

# Sierra Sage



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## **Special Notice:**

**The July Meeting has been canceled so our members could spend more time with their families and friends. The next meeting will be the 4th Tuesday in September (Sept 22) and will feature water conservation tips.**



**New Sierra Sage Web Site: We have updated our website and have a new address. It is <http://www.sierrasage.org/> Check it out!**

## 2015 POLITICAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS

CHINO HILLS STATE PARK DISCOVERY CENTER  
4500 CARBON CANYON ROAD, BREA CA 92823



Join the Angeles Chapter PAC on Sunday, 16 August 2015 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM for a celebration of our parks and open spaces. *This Land is Our Land* from the newly-designated San Gabriel Mountains National Monument to over 27 National Parks, 270 State Park and Reserve park units, and uncounted county, city, and pocket parks. These are the legacy left to us by John Muir. We are delighted to

honor environmental leaders who have continued to carry the promise of John Muir forward.

The recipients of the 2015 Political Leadership Award:



**Claire Schlotterbeck**  
Executive Director  
Hills for Everyone



**Nanette Barragán**  
Hermosa Beach  
City Councilwoman



**Anthony Rendon**  
CA State Assemblyman  
AD 63



**Eduardo Garcia**  
CA State Assemblyman  
AD56



**Todd Gloria**  
San Diego City Councilman  
District 3

The environmental champions of tomorrow need our support. Grassroots organizing, political advocacy, and financial contributions all play a role. Help to elect public servants who will continue to protect an environment everyone can explore and enjoy. Your donation to the Angeles PAC will ensure that the Sierra Club's environmental agenda has a voice at every level of state and local government. Spend an afternoon networking with elected leaders, environmental and community activists. Enjoy tasty appetizers and adult beverages. Explore the special items available in our silent auction. Celebrate the joy of being outdoors in a state park. Make your commitment to the future today. Individual tickets are as low as \$50.00 (early-bird price before July 30). If you are a student with a university or college identification card, tickets may be purchased for \$25.00. Sponsorships are available at \$2500, \$1000, \$500, and \$250 levels.

Donating is easy and convenient. Purchase your tickets to the PAC fundraiser online via PayPal. Go to [www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pac](http://www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pac). You may also mail your check payable to ANGELES CHAPTER PAC, Attn: Susana Reyes, 2700 E. Chevy Chase Drive, Glendale CA 91206.

For more information about becoming a sponsor, contact Sharon Koch, Orange County Political Chair at [slkoch@ix.netcom.com](mailto:slkoch@ix.netcom.com), Howard Strauss, Los Angeles County Political Chair at [HTStrauss@aol.com](mailto:HTStrauss@aol.com) or Susana Reyes, PAC Fundraising Chair at [Susanareyes1218@gmail.com](mailto:Susanareyes1218@gmail.com). Or simply complete and return the attached sponsorship form. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, August 16, at Chino Hills State Park Discovery Center.

# THIS LAND IS OUR LAND

## 2015 SIERRA CLUB POLITICAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS

SUNDAY, 16 AUGUST 2015

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM CHINO HILLS STATE PARK

RSVP by Thursday, July 30, 2015

Each year, this event raises funds for our Political Action Committee (PAC). Contributions go toward political activities to help elect pro-environmental candidates to public office, protect voters' rights, and ensure the attainment of the Sierra Club's environmental agenda.

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Please note that your contribution is not tax-deductible for federal income tax purposes.

For more information, please contact Susana Reyes, PAC Fundraising Chair, at [susanareyes1218@gmail.com](mailto:susanareyes1218@gmail.com) or (818) 254-5427.



# Outings



**Wednesday, July 08, 2015 9:30 AM**

**0407-Orange County Group Outing**

**O: Andy Beall Memorial Hike/ Buck Gully:** 5 mi, 100' gain. Join us for a lovely hike in this sylvan wilderness along a stream with elegant bridges in Corona del Mar. We will pause along the way for refreshments and to share memories of this great leader. Meet 9:30 am at the corner of Poppy and 5th Ave, E of PCH on Poppy in Corona del Mar. Park on street. Bring water, walking shoes, snack.  
*Michael Sappingfield 949-768-3610 mikesapp@cox.net*  
*Peter R Height 949-713-4569 prheight1@cox.net*

