



## December 2008 Public Programs

**TUES 12/2 11am**

**Sooky Goldman Nature Center**

**Botanical Drawing Workshop** Blooming with detail, the botanical drawing workshop is an ongoing gathering of artists of all levels interested in accurately drawing and/or painting plants indoors while learning more about our native flora in a relaxed environment. Reservations required. Call 323-656-3899 to reserve. 4hrs

**SAT 12/6 10am**

**Sooky Goldman Nature Center**

**WODOC and the Movies** See why Franklin Canyon has been a premier filming location for movies and TV shows such as; When a Stranger Calls, It Happened One Night, and the beginning of the Andy Griffith show. 2hrs

**SAT 12/6 10am**

**Sooky Goldman Nature Center**

**Create a Beautiful Garden Using Kitchen Scraps!** Explore one way you can help reduce global warming in this informative presentation on starting your own vermiculture. Norma the naturalist will show you how to use worms and food scraps to enrich the soil in your garden. 2 hrs

**SUN 12/7 9am**

**Sooky Goldman Nature Center**

**Nature Rambles** Benefit from naturalist Bob's decades of scientific study of the flora and fauna in Franklin Canyon on this fascinating moderate walk discussing the complex dance between birds, plants and insects. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. Please note the different locations. Call for reservations at 310-858-7272 ext. 131. 2 hrs

**SUN 12/7 9am**

**Sooky Goldman Nature Center**

**Aerobic Trek** Get your heart pumping and legs moving on an energizing morning hike while enjoying the great outdoors. 1.5hrs

**SUN 12/7 9:30am**

**Sooky Goldman Nature Center**

**Fitness Hike** Challenge yourself into better shape with fitness enthusiast and MRCA volunteer Zahava on this moderate to difficult hike. Dogs welcome and walking sticks encouraged. Bring water, wear work-out/hiking shoes and be ready to sweat. 2-2.5hrs, 3.5 to 5 miles.

**SUN 12/7 10am**

**Sooky Goldman Nature Center**

**Hike and Craft** Join MRCA volunteer Lucy for a gentle walk in Franklin Canyon then make a craft you can take home. Ages three to eight accompanied by parents or supervisors. 2hrs.

**SUN 12/7 3pm**

**Franklin Canyon Ranch Site**

**Photo Fun in Franklin Canyon** Capture the moment with an experienced photographer who will guide you to finding unique views and photo opportunities in nature. Reservations Required Call (310) 858-7272 ext. 131. 2hrs

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**FRI 12/12 7pm**

**Franklin Canyon Ranch Site at lower parking lot near restrooms**

**Full Moon Hike** On this moderately strenuous hike for all ages, look and listen for wildlife. Enjoy a view of the stars and the city. Meet at the lower parking lot near restroom. 2hrs

**SAT 12/13 2pm**

**Sooky Goldman Nature Center**

**Speak for the Trees** "I speak for the trees, for they have no tongues," said the Lorax, and so can YOU in this playful, interactive program devoted to all things with woody trunks, roots, branches and leaves or needles. Kids ages 8 to 88 welcome! 2 hours

**For More Information**

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# Franklin Canyon Park

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**SAT 12/13 3pm**

**Sooky Goldman Nature Center**

**Evening Birds and other Creatures of the Night** The Canyon is full of activity when the sun goes down. Learn about this hidden nocturnal world on a casual sunset stroll around Franklin Canyon Lake. Bring binoculars. 2hrs

**SUN 12/14 4pm**

**Sooky Goldman Nature Center**

**Let it Go Meditations** As the year comes to a close, let's join together in releasing what no longer serves us with powerful meditations and discussion. Some light hiking. Bring water. 1.5hrs.

**TUES 12/16 11am**

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**SAT 12/20 10am**

**Sooky Goldman Nature Center**

**Plant Adventures** Get up close and personal with insects and examine their interrelationships with plants on this jaunt with MRCA volunteer naturalist Dennis the Bug Man. Bring sack lunch to have over discussion after the walk. 3hrs

**SAT 12/20 3:30pm**

**Franklin Canyon Ranch Site**

**Winter Solstice Hike** Celebrate the beginning of Winter with a moderate hike in Franklin Canyon. Discuss seasonal changes and identify planets and constellations. 2hrs

**TUES 12/23 11am**

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**SAT 12/27 8am**

**Sooky Goldman Nature Center Parking Lot**

**Morning Birds of Franklin Canyon** Catch the Early Bird Special! Enjoy the sounds and sights of busy birds gearing up for their day. Bring sturdy shoes and binoculars but no dogs. Please meet in the Parking Lot below the Nature Center. 2.5hrs

**SAT 12/27 11am**

**Franklin Canyon Ranch**

**Quake Safe Walk** On a moderate walk, see earthquake faults and learn how to get prepared for and survive the "Big One". Rain Cancels, handouts. 2hrs

**TUES 12/30 11am**

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### Franklin Canyon Park

2600 Franklin Canyon Drive

Beverly Hills, CA 90210

310-858-7272 ext. 132

#### Directions:

US 101 exit Coldwater Canyon Avenue. Go south 2.5 miles to the intersection of Coldwater Canyon Ave. and Mulholland Drive (West) and make a ninety degree angle right hand turn onto Franklin Canyon Drive (a small residential street set back from the larger intersection). Drive through the neighborhood approximately .5 miles and you will enter Franklin Canyon Park.

For programs meeting at the Sooky Goldman Nature Center: At the first stop sign, turn left onto the large gravel parking lot. Park and walk up to the cluster of buildings on the hill following the signs to the Sooky Goldman Nature Center and William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Group meets at nature center.

For programs meeting at the lower ranch area: Go straight at the stop sign, following the winding road around the lake. Turn right at the bottom of the take on the dam. Continue travelling south for about 1/4 mile. Turn left at stop sign onto Lake Drive and travel about one mile to lower parking lot on left. Group meets in parking lot.

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