

SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2010 – Tomorrow is Easter Sunday. Relax and enjoy your holiday.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2010 – 9:00 AM – VALENCIA

Meet at Bridgeport Park parking lot in Valencia (Thomas [LA] p. 4550, G2).

From the northbound 5 Freeway, take the Valencia off ramp and go east past the College of the Canyon to McBean Parkway. Turn left on McBean and go about one mile to Bridgeport Ln (where there is a traffic light). Turn right and go to the park, which is just past a school. The parking lot is on your left. The brown building with white trim is the restroom.

Both the northbound 405 and the westbound 210 Freeways run into the northbound 5.

We will walk from the parking lot to the covered bridge, cross Newhall Ranch Road and follow the path behind the gated areas to the next bridge. We will then come back another path to the restrooms and continue on to Bridgeport, which is like a small Venice with homes along the water. We will pass by the lighthouse and cross over to the new shopping center and stroll by the reflection pool. A rustic bridge crosses the pool with fish sculptures and canvass sails. We will then have lunch at Daphne's Greek Café, 24029 Newhall Ranch Road, Valencia 91354. After lunch we will continue back to our cars.

The walk is about four miles. For more information, call Lori at (661) 477-6947.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2010 – 9:00 AM – CAL STATE UNIVERSITY, CHANNEL ISLANDS (CSUCI)

Meet in the Town Center parking lot at the free library parking area bordering the right side of the lot (Thomas, Ventura, p. 524 J4 and p. 554 E1.) The address of the University is One University Drive, Camarillo 93012.

From the 101 Freeway in either direction, exit at Pleasant Valley Road/Santa Rosa Road off ramp in Camarillo. Turn left onto Pleasant Valley Road (going over the freeway) and continue to Lewis Road (signal and CSUCI sign). Turn left on Lewis Road and continue following signs to CSUCI (approximately 1½ miles.) Turn left on University Drive (signal and CSUCI sign) and go approximately two miles to the campus entrance. Enter the campus and turn left on Rincon Drive and continue past the student parking (\$6.00) on the right to Town Center. Turn right to enter the Town Center parking lot. Free parking is available in the library parking spaces designated by an **orange** colored sign bordering the right of the parking lot. Free parking is also permitted on Rincon Drive, within walking distance of Town Center. Restrooms are located in Town Center.

From Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) north towards Oxnard, exit PCH at Las Posas Road (USN Point Mugu off-ramp.) Turn right at Las Posas Road (stop sign). Turn right onto Hueneme Road, which becomes Lewis Road when you go up over the bridge. Turn right at University Drive and turn continue for approximately two miles to the main campus entrance and follow the directions above.

The walk covers approximately four miles, beginning with a section of the nature trail that circles the town homes and condo section of the University Glen faculty residential area adjacent to the campus. Returning to Town center, we will walk to the main campus whose architecture and grounds are unique to the UC system. Situated in a beautiful agricultural and wildlife area with breezes from the Pacific Ocean, the campus reflects the 1930s Spanish Colonial Revival architecture and has been meticulously preserved, with renovations carefully balanced between the buildings' historical character and the need to create an educational facility for the 21st Century.

Lunch will be savored at Ottavio's Italian Restaurant in Old Town, 1620 E. Ventura Blvd. The phone number is (805) 482-3810. Exit the campus on University Drive. Turn right on Lewis Road. Turn left on Ventura Blvd. and drive through Old Town to Ottavio's parking lot on the left.

Rain cancels. For more information, call Nancy at (805) 484-4682.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2010 –9:30 AM – RANCH SANTA ANA BOTANIC GARDEN, CLAREMONT

Meet at the parking lot of the Garden, 1505 N. College Avenue, Claremont (Thomas [LA] p 601, D1.) **NOTE** the later starting time.

From the eastbound 210 Freeway, exit south (right) at Towne Avenue. Turn left at Foothill. Cross Indian Hill Blvd., and take the first left at College Avenue. The parking lot is on the north end of the Garden, after the School of Theology. Footloose will probably subsidize at least part of the fee of \$6.00.

We will tour the garden, which should be in bloom with native California plants. Docent Nan Kaeser will be our guide. We will spend about 1½ hours in the garden, visit the gift shop, and the drive to Inca Trails Peruvian Restaurant, 1077 W. Foothill Blvd., Claremont (phone [909] 626-4426). The restaurant opens at noon, so we can walk around the town before it opens.

Rain cancels. For more information, call Nora at (626) 4426.

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2010 – 9:00 AM – STUDIO CITY

Meet in front of Von's Market, behind the northwest corner of Laurel Canyon and Ventura Blvd. (Thomas [LA] p. 563, G5).

From the 101 Freeway in either direction, exit on Laurel Canyon and go south toward Ventura Blvd. The parking lot has a two-hour maximum, which is enforced and the cars are towed away. Therefore park in the street on one of the side streets.

We will walk approximately three miles on paved streets. We will walk along the Los Angeles River and in a residential neighborhood south of Ventura Blvd.

Lunch will be at Panera Bread across the parking lot from Vons.

Rain cancels. For more information, call Myrna at (818) 769-6098.

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2010 – 9:00 AM – BEVERLY HILLS

Meet in front of Peet's Coffee, 258 S. Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills 90212. (Thomas [LA] p. 632, G2).