**Sunday, July 12, 2015 8:00 AM**

**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**

**O: San Jacinto Wilderness Loops**

Enjoy the cool 75 degree temperatures in mid-summer, walking through the pine forests on the upper slopes of Mt. San Jacinto. Two hikes from the top of the Palm Spring Tramway (8420') to Round Valley (9060') will be offered concurrently. Both hikes include the Round Valley loop. Longer route (8 miles round trip, 1750' gain) will include a hike to Wellmans Divide (9720') and back. Shorter route will be a more casual pace (6 miles round trip, 950' gain). Meet 7:00 AM at the south entrance of parking garage of the Irvine Transportation Center (Irvine Train Station, Ada & Barranca), or 9:00 AM at the tramway entrance. Bring money for tramway fee, lunch, water, hat, light jacket, sunglasses, sunscreen, lugsole boots. Rain cancels. Leaders: Mike Sappingfield, John Kaiser, Todd Clark, Sylvie Cote, Sylvia Stevenson, Russ Brown, Rich Maxey.  
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*Todd Clark 714-803-0195 clarkta@hotmail.com*  
*Sylvie Cote 949-547-2998 clarkta@hotmail.com*

**Saturday, July 18, 2015 9:00 AM**

**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**

**O: Beach bike ride**

30 mile bike ride starting at the south orange county ride share point. We will ride the river bike path to Dana Point harbor and on to down the coast to San Clemente. Riding on Ola Vista Ave. to Trestles Natural Preserve. We will return by the same route and stop at Ellies Table at North Beach for lunch. Bring bike helmet, water, and lunch money.  
*Russ Brown 949-481-5295 russbrown3@cox.net*  
*Sylvia Stevenson 949-616-2765 sjstevenson2828@yahoo.com*

**Sunday, August 09, 2015 8:30 AM**

**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**

**O:Crystal Cove Brunch Walk**

A "Mike's Hike". 5 miles round trip. Enjoy the cool morning air in a walk along the entire length of the Crystal Cove Beach, break for a potluck brunch, then return to parking lot. Meet 8:30 am at south end of Reef Point parking lot

(ocean side of PCH) in Crystal Cove Park. Bring money for park fee and **brunch items to carry on the hike** to the end of the beach to share with others. Wear comfortable shoes, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels.

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**Saturday, August 29, 2015 8:30 AM**

**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**

**O: Dana Point Harbor to Strands Beach**

Moderately paced 6.7 mile partial loop walk with 600' gain. Walk begins up stairs to the Bluff trail where we have views of beautiful Dana Point Harbor. Proceed onto dirt path around the headlands and down stairs to the strands beach where birds abound. Meet at 8:30 am at the parking lot at the NW corner of Golden Lantern and Dana Point Harbor Drive. Bring 1 quart water, snacks, and good walking shoes. Water refills and bathrooms available. Possible lunch in harbor following walk. Leaders: Linda Ledger, Sylvie Cote  
*Sylvie Cote 949-547-2998 mlsylvie@hotmail.com*  
*Linda Ledger 949-496-8029 linda.ledger@cox.net*

**Wednesday, September 09, 2015 9:00 AM**

**0407-Orange County Group Outing**

**O: Crystal Cove Beach Walk**

Sept 9 Wed Orange County/Sierra Sage 6 mi, 200' gain. This is an easy walk along the beach & bluff top in this beautiful State Park in Newport Beach. Optional stop at Ruby's Date Shack for lunch. Meet 9:00 am at the SW corner of PCH & Cameo Shores, Corona del Mar. Park along the frontage road just inside entrance to Cameo Shores, or park on Cameo Highlands. Bring water, snack, walking shoes.  
*Peter R Height 949-412-8954 prheight1@cox.net*  
*Sylvia Stevenson 949-616-2765 sjstevenson2828@yahoo.com*

**Wednesday, September 30, 2015 9:00 AM**

**0407-Orange County Group Outing**

**O: Dripping Cave in Aliso Woods Canyon Wilderness Park**

6 mi, 100' gain/loss. This is a woody hike down Wood Canyon to Dripping Cave, where water drips when it rains. At one time, the rock shelter was used by robbers and thieves. Return by the same route or another scenic trail. Bring water, snack/lunch, lugsoles. Rain, 3 days after rain, cancels. Meet 9:00 am at Canyon View Park. From El Toro Rd in Laguna Woods, turn S on Moulton about 1 mi, then R on Glenwood and up the hill, over the toll road, R on Canyon Vistas Dr. Park at bottom of hill on the street. Canyon View Park is on the L.  
*Sylvia Stevenson 949-616-2765 sjstevenson2828@yahoo.com*  
*Linda Ledger 949-496-8029 linda.ledger@cox.net*

