

Redbird News December 2019

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Supporting Redbird through Amazon Smile

This is a great way to support Redbird year-round at no cost to you. Amazon donates based on your purchases. (If the link does not open directly, you can copy and paste into your browser).

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/77-0374732>

2019 24th Annual Blanket Drive and Mini Powwow

December 7, 11 AM-3 PM at the Simi Valley Town Center Mall (upstairs in the mall center behind the giant Christmas tree)

We would love to see you there but if you can't make it, you can donate two ways; help us with shipping expenses with a monetary donation:

<http://paypal.me/RedbirdsVision>

Or, check out our charity shopping list for reasonably priced blankets (warm socks are also a great idea)

https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/lr/13E9DEAXYSY6R/ref=smi_se_spo_icl_lst_tgt

December Events Calendar

12-7-19 11 AM - 3 PM

Redbird's 24th Annual Blanket, Toy and School Supplies Drive and Mini-Powwow (see included flier)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/657108678131295/>

12-14-19 7 AM - 5 PM

Highway 2 Motorcycle Track Day, Horse Thief Mile, Willow Springs International Raceway - Registration Open, \$125.00 includes photos and mentoring/instruction if desired (see included flier)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1362196933932365/>

12-31-19 11 AM - 2 PM at Chilao School

So Cal Norton Club's Annual Run For The Roses Motorcycle Ride, beginning at Lucky Baldwin's in Pasadena somewhere around 8:30 or 9 AM and riding up Angeles Crest Highway for a hot lunch at Chilao School. We could use a couple of volunteers for this event. (There is presently no Facebook event link that I am aware of).

2020 Events

4-4-20 10 AM - 5 PM

Talking Trees II/Deer and Coyote - 2020 Open House at Chilao School

<https://www.facebook.com/events/124340171593615/>

July 17-19, 2020

Children of Many Colors Native American Powwow at Moorpark College Our 20th Powwow!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1212119482319065/>

Songs and Stories from Native America

Supervisor Janice Hahn provided Los Angeles County Libraries with a stipend for educational programs, through which Redbird was invited to present Songs and Stories from Native America at a number of libraries throughout the county during November, which is Native American Month. Kat High, Tina, Joe, and Honor Calderon, Caitlyn and Kaelene Ashmore and Juan Castillo assisted with these presentations, providing a variety of viewpoints, music, stories and ideas which, depending on the audience, were mixed with the historical and current realities of the indigenous experience. We are very grateful to be able to bring this kind of programming to the public and very much hope to visit more locations in the coming year. Librarians - we are Los Angeles County approved adult and children presenters and the best way to reach us is by email at redbirds_vision@hotmail.com

Chilao Fire Safe Update

The actual application of the fire retardant paint on the Chilao School teacher's residence was never intended to be a DIY project. But scheduling issues with the painter, complicated by a decision late in the program to box in the eaves pushed the painting portion of the program well into November... and it is still not complete. All of the exposed vertical walls and wide eaves have the fire retardant paint and top coat applied. And thank

goodness. We got a light snow within 24 hours of getting the top coat on with a loaned sprayer and volunteer labor. The fascia boards, narrow eaves (14' tall), and porch and patio are not yet painted in this two-part fire retardant paint. It's impossible to detect which is what by looking, however, because everything is white...including the forest, which got three feet of snow over Thanksgiving. Boxing in the eaves cost an additional \$1,500.00. But, it appears there is enough paint remaining, or very nearly enough, to address the school next. As in next year. We're all pretty much tired of painting this year, and the job is only just over half done. The house needs to be restored to it's former chaparral green color with pine brown trim. When the weather is ready to let us paint again.

Forest Recovery Project

For a decade the Forest Recovery Project has been a source of lovely images and the message that fire is an integral part of the long term life-death-life cycle of nature. In 2017 we realized there needed to be a focal shift to include the human element - land management post-fire was my personal area of interest but fire safety is the issue that affects a much broader population. In 2019 I was able to photograph and experience a prescribed burn; significant not only because I got to take photos, but because I need to understand, not in theory but face to face, how fire behaves. In June 2019 I got to witness an environmental disaster.

