@yahoo.com

Wednesday, March 19, 2014 8:30 AM
0407-Orange County Group Outing
O: Sitton Peak

OC Group, Sierra Sage, OCSS 10 mi, 2150' gain/loss. A nice workout up the Bear Cyn Trail to 4 corners, then on up the Sitton Peak road and trail to the peak. Tremendous views on top, ocean to mountains. Meet 8:30 am at South Orange County rideshare with 2 liters water, lunch/snack, lugsoles; hiking poles helpful. Rain cancels
Sharon Kirk 714-376-3197 sl.kirk@sbcglobal.net
Garry McCoppin 714-269-5078 mccoppin@cox.net

Friday, March 21, 2014 to Sunday, March 23, 2014
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing
O: Lower San Mateo Canyon Exploration

O: 8 miles, 1000' gain, backpacking trip. Begin at Tenaja road, hike down canyon through Fisherman's Camp, overnight two nights at Castle Rock (confluence of Blue Water Creek and San Mateo Creek.) Recreational exploration of the further reaches of San Mateo Canyon Wilderness. *Michael Metcalf 949-492-6277 msmetcalf04@yahoo.com*
John Kaiser 714-968-4677 jkai39@gmail.com

Saturday, March 22, 2014 8:00 AM
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing
O: Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve

6 miles 500' gain. A special place, at its best in the spring. The checkerbloom and chocolate lilies may be in flower. Home to California's last vernal pools and rare Engelmann oaks. Meet at south OC ride share point. Bring 2quarts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat. Rain cancels.

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Wednesday, March 26, 2014 8:30 AM
0407-Orange County Group Outing
O: Bedford Peak (3800')

OC Group, Sierra Sage, OCSS 7 mi, 2200' gain/loss on a steady climb to the peak with rewarding views of the surrounding canyons and peaks. Meet 8:30 am in the small parking lot at the end of Silverado Cyn Rd,

off Santiago Cyn Rd. Bring Forest Service Pass, 2 liters water, snack, lugsoles, optional poles. Ldr: Sharon Kirk 714-376-3197 sl.kirk@sbcglobal.net. Asst: Garry McCoppin 714-269-5078 mccoppin@cox.net.
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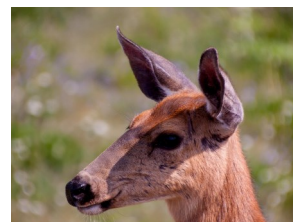
Saturday, April 12, 2014 8:00 AM
0417—Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing
O: Lion Falls Trail

8 mile, 1100 feet. gain. Hike from Blue Jay campground to the Lion Falls on the San Juan and Chiquita trails. Lunch overlooking the falls. Return the Blue Jay. Meet 8:00 am at South Orange County ride share. Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, USFS parking pass, and lug shoes. Rain cancels.
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Sunday, April 13, 2014 8:30 AM
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing
O: Caspers Wilderness Park West Ridge/Cougar Pass Loop

6.5 mile 600' total gain/loss. Enjoy the hike going up the Loskorn Trail, the West Ridge Trail, the Starr Rise Trail, Bell Canyon Trail, Oso Trail, Cougar Pass Trail and back to Bell Canyon and the shady Oaks. Enjoy the views from the top of West Ridge, as well as the cool shady oaks, the magnificent Prickly Pear patch with opportunities to see deers, bobcats, hawks, mountain lions, coyotes and, if you are really lucky, a grey fox. Meet us at 8:30 am at the South Orange County Rideshare parking lot in the Ortega Plaza in front of the Ball Park Pizza, 1 block east of I-5 on the Ortega Highway in San Juan Capistrano. We will carpool into Caspers Park to the Parking lot north of the Old Corral. Bring hat, 2 quarts water, hiking shoes or boots, and munchies.

Michael Sappingfield 949-768-3610 mikesapp@cox.net
John Kaiser 714-968-4677 jkai39@gmail.com



Wednesday, April 16, 2014 9:00 AM
0407-Orange County Group Outing
O: Colinas Ridge:

4.5 mi, 400' gain, moderate. Short steep trail sections with good views as we hike South along Colinas Ridge bordering Laguna Niguel and San Juan Capistrano, to Camino del Avion. Return by bus (75 cents seniors, others \$2). Meet 9:00 am at McDonald's on Golden Lantern & Marina Hills Dr in Laguna Niguel. Bring water, lugsoles, hat. Rain cancels.
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Saturday, April 26, 2014, 8:00 AM

0417—Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

O: San Juan Trail

12 miles, 900 foot gain. Hike the San Juan trail starting at Blue Jay camp ground and ending at the San Juan Fire station. The trail passes near Sugar Loaf Peak and through a variety of habitats and plant communities. It descends through wooded areas to the Fire Station. A car shuttle will be needed back to the trailhead. Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, lug shoes, USFS parking pass. Rain cancels
Russ Brown 949-481-5295 russbrown3@cox.net

Sunday, April 27, 2014 9:00 AM

0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

O: Aliso Peak

7 mile round trip, 1000' gain. Join us as we hike the Valido Trail to Aliso Peak (683'), continuing up to the Seaview Park overlook (936'). We will then proceed to the Aliso Summit Trail and return same way. Moderate level hike with potentially spectacular views of the ocean, weather permitting. Steep terrain and gravel; lugsole boots required. Bring hat, light jacket, sunglasses, sunscreen, snack, 2 quarts water. Rain cancels. Meet 9 am at the trailhead. From PCH in South Laguna Beach, turn on West Street, drive up to Via Valido and turn left to the trailhead.