From the 405 Freeway in either direction, exit on Wilshire East and go to Beverly Drive. Turn right (south) on Beverly Drive and go to Peet's, which is just north of Gregory Drive. You may park in the public parking garage at 224 Beverly Drive, just north of Peet's. This is a pay garage. There is also a very small lot behind Peet's

We will walk in the area and eat at CPK Café, near Peet's.

For more information, call Stephanie at (818) 787-0501.

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2010 – 9:00 AM – CHANDLER BLVD., BURBANK

Meet at the corner of Clybourn Avenue and Chandler Boulevard (Thomas [LA] p. 563, D2).

From the San Fernando Valley, take the eastbound 101 Freeway. After Laurel Canyon, stay in the two left lanes to get on the 134 Freeway. Exit the 134 at Cahuenga Blvd. Turn left (north) on Cahuenga and then turn right on Chandler. Proceed to Clybourn and park either on Chandler or Clybourn.

From Pasadena and points east, you may take the westbound 210 to the 134 and continue west on the 134 to Cahuenga, then follow the above directions.

From the downtown area take the northwest bound 101 to Vineland; go right (north) on Vineland to Moorpark. Turn right, cross Lankershim, and continue to Cahuenga. Turn right and follow the above directions.

From West Los Angeles, Santa Monica, or vicinity, take the 405 north to the 101. Follow the Los Angeles signs to get on the 101 and go east to get on the 134, then follow directions as above.

We will walk on a new walking/biking trail along Chandler Boulevard in Burbank. This is a trail that is most enjoyable to walk on and is nicely landscaped.

Rain cancels. For more information, call Annette at (818) 762-1401.

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2010 – 9:00 AM – THE CORNFIELD

The Cornfield is also known as Los Angeles State Historic Park and is at 1245 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles 90012. Meet in the parking lot.

From the 101 Freeway in either direction, exit on Broadway. Go north to Cesar Chavez and turn right. Go one block to Spring and turn left. The park is between Cesar Chavez and Ord on your left hand side.

An alternate route is to take the 5 Freeway to the 110. Go south on the 110 (toward Los Angeles) to Hill Street. Exit on the left (toward Civic Center – Exit 24C) then take a slight right onto N. Hill Street. Turn left on W. College Street, then left onto N. Spring Street.

We will take it easy on the hills in this colorful and historic part of Los Angeles. After the walk we will have lunch in one of Los Angeles' unique restaurants.

Rain or temperature over 90° cancels. For more information, call Rosie at (323) 256-7937.

SATURDAY, MAY 29, 2010 – 9:00 AM – Enjoy your Memorial Day weekend. We will see you next week.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2010 – No one has volunteered to lead a walk today. If we do get a walk, we will make every effort to disseminate the information. And if we can get the next Newsletter out by the end of May, we will include June in that newsletter.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2010 – 9:00 AM – LITTLE INDIA, CITY OF ARTESIA

Meet in the parking lot of the Community Center on Clarkdale Street, Artesia (Thomas [LA] p. 766, H1).

From the 605 Freeway in either direction exit on South Street going east. Make a left turn on Clarkdale Street and another left into the parking lot.

The walk will be approximately four miles, mostly on pavement. We will walk through an older residential neighborhood, which is quite interesting. From there we will continue our walk on Pioneer Blvd., where the restaurants and boutiques are. You will find the area humming with activity on weekends. We will have lunch at Ashoka Cuisine of India. The locals recommended this restaurant to me. Indian food can be quite spicy, but those who feel that they cannot tolerate spicy food may eat at one of the plenty nice restaurants close to the Cerritos mall.

After lunch, we can tour the Artesia Historical Society Museum, where I am a docent. The hours are 1:00-3:00 PM.

Rain cancels. For more information, call Juathena at (714) 892-0499.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 2010 – 9:00 AM – PASADENA

Meet at the entrance of Singer Park, which is at the southwest corner of W California Blvd. and St. John. (Thomas [LA] p. 565, G6)

From the eastbound 134, exit on Orange Grove, go right (south) to California and turn left. Singer Park is on your right one block from Orange Grove.

From the 210 Freeway, stay on the freeway until it ends at Del Mar. Go left on Del Mar one block to St. John, turn right and continue on St. John to California. Singer Park is across California on your right.

Our walk will take us past the homes that volunteers for the Pasadena Symphony use for their fund raising walks. This is less than about three miles in length, so we will walk about one or two more miles in this very scenic neighborhood.

We will have lunch either in Burger Continental or Hamburger Hamlet.

Rain cancels. For more information, call Sharon at (626) 282-1543.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 2010 – 9:00 AM – DANA POINT HARBOR

Meet in the parking lot on SW corner of Golden Lantern and Dana Point Harbor Drive.

(Thomas [OC] p. 971, J7.) There is a sign on the corner: 'Dana Point Harbor'.

From the southbound 5 Freeway, exit at Camino las Ramblas (just past San Juan Capistrano), which then merges with Pacific Coast Highway (Highway 1). Follow PCH toward Dana Point to Golden Lantern, turn left and continue on Golden Lantern until it ends at Dana Point Harbor Drive.

We will walk down Cove Drive to the Marine Institute/Museum where we will see a replica of The Pilgrim. We will then walk past a popular beach/picnic area, the Marina, shops, and on to Doheny State Beach. The walk will be about 3-4 miles on flat, paved surfaces. We will have the opportunity to people watch, bird watch, and boat watch. Heavy rain cancels.

For more information, call Eva or Richard at 949-462-3114 or on day of walk at 949-246-0060 (cell phone)