

May 22nd, the 6th Annual Las Flores Family Car Show Extravaganza had 75 entries including: customs and muscles cars, Harley's, imports, hot rods and even a 1902 steam fire engine.

In 1991, Coto residents Dave & Barbara Hubert found the steamer rusting away in a barn in Fallbrook and purchased it with the intention of restoring it to its original beauty. It took retired OCFA Fire Captain Dave Hubert and his son, Mark, about 5 1/2 years to completely restore it.

Now restored to its original glory, this wonderful old fire engine has been touring California in the interest of fire prevention and public safety education along with "Blaze" the fire Dalmatian as their mascot.

Supported by the CA State Firefighters' Association, Dave, Barbara, Blaze and the entire Steamer Team of retired firefighters participate in many events such as charity fund-raisers, parades, and community events, and can often be seen in the annual Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena.



The Serenity Of Abbey Life In Harmony With Nature

St. Michael's Preparatory School and Abbey grounds were recently transformed on Earth Day. Edward Lim, a St. Michael's honor student, first presented his ideas to headmaster Father Gabriel Stack, as his Boy Scout Eagle Service Project.

What started out as a modest project for some "trouble spots" on the abbey grounds developed into a total landscape renovation of more than 22,000 sq. ft. Established in the early 1960's with a major planting of Ponderosa Pine, long since the victim of pine beetle, it was time for a major redo. Fr. Gregory Dick, with the help of heavy equipment and volunteers handled the removal of all remnants of past plantings.

Next, it was time for a plan of action. Landscape designer and long time friend of St. Michael's, Theresa Mullins, was recruited. A palette of California natives, noted for drought tolerance, low maintenance and attracting wildlife were selected. Village Nursery owners, Jim and Nancy Baldwin, graciously donated needed plant material along with the horticulture expertise of John Barrett.

A dry stream bed echoing the lines of the Santa Ana Hills was first established using native boulders and stones. Next the team of Boy Scouts Troop 145, St. Michael's students,

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Mike Simpson, from Glidden Professional, handed out paint and formed groups to paint retaining walls along the 241 Tollroad from Rancho to Las Flores. PHOTO BY JOLENE BASS

350 Mormons Mobilize to Renew Community For Annual Community Day of Service

May 8th, hundreds of volunteers from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) in Rancho Santa Margarita participated in the annual Mormon Helping Hands Community Day of Service.

The project was carried out under the direction of President Sterling Brennan of the Santa Margarita Stake. He stated, "This has been a busy spring, and I am so grateful for those who helped organize the projects and especially to those volunteers who came and gave their hours of service, the turnout always

amazes me."

The day of service covered four distinct projects in Rancho Santa Margarita and Modjeska Canyon. In Rancho Santa Margarita volunteers in bright yellow "Mormon Helping Hands" vests worked in connection with the City and SAMLARC to paint a retaining wall, dig out artichoke thistles at Canada Vista slope and distribute mulch at the Canada Vista Dog Park. Brian Mitchell of SAMLARC said, "We were thrilled when the LDS Church approached us asking about the needs of the city. We thought these three projects would really beautify and renew our community."

100 of the 350 yellow-vested volunteers started their day at the Modjeska Canyon Fire Station. Senior Fire Officer Bruce Newell and Leslie Paskus of the Inter-Canyon League gave the team of volunteers guidelines and Poison Oak warnings before heading up the steep Olive Hill. Paskus expressed the canyon community's gratitude to Mormon Helping Hands for their work during the wildfires and mudslides.

Hundreds of thousands of hours of community service were rendered on this special Mormon Helping Hands service day. Mormons in every community in California, working with park and civic officials, identified hundreds of projects in parks throughout California.



Elder Brewer and Elder Enruiquez, Shelby McLain, Abby & Megan Allen all from Rancho take a break from distributing mulch at the