Where previous years' fuel reduction efforts had taken place, invasive plant species - Spanish Broom, namely - had taken over.

There's an element of seriousness to this that's hard to overstate. While I absolutely support the reintroduction of fire for the health of the landscape, no habitat modification can be introduced into areas where aggressive invasives are poised to take over. The invasive plant species MUST be eradicated first. How we are going to manage things like cheat grass, I do not know, but broom can be dealt with. It is neither easy nor without controversy; glyphosate-based herbicides are the most economical and effective way to deal with Spanish Broom. Manual removal is best, but challenging, and will need to be continually repeated. The super bloom of 2019 clearly illustrated how serious the Spanish Broom issue is in the Angeles. Now, the task of insuring that the Forest Service does not ignore the problem and continue with vegetation treatments that will only make the infestation worse.

The Forest Recovery Project will continually be modified to address the needs of the human population. Marketing the effort is challenging. The information is valuable, the images are beautiful, and the need to understand your personal risk as it relates to fire should be something that concerns people, but fire safety is not an easy thing to engage people about. It has definitely been and continues to be a wonderful way to re-learn our

connectedness to and our role as a connected part of the natural world.

New Website

It's a work in progress, and the address remains the same, but Redbird's completely new and re-imagined website is up. Several pages are still missing, and the site designer is...well, not a website designer. The good news is, the platform is Weebly, which is very user friendly, easy to change and update, and (once I figure out how to do it) easy to integrate with social media, shopping features and lots of other cool things. Pretty soon we'll switch from a free site to a paid site, which will remove Weebly advertising. Check it out!

www.RedbirdsVision.org

2020 - Choosing What to Embrace

A theme that has come up and repeated itself over and over again in 2019 is connectedness. Relationship. At Songs and Stories in Hermosa Beach it was presented to me in a way I had not previously considered by a Jewish couple. They explained that people who are able to do harm to others can do so because they do not have a sense of connectedness. I already knew that on some level but our conversation gave me an expanded understanding of the depth of the issue. Connectedness - or rather the lack of it, is a societal epidemic that knows no cultural boundaries. It is the by-product of our modern world, our individualistic,

competitive, consumer-based, capitalistic and completely disjointed from nature and each other way of life. But you can't address it from outside and you can't address it by screaming at a society. It is personal. Cellular. And I don't mean your phone. I mean the cells in your body. Separation is an individual plight. It is the lack of connectedness, first and foremost, to yourself. To other living things. To nature. To spirit, in whatever way you experience it. It's not an intellectual concept; it is the reality of most of us for at least part of our lives and if we are lucky, we have some means to transcend it. If we are not so fortunate...if we never see or feel or imagine our connectedness, this is a dark and lonely world where what we do does not matter. And the only way to address it is one person at a time. I felt so overwhelmed. And at the same time this thing had been emerging for a while. The thought of art, the power of art and focusing that power on a single concept, a single idea. *Mitakuye Oyasin* - the Lakota words that describe our connectedness...*We Are All Related* or *All My Relations*. Probably every indigenous culture has some way to express this concept, or perhaps no words for it because it is at the base of existence, so integral to life that it defies definition...it just is...but these are the words I know, the words many people know, sometimes used to the point of being cliché, the way *Mni Wiconi* (water is life) was being thrown

around for a while. (Water is life...just go ahead and try to live without it). So in 2020, we're going to be doing one more *Highway 2 - the journey and the destination show* - and then we will let that one sleep for a little bit while we launch *Mitakuye Oyasin*. It will be more than an art show. It will be a presentation series. It will be an attempt to touch people in a way that will awaken a sense of connectedness, no matter the color of their skin, their tribe, their ideologies or lack of them.