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Wednesday, April 30, 2014 8:30 AM

0407-Orange County Group Outing

O: Witchs Garden

7 mi, 1300' cum gain, 1500' loss. We'll hope for great flowers as we climb up Willow to Bommer Ridge and on to Laguna Beach, where some may wish to lunch at Zinc. Meet 8:30 am Laguna Coast Wilderness Willow entrance (NOT Nix). From I-5 take El Toro Rd W to the "T" at Laguna Cyn Rd, turn L, then shortly R into large parking lot. Bring water, lugsoles, \$3 for parking, bus fare (60 cents seniors, others \$1.50), and lunch money (optional). Rain cancels. Ldr: Helen Maurer (949) 768-0417 7gables@cox.net Asst: Dea Denton (949) 581-8396 deadenton@hotmail.com
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Wednesday, May 07, 2014 8:30 AM

0407-Orange County Group Outing

O: San Juan Capistrano Figure 8 Loop

Moderate, 10 mi, 1750' cum. gain. In the course of this hike, we'll be on 11 wide horse trails within the San Juan, with great views in all directions. Starting from the Cerro Rebal trailhead, we'll ascend to the ridgeline that separates San Juan Capistrano from

San Clemente. Heading E, then N, we'll make our way down to San Juan Creek where we will have lunch at picnic tables under the only shade on the hike. After lunch, we'll make another ascent to the highest elevation of the hike, then return to our starting point. Meet 8:30 am at the South Orange County rideshare point. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles. Rain within 3 days cancels.

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Sherri Sisson 949-786-7681 sksisson@gmail.com

Saturday, May 10, 2014 9:00 AM

0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

O: Salt Creek Trail

Join us as we hike the Salt Creek Trail along the watershed, from Chapparosa Park in Laguna Niguel to Salt Creek beach in south Laguna Beach and back. This is a 6 mile round trip, 400 feet gain, easy-to-moderate hike, with potentially spectacular views of the ocean. Bring hat, sunscreen, comfortable walking shoes, 2 quarts water, light jacket, snack, and money for beverage (optional). At mid-point, we will stop at a cafe near the beach for beverages. Meet 9:00 AM at the trailhead in Chapparosa Park. From the 5 freeway, take Crown Valley exit and turn west. Turn left at Golden Lantern. Turn right at Chapparosa Park road and drive to the end of the park. Park near the restrooms. The trailhead is at the end of the parking lot. Contact leaders for more information.

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**OCSS CONDITIONING HIKES -
 EVERY TUES/THUR @ 6:30 PM**

O: IRVINE TURTLE ROCK. Easy/Moderate/Tiger paced hikes, 4-7 mi rt on hilly trails. Bring Water, light hiking boots. 405 Fwy, exit S at University/Jeffery, L on Ridgeline, L on Turtle Rock, pass Sunnyhill, L into parking lot of Turtle Rock Community Park, Ldrs, John LaRue, Markey and Robert Neighbors, Kim Gunderman, Ron Campbell, Gigi Logan, and others.

RIDESHARE MEETING POINTS

N Orange Co... Park-N-Ride, E side of Tustin Av just S of Lincoln Av, Orange.

S Orange Co... Ortega Plaza parking lot SE corner, Ortega Hwy/Rancho Viejo, San Juan Capistrano

Tustin ... Redhill Ave on N side (Fwy side) of Stater Bros Market just SW of Redhill Ave exit from Santa Ana Fwy

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SIERRA SAGE MEETINGS.

- Executive Committee meetings are open to all members of the Sierra Club who reside in South Orange County. Meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Contact Mike Sappingfield at **mikesapp@cox.net** for date, time and directions.
- Preserve the Coastal areas of Orange County? Contact Penny Elia at **greenpl1@cox.net**
- Interested in electing environmentally supportive politicians into office locally? Contact Sharon Koch at **slkoch@ix.netcom.com**
- Want to keep the Santa Ana Mountains wild? Or even want to help maintain the trails in the San Mateo Wilderness Area? Contact John Kaiser at **jkai39@gmail.com**
- Still think the toll road through the Richard and Donna O'Neill Nature Conservancy, San Mateo Campground, and Trestle Beach is a bad idea? Contact Bill Holmes at **bill.holmes@att.net**



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HIKE OF THE MONTH

Saturday, March 08, 2014 9:00 AM

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