**Wednesday, October 07, 2015 9:00 AM**

**0407-Orange County Group Outing**

**O: Colinas Bluffs Trail**

8 mi rt, 400' gain, moderate. Short steep tail sections with good views as we hike South along Colinas Ridge bordering Laguna Niguel and San Juan Capistrano, to Camino del Avion. Return same way or take bus back to starting point (\$0.75 seniors, \$2 others). Meet 9:00 am at McDonald's on Golden Lantern & Marina Hills Dr in Laguna Niguel. Bring water, lugsoles, hat. *Rich Maxey 949-310-5134 richmaxey@yahoo.com*

*Peter R Height 949-412-8954 prheight1@cox.net*

**Wednesday, October 14, 2015 8:30 AM**

**0407-Orange County Group Outing**

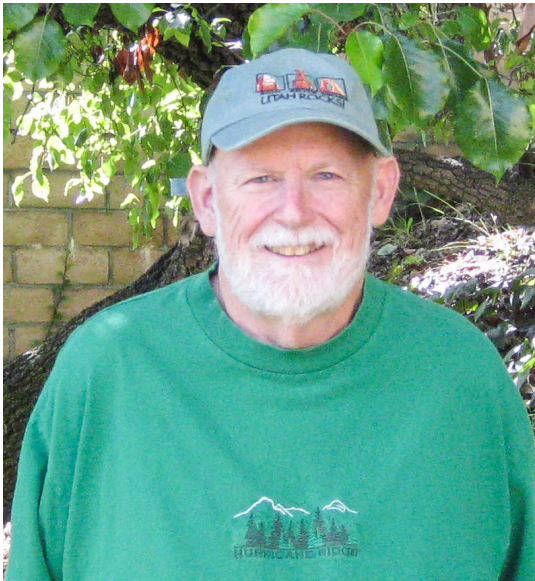
**O: Caspers Park: West Ridge/Cougar Pass**

6.5 mi, 600' total gain/loss. Enjoy the hike going up the Loskorn Trail, the West Ridge Trail, (with great views), the Starr Rise Trail, Bell Cyn Trail, Oso Trail, Cougar Pass Trail and back to Bell Cyn and the cool shady oaks. We will pass the magnificent prickly pear patch with opportunities to see deer, bobcats, hawks, mountain lions, coyotes, and if you are really lucky, a grey fox. Meet 8:30 am at the South Orange county rideshare parking lot in the Ortega Plaza in front of Ball Park Pizza, 1 block E of I-5 on the Ortega Hwy in San Juan Capistrano. We will carpool into Caspers Park (parking \$3) to the parking lot N of the Old Corral. Bring hat, 2 qts water, lugsoles or hiking shoes, and munchies..

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*Rich Maxey 949-310-5134 richmaxey@yahoo.com*

**Angeles Chapter – Sierra Club  
Meet Sierra Sage Outings Leaders  
MIKE SAPPINGFIELD**



Mike was the first Outings Chair with the Sierra Sage group over 20 years ago. He has been a “O” rated leader since 1995 and is known for his easy hikes known as “Mike’s Hikes”. These hikes are designed for newcomers, people returning to hiking after an absence, and people who would simply want something less strenuous before doing other things later in the day. He leads 20-25 hikes a year on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays.

**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

**Angeles Chapter and Sierra Sage  
Group Present**

**NEW ENGLAND EXTRAVAGANZA II  
October 3-11, 2015**

Join us for this 9 day, 8 night fly-drive excursion to the delights of New England in the fall. Highlights will be exploring the **Freedom Trail** in Boston, including visits to **Paul Revere's house, Bunker Hill, The Old North Church, etc.** and visiting key historical sites such as **Concord, Lexington, Mayflower II, a Grist Mill, and Plimoth Plantation**. In following days, we will explore the fall colors of New Hampshire and Vermont. Highlights will be **covered bridges**, a visit to a Cheese and Maple Sugar farm, walks along wilderness streams, **Ben and Jerry's Factory, Mt. Washington via the cog rail**, and others. We will finish the trip with a visit to Maine with stops in Freeport to visit the 24 hr flagship **LL Bean store, lighthouses and Acadia National Park**.

Trip includes all transportation in New England, 8 nights lodging, all admissions to scheduled places, and breakfasts. Trip does not include air fare to and from New England and lunches and dinners.