Another issue that has been coming increasingly into public attention is MMIW - missing and murdered indigenous women. How blissfully ignorant I was of this issue until 2018. Still, my understanding is just the bits and pieces learned from others. It's a frightening picture that only makes sense once you understand the complexities of it. I would like to find someone willing to write a page for our website, devoted to the issue, explaining how this can happen, why it happens, why it is so hard to address, and what we can do to end human trafficking and murder. The first thing we need to do is be aware that it is happening. From that awareness can arise action. From that awareness, solutions can emerge.

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Redbird's 24th Annual

Blanket, Toy and School Supplies Drive and Mini-Powwow

Benefitting the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation,
South Dakota

In Partnership with Walking Shield and Dr. David Lee

Storytellers bring your stories
Bird Singers bring your songs
All Drums welcome
Dancers bring your regalia

December 7, 2019
11 AM to 3 PM
Simi Valley Town Center Mall
Community Room, Simi Valley
(Ventura County, CA)

Family Friendly Everyone Welcome

Native American singing, dancing,
drumming, storytelling, crafts

We are seeking New, lightweight,
washable, warm blankets and new,
soft (stuffed) toys which will be
shipped by Redbird to Pine Ridge.
We also very much need financial
donations to cover the cost of
shipping. New boxed and "hard" toys
and school supplies will be distributed
to communities in need
by Walking Shield.

Directions:

Simi Valley Town Center Mall
1555 Simi Town Center Way
Simi Valley, CA 93065
Just north of the 118
freeway between
Erringer Road and First Street

For More Information:

(626) 440-7344

redbirds_vision@hotmail.com

Donate via Paypal:
(email address above)

or by mail:
**Redbird, P.O. Box 702, Simi
Valley, CA 93062**

Redbird is a 501(c)(3) Native American and environmental non profit association, founded in
Simi Valley in 1994. All donations are tax deductible.

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Highway 2 Motorcycle Track Day on Horse Thief Mile



Saturday, December 14, 2019
Willow Springs International Raceway
\$125.00 via PayPal

includes photos
First time track riders welcome
Experienced riders available to
lead/follow/mentor

Suspension support by West Coast GP Moto

PayPal Email (and for more information...)

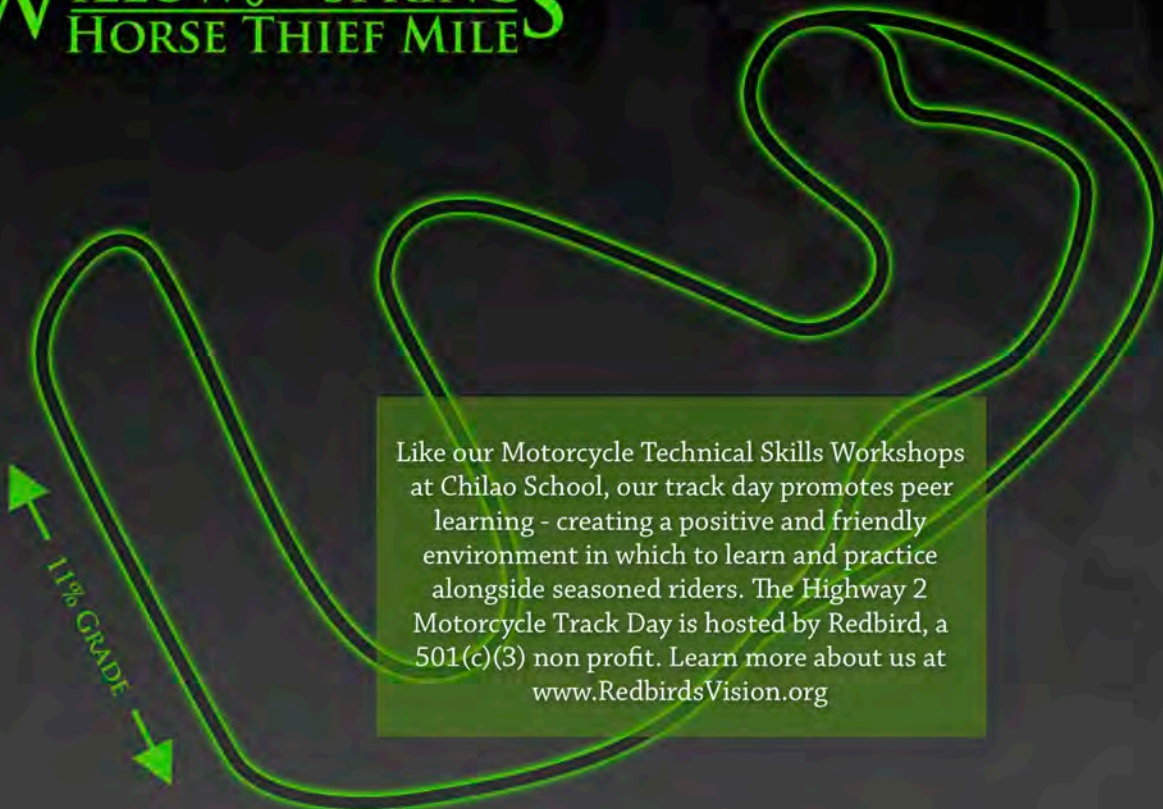
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Join Peter Esquivel, Tanner Alan Gao, Felipe Manzanilla, Turin Atol and a bunch of locals for a fun day at Willow Springs on Horse Thief Mile, a track designed to emulate canyon riding with twists, turns and elevation changes. Look for our event on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1362196933932365/>



