

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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Transition Habitat Conservancy presents our new logo! Many thanks to Fernando Torres, Stuart Kellogg, and Bert Bays for all of your hard work and talent creating such a perfect logo.

The first piece of our Kings Canyon Project is DONE! Marge and Vern Biehl generously donated a 40 acre conservation easement to THC on May 28th. The Biehl's love their land and want future generations to be able to enjoy its beauty. The Community Foundation's grant funded all the transaction support from Shelton Douthit Consulting and Harry Pollack that made this a reality! Shelton's mentoring sharpened our transaction skills and knowledge... title report due diligence, the Phase 1, drafting the Conservation Easement Agreement, preparing the Baseline Report, and establishing the monitoring procedures and protocols.



Our Annual Garden Party was a great success. It was a delightful afternoon of good friends, yummy food, much laughter and, thanks to our fabulous supporters, we also met our fundraising goals! We thank all who worked to make this happen. A special thank you to Jeremy for the delicious barbeque. Tara put on a sizzling silent auction and the bidding was fierce at the end.



Ron Konig, Loretta Hoffland, and Connie Leshin.



Bird in the Bays Garden

News Bites

- Kate Kelly continues to coach us on mitigation, land use planning and public policy. With so much to learn as we participate in the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan we would be lost without the guidance of Kate!
- April 23- Mike Tracey, Vice President of Development and Jose Marquez, Director of Development from *The Community Foundation* visited THC and the Puma Canyon Project and loved what they saw. Photo below, left. Your THC Events Team Volunteers, photo below right.



- May 12- Tom Egan, AMEC biologist, conducted a biological survey on the 40 acre Kings Canyon conservation easement property.
- The 1000 acre Conceptual Area Conservation Plan has made its way to the next level and state bonds have started to sell again. Bonds are used to fund conservation purchases identified by the Plan and money is starting to flow again. Let's all hope the economic upturn holds.
- THC was notified that our \$1.7 Million State Park Revitalization Grant application is now complete and awards will be announced September 1st
- Tina Batt, THC's grant writer, has applied for a large Bank of America Grant, and several other grants since our last newsletter. Keep up the momentum Tina and thank you for your fantastic style and careful research!
- May 22- The Mojave Desert Chapter of the California Native Plant Society came to Owl Canyon to perform a plant inventory.
- May 26- The Community Foundation's Environmental Initiative Committee reception was a great event where we met with Celia Cudiamat, Mike Tracey, Daniel Foster, Jose Marquez from the Community Foundation and several other conservation groups that they support. Thank you Community Foundation for all the fine networking!

Upcoming Events -- Save the Dates

- **October 23rd Poker/ optional costume for horse or rider-** This is a fun 2-to-3 hour easy trail ride. Come costumed, try your luck, and enjoy a beautiful trail with saddles as prizes. Call Roberta 760 868 4997
- **Planned Giving Workshop and Legacy Club Dinner** -- To be announced.

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