



Canebrake Clarion

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Did you know that the migratory monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus plexippus*), known for its spectacular annual journey of up to 4,000 kilometers across the Americas, has entered the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™ as Endangered, threatened by habitat destruction and climate change? Well, one of our Canebrake residents, Myrna Wosk, is doing something to help out. At her home in San Diego she is nurturing and raising Monarch butterflies. Myrna writes the following:

“Gracefully she alights upon the milkweed blossom, our Madam Monarch Butterfly, to feed and soon perhaps to lay the tiniest of eggs on the underside of a leaf.. . . from which, after four to six days, emerges the tiniest of caterpillars, soon to join her compatriots, almost too many to count, in a mad feeding frenzy of milkweed flowers and leaves ... Wishing to see what comes next, we place a pot or two into a large mesh butterfly cage, said pots having to be continually replaced with new plants as the caterpillars, fat and happy, eat them down to the stems, then crawl over to the next container of gustatory delight. In 2 to 3 weeks, the caterpillars, sated, begin to crawl up to the top of the cage, and forming a “J” shape, soon transform into a gorgeous green chrysalis, dangling from the screen and held in place by a “hold fast” of delicate filaments. Then the wait begins, until 5 to 15 days later the chrysalis splits and the butterfly emerges, hanging there for several hours while it dries, until it slowly begins to gently flutter its wings. It takes some encouragement to get them to leave the cage.”



April and May found Susan and Merle Vogel touring the Netherlands by bike and barge, with stops in Amsterdam, Holland and Brussels. The Dimmock family along with their daughter's family spent some time in Kauai. It is rumored that they became addicted to JoJo's shaved ice. They had their daily fix at \$8 a pop. They claimed that they spent more on shaved ice than the bar bill. Elena Jokova and Tom Clemmons hosted Myrna Wosk at their new residence in Bend, Oregon.



Sharon Fritz was in England in June. She spent three weeks in Cornwall hiking a section of the Southwest Coast Path from St. Ives to Falmouth and then did a followup visit to London.

While these folks were out and about, Betty Holmes was busy at work in her artist's studio completing several beautiful works of art. She and granddaughter, Shelly Tyler, also went plein air painting at Windansea beach in La Jolla.

Out in Canebrake, where the weather is hot, really hot, there were reports from Natalie Spandau and Dean Kuns that the snakes are out enjoying the weather. There were tracks from a Southern Pacific rattlesnake identified by Karyn Sauber on the Canebrake Facebook page. Dean and Natalie also reported on a rare storm that dropped 0.13" of rain in June. According to Frank Colver's weather page, that brings the season total for July 2021 to June 2022 to 1.70".

Birgit Knorr has been busy at the hall sorting out all the old coffee mugs and making room for new cups for our newest residents. She has boxed up all the unused mugs and will store them until August of 2023 when they will be discarded. She has also neatened up the name tag distribution center with a new file box which should make it easier for folks to find their tags and wear them at the meetings and functions.

There are two vacancies on the Board of Directors for the Canebrake County Water District. According to President Jerry Bucheit, the deadline for filing for the November election is August 14, 2022. Please contact Jerry for more information if you are willing to volunteer to serve our community in that capacity. His email address is bucheitjerry@gmail.com

The very distinctive "Bobbyland" sign that adorned Staghorn Lane for some time was created by Tom Clemmons to honor the special place that was Bobby Long's residence in Canebrake. Jean Long and Tom both agreed that its proper place should now be in the History Park that Bobby developed many years ago. Over the weekend, Bill Dimmock made that happen and it is now residing in the park.



Joy Stucke is scheduled for cataract surgery very soon. She expressed her concerns on our Facebook page and got lots of very helpful information that should help ease her mind. Susan and Merle are heading to Michigan's Upper

Peninsula for a reunion of Susan's family this week. They are expecting over 100 family members. He said that cell phone coverage is sketchy up there, and, at least where they will be, there is no internet. They will be out of touch for a week, just like in olden days. Wonderful.

Many of you have successfully completed the transition to the new way of sharing email via the mycanebrake.org site. It was discovered that many people were not getting their email because their email provider was filtering out our emails with the large numbers of addresses because they looked like spam. Please note, you will still be receiving email from the same location as before with the exception being that each email will be received individually and not as part of a larger group. Merle Vogel has been working with the folks still having trouble. There are still 25 people who have not made the change so here is a link: Sign-up to news.mycanebrake.org If you are still unsuccessful in getting connected please contact Merle directly. It was discovered that many people were not getting their email because their email provider was filtering out our emails with the large numbers of addresses because they looked like spam.



Last weekend the 14th annual Hotter Than Hell Hamburger Happening was celebrated. The decorations by Kathy McNair were a tribute to Ukraine with a blue and yellow theme. Bill Dimmock was working the grill and there were a few hardy Canebrakers there to enjoy the repast. The Holmes group was sorely missed this year due to some health issues. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Bill Dimmock has started work on the CIA social calendar for the 2022-23 season. If you have some ideas or would like to host an event, get in touch with him at trapper101@aol.com

Frank Colver reported being in Canebrake for the thunder and lightning storm on Monday night, 8/8. His weather station recorded 0.57" of rain and winds up to 51 mph. Dean Kuns and Natalie Spandau have done a check of properties and have notified the folks that need to be concerned. Thanks for being proactive and notifying the community.

The importance of having an emergency contact form on file in the office at McKenney Hall was brought home to us this week. We were searching for a way to contact Nelly McKenna because it had been a while since hearing from her. The form contained only a name, but did not have a phone number or address for the contact named. Since the landline listed for Nelly in our roster had been disconnected, the next step was a search online for an obituary. Unfortunately,

the search displayed her name. A call to the mortuary confirmed that the lady was in fact of Colombian descent. Sadly, it must be our Nelly.



Nelly R. McKenna

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Nelly R. McKenna, age 88, of San Diego, California passed away on Tuesday, March 29, 2022. Nelly R. was born October 15, 1933.

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