History of Aliso and Woods Canyons and Laguna Coast Wilderness Parks

Tuesday, June 11th, 7:30-9:30 pm
Eric Jessen

Eric Jessen will present a “History of Aliso & Woods Canyons and Laguna Coast Wilderness Parks” in a digital video program format for The Laguna Beach Historical Society.

He will present a history of how the land for these parks was acquired starting atop the South Laguna Ridgeline in the early 1970s and wrapping around Laguna as the years passed to capture 20,000 acres of parkland.

The program is full of interesting tidbits that many people may have forgotten. Color videography was done by Harry Huggins and was professionally edited by Performance Production Studios. It’s another chapter in the “History of OC Parks” video program much like the “History of Laguna’s Beaches-Part I” presented by Jessen last year. Admission is free. Invite your friends!
Trail Map Shown Above

Page 1 Photograph:
A nice view looking down a gentle slope with the AWMA paved road threading its way down Aliso Canyon.

Photograph top right: AWMA paved road with sign

Photograph to the right: Creek view

Photograph below: An aerial view of Aliso Canyon and the Pacific Ocean looking west.

Photograph above: California Gnatcatcher, which inhabits undergrowth throughout the park.

Quick Facts: Operated by OC Parks. There is no entrance fee, but there is a $3 parking fee.
A Message from our President

Edward Storke

May is Heritage Month in Laguna Beach. It began with a reception at the new Ocean at Main restaurant hosted by Chef Craig Strong. Saturday, May 4th saw an Artists’ Studio trolley tour hosted by Eric Jessen, one of our board members. A Historic Residential Project Forum at city hall and a Crystal Cove Historic District Tour were also featured. As always we continue to have open houses at our Murphy Smith Bungalow every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 1pm to 4pm. For further information about Heritage Month 2020, please contact Martina Caron at 949-464-6629. Hope to see you at our next program on Tuesday, June 11th.

An Interesting Piece of History

We recently received a rock-shaped piece of El Toro runway. This donation was collected by Tom Maloney after the runway was removed. He thought the Laguna Beach Historical Society would be interested in the memorabilia because there were many activists in our city who helped to make sure no commercial airport was built at the site. Also included in the donation was Tom Maloney’s work shirt from his time at Orange County’s Harbors, Beaches and Parks as well as two patches.

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