

Spring 2010 Newsletter for Transition Habitat Conservancy

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Transition Habitat Conservancy is dedicated to preserving natural areas and wildlife habitat along the San Gabriel Mountain / Mojave Desert boundary

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We want to thank all of our members! None of this can happen without your help. Donate today or volunteer! All donations are Tax Deductible

A lot has been happening already in 2010

- ✚ Two Grants are pending for land acquisition, trails, picnic areas, and signage. The application for a \$2 million State Parks Grant for the 80 acre Gateway Park was submitted on March 1st 2010. The Conceptual Area Preservation Plan was finalized in February for 1000 acres of land acquisition for State Wildlife Conservation Board Grant funding.
- ✚ \$150,000 worth of grants have been submitted to the California Endowment and Wildlife Conservation Society to hire consultants to help us with mitigation, land transactions, and grant writing for the next two years. Cross your fingers!
- ✚ We want to thank all of our friends and supporters who attended the Library Reception. It was great to see all of you and to let you know how much you have accomplished to date!
- ✚ Jill, Bert, Berta, and Carol attended a Title Review training class taught by Shelton Douthit. Berta and Jill went to the County Planning office to learn how to review parcel maps, easement offering of dedication, and survey records. Shelton demystifies the process.
- ✚ Tara, Carol, Jill and Bob attended the California Council of Land Trust (CCLT) Conference in Sacramento March 2 & 3rd. THC learned a great deal about mitigation, conservation law, conservation easements, accreditation, community outreach, and much more. This year Jill was invited to teach a class at the conference along with Kate Kelly, our mitigation consultant. They both did an excellent job and received high scores and comments from those who took the class.



CCLT Sacramento. From left
Carol, Tara, Bob and Jill



From left, Carol, Zoe, Tina Batt, Tara, Annalisa, Kate
Kelly, Shelton Douthit, Jill Bays and Paul Deering

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✚ We have some new team members this year! We welcome:

Tina Batt -- grant writing specialist. Tina will be helping THC apply for much needed grants for 2010-11.

Shelton Douthit - land stewardship and acquisition specialist. Shelton Douthit of Shelton Douthit Consulting is mentoring us through our first ten transactions.

Kate Kelly – mitigation consultant. Kate Kelly of Kelly Group has a vast knowledge in conservation projects. Her expertise will be of great service to THC as our mitigation consultant and our Sacramento representative.

Paul Deering – park design. Paul Deering of Deering Designs is helping THC with park design and concept drawings.

✚ Our Quarterly Red Mango Dinner was a great success. Thanks to all who attended!

✚ Jill attended the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Planning meeting in Sacramento.

✚ Jill and Kate attend Governor’s Conference and DRECP in Ontario working on Mitigation

Upcoming Events -- Save the Dates

- **April 24th Poker Ride- 10 am in Llano.** This is a fun 2-to-3 hour easy trail ride. Come, try your luck, and enjoy a beautiful trail. First poker hand and lunch included with donation. Awesome prizes include a saddle and hay. Contact Suzie Figley at (661) 261-9092.
- **May 9th Garden Party- 2:30-5:3.** Stroll through the garden and enjoy the spring flowers. A beautiful rare variety of Irises like you have never seen along with many other blooms for you to enjoy. You will want to bring your camera and your appetite. Contact Roberta at (760) 868-4997 for tickets. **Limited to first 50 tickets sold. This event will sell out, so act now!**
- **May 15th Crazy Coyote Endurance Ride-** This is an AERC sanctioned equine endurance ride -- 5/50 miles. Contact Alexa Campbell (760) 868-2892.
- **October 23rd Poker/Costume Ride-** This is another fun 2-to-3 hour easy trail ride. Come costumed, try your luck, and enjoy a beautiful trail Contact Suzie Figley at (661) 261-9092.
- **Planned Giving Workshop --** To be scheduled soon to answer questions you may have about planned giving and estate planning.
- **Legacy Club Dinner –** To be announced. Be sure to let us know if we are in your estate plan so we can include you in this club and send you invitations to events especially for Legacy Club Members.

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