

Announcements

Accent reduction classes in April

In learning any skill, the proper tools and training are needed. This also holds true for speaking English. Many people who move to this country from other nations have the desire to be successful in business and to prosper. Learning to read and speak English doesn't guarantee that one will be understood. When one cannot be easily understood, it can create difficulty in achieving one's goals. There are many speaking skills needed that aren't necessarily taught when learning the language.

Accent Reduction gives these tools and training. It consists of practical exercises in proper tongue and mouth placement for all the sounds of English, followed by drills and speeches to help one to practice these sounds.

Different languages use different muscle groups to speak. One of the basic but vital skills learned are exercises to strengthen the face, tongue and mouth muscles so that a person can easily make the sounds needed when speaking English. There are also

exercises to strengthen the voice itself. Many students say that these exercises alone help them gain confidence in speaking.

Author and instructor Judy Young began teaching Speech and Accent Reduction in 1991. She is the author of "Simple Accent Reduction," a home study workbook. She was trained extensively in acting and speech in Chicago by the late Ted Liss, then one of the top acting and speech coaches in the U.S. Alumni of the Ted Liss school include Robert Urich, Virginia Madsen, Karl Malden and Tom Bosley. Young originally taught only actors, but then branched out and started using her skills to help anyone who wished to speak English more clearly and effectively. The technique works for any nationality; it does require a basic understanding of English.

A new series of classes in Accent Reduction is starting in April on Monday nights at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 2657 Honolulu Avenue, La Crescenta. Classes are from 7-8:30



Judy Young teaches local classes in Accent Reduction.

p.m. on April 5, 12, 19 and 26. The cost is \$90, plus a \$30 workbook fee that includes an instructional CD. Class size is limited so please call ahead to reserve a

space. Bring a friend and you each get \$10 off the class fee. Call 800-536-1324 or e-mail Judy Young at SimpleAccentReduction@gmail.com to confirm.

Little Landers annual plant sale

The Little Landers Historical Society will be holding its annual one-day plant sale on Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at 9929-31 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga (in the rear alley behind Rios). Parking will be available on Commerce Avenue or in the alley.

More than 1,000 plants of all sizes and shapes will be available with prices starting at 25 cents. You will find trees, shrubs, ground covers, succulents, flowers, bulbs, California natives and much more.

Plant donations may be made on Friday, April 23 between 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the same location.

For more information call Lloyd Hitt at 818-951-1041.



Sierra Club's April event

The Crescenta Valley Sierra Club presents "An Exotic Borneo Adventure" by Fred Dong on Tuesday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Citibank Building, 2350 Honolulu Avenue, Montrose.

Join world travelers Fred Dong and Stephanie Gross on a recap of their trip to Borneo. They will introduce the endangered orangutans they saw, which are native to Borneo. Other interesting wildlife will also be shown, such as unusual proboscis monkeys, silver leaf monkeys, macaques, hornbills and many exotic birds. The tour includes rainforests, pitcher plant, coral reefs and river areas. They experienced Borneo culture with native dancers, visits to cultural villages and stories of Borneo headhunters.

Our program follows news of Conservation and Outings. Refreshments will be served. The community is welcome and it is free. Please contact Wayne Fisher, Program Chair for further information at 818-353-4181.

Obituary – Anne Volk Finn, 94

Ninety-four year old Anne Volk Finn, widow of former LA City Councilman Howard Finn, passed on March 10, 2010. Anne was a beloved member our Rancho Tujunga community where she resided for the last 65 years. She will be missed.

Anne was honored in a private graveside service was held on March 12th at Eden Memorial Park in Mission Hills and a website, www.annefinn.com has been established in remembrance. There you can learn more about the life of this remarkable woman, read and share remembrances of her and her work and find out about a future celebration of Anne's life.



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