Trip cost is \$1395 for Sierra Club Members (\$1495 for non-members) Optional Group Air ticket available for \$407.95

A \$500 deposit will hold your place on the trip with the remainder due by July 1, 2015. For information and to apply, contact Mike Sappingfield at [mikesapp@cox.net](mailto:mikesapp@cox.net) (949-768-3610) or write to him at 26352 Via Juanita, Mission Viejo, CA 92691. **Leaders: Mike & Patty Sappingfield**

**Portland Head Lighthouse**





## GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS

MAY 21-28 2016

LEADERS: MIKE SAPPINGFIELD  
AND LINDA LEDGER

Join us for this 8 day, 7 night fly-drive excursion to the Appalachian Mountains in Tennessee and North Carolina in the spring. We will be using Gatlinburg, Tennessee, just outside the National Park, as our base for the entire trip and use vans to get to places within and around the park.



Highlights will be exploring the **Great Smoky Mountains National Park** including **Cades Cove, Clingmans Dome, Mingus Grist Mill, the Mountain Farm Museum in Oconaluftee, and the Cataloochee Valley** with its wild turkeys and elk herds. We want to experience the **backwoods with its magnificent hardwood forests and many creeks and waterfalls so we plan to hike almost every day for at least 3-7+ miles.** Additionally we plan to visit the nearby **Cumberland Gap National Historical Park** and enjoy the short hike through the Gap as well as visiting the magnificent **Biltmore Mansion** in Asheville, NC.



Trip includes all transportation in Tennessee and North Carolina, 7 nights lodging, all breakfasts and two picnic lunches, and all admissions to scheduled places. Trip does not include air fare to and from

Tennessee and the remaining lunches and dinners and any optional admissions.

Trip cost is **\$1150** for Sierra Club Members (\$1250 for non-members). **A \$500 deposit will hold your place on the trip with the remainder due by February 2016.** For information and to apply, contact Mike Sappingfield at [mikesapp@cox.net](mailto:mikesapp@cox.net) (949-768-3610) or write to him at 26352 Via Juanita, Mission Viejo, CA 92691.

**Leaders: Mike Sappingfield, Linda Ledger**



## Mt. Rainer, Olympic National Park and Victoria, B.C.

July 16 – 24, 2016

LEADERS: MIKE & PATTY SAPPINGFIELD

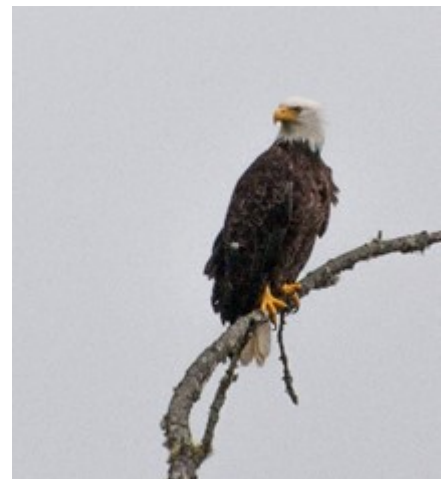
Join us for a 9 day, 8 night excursion to explore the wonders of the Pacific Northwest's Mt. Rainer, fabulous Olympic National Park rain forests, beaches and mountains and complete with a ferry ride to Vancouver Island in Canada to visit Victoria with opportunities to sample the delights of the City and explore **Butchart Gardens** and the Juan de Fuca Strait. You might even have a chance to enjoy High Tea at the Empress Hotel. Mt. Rainer highlights will include visiting **Sunrise Visitor Center, Silver Falls, and Paradise Valley** in Mt Rainer. **Hurricane Ridge, Hoh River Rain Forest, Rialto Beach and the walk to Hole in the Wall** along the rocky and driftwood strewn beach are **highlights in the Olympic National Park.** We will even visit **Cape Flattery** and the **Makah Indian Reservation** and hike out to the Cape.



We will return to the US in northern Washington to catch our flight home by taking a ferry winding through the San Juan Islands. Lodging, planned admissions, and transportation while on the trip included. Breakfasts and two lunches are also included. The remainder of meals and optional activities are not included. Air fare to and from SEATAC Airport and most meals

not included.

Cost for the trip is \$1350 for Sierra Club members (\$1450 for non-members). To reserve a spot, send a \$500 deposit (check made out to Sierra Club--Sierra Sage) to Mike Sappingfield, 26352 Via Juanita, Mission Viejo, CA 92691. For information, call or email Mike at 949-768-3610 or [mikesapp@cox.net](mailto:mikesapp@cox.net). **Leaders Mike & Patty Sappingfield**



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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](mailto:mikesapp@cox.net) for date, time and directions.
- Preserve the Coastal areas of Orange County? Contact Penny Elia at [greenpl@cox.net](mailto:greenpl@cox.net)
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*Michael Sapping-  
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