WILLOW SPRINGS HORSE THIEF MILE



Like our Motorcycle Technical Skills Workshops at Chilao School, our track day promotes peer learning - creating a positive and friendly environment in which to learn and practice alongside seasoned riders. The Highway 2 Motorcycle Track Day is hosted by Redbird, a 501(c)(3) non profit. Learn more about us at www.RedbirdsVision.org

Highway 2 - the journey and the destination
 Art Show Kurlyston
 3.2.19 - 10.1.19

Exhibiting Artists

La Canada Photographic
 Paula Bennett
 ART & H. Deborah Ashwin
 12 Campbell St 91071
 7th Floor
 After the Fire
 Pamela Bradley
 every year captures
 all local landscape scenes
 that capture the spirit
 of the High Sierra National Forest.
 The beauty is made into
 art.
 and the Highway 2
 National Show
 March 1 - March 31 2019
 Leaf Valley for seeing
 vehicles.
 (818) 790-1555

This is a judged show
 awarded and sponsored
 by Pauline and
 Robert Schuler.
 For more information
 please email
 pauline_schuler@hotmail.com

Made in the Mountains 2019

Model Home
 Earthquake's Retreat
 and Live Music Show
 June 14-15 at Clark School
 in Old Angeles National Forest

Exhibiting Artists

Kandy Dostal
 Lynne Swanson
 Kathy Fujita
 Kathryn Jensen
 Skeg Anden Board
 Alan Koster (Fossil)
 Rocky Pae
 Fred McGeorge
 Ronald Jensen
 Nery Kaufman
 Karolynn Koon
 Kimberly Ann
 Catherine Johnson
 Olyve Cramer
 Jennifer Day
 Susan Jensen
 Deborah Lee
 Jane Reichardt
 Jennifer Lopez
 Judith Lyons
 Linda Krasner
 Corina Roberts
 Cheryl Hager
 Wendy Walker
 L. K. HIGHT
 Ai Zhang
 Frank Frenkel
 Jerry Anderson
 Deborah Dale

Older School
 601 Clark Campground
 Mile 80.6
 Angeles Forest Hwy
 La Canada, California

Free food
 drinks
 and
 live music
 from 12-5pm

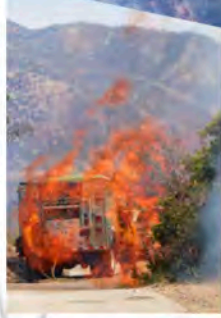
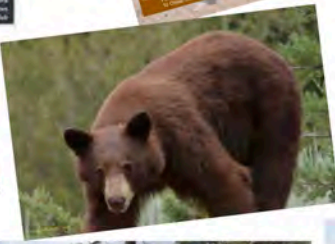
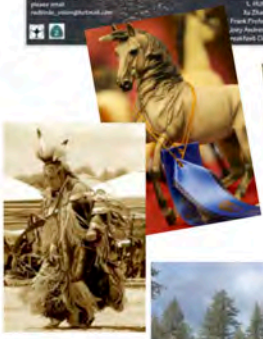
Save the date!
 June 14-15
 Clark School
 Old Angeles National Forest
 La Canada, California

For more information
 please email
 nrc@ncrc.com
 (909) 842-7344



After the Fire: The Rebuilding Process
 September 18 - 20th, November 16-18th
 Downtown La Canada Valley Room 100-101-102

The purpose of this event is to provide information to the community about the rebuilding process and the impact of the fire on the community. The event will feature a panel discussion with experts in the field, a presentation by the local fire department, and a Q&A session with the community.



Moto Yoga

2019 Schedule
 Sunday 10am - 11am
 Sunday 12pm - 1pm
 Monday 6pm - 7pm
 Tuesday 6pm - 7pm
 Wednesday 6pm - 7pm
 Thursday 6pm - 7pm
 Friday 6pm - 7pm
 Saturday 6pm - 7pm

Roller Lunge
 and
 Lunge
 Back Yoga
 for
 strength
 and
 flexibility

Yoga
 Studio
 123 Main St
 La Canada, CA 91701
 (909) 842-7344

Blanes, Boy and School Supplies Drive
 Supporting the Fire Relief Fund Association,
 4001 W Main St, La Canada, CA 91701

In partnership with the La Canada Valley Fire Relief Fund Association, we are hosting a Blanes, Boy and School Supplies Drive. We are looking for donations of school supplies, clothing, and other items to help support the community.

Family Friendly
 Free admission
 Open to all ages
 10am - 4pm
 4001 W Main St, La Canada, CA 91701
 (909) 842-7344

2019

GP
 The Official Motorcycle Show
 2019
 September 12-13
 3001 W Main St, La Canada, CA 91701
 (909) 842-7344

WINDUPHOTOS

Photo booth for the event.

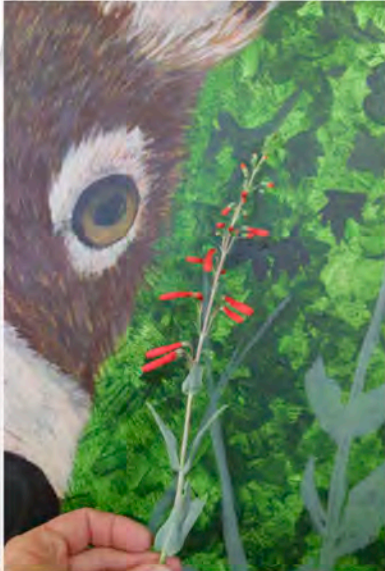


Motorcycle Show
 Thursday, September 12, 2019
 New Century Bike Night #5
 3001 W Main St, La Canada, California 91701

Bike Night is Always Free
 Show Fee \$10.00 on Bike, 100% Donation to Relief
 with history, prizes,
 and support your favorite local
 cultural and recreational motorcycle non-profit

Cash on September 12th,
 or via PayPal at
 redhairs_bike@hotmail.com

ALL BIKES
 WELCOME
 CHRIS JOE DAN,
 JUDGE
 CLASSIC DIVISION
 MODERN DIVISION



Thanksgiving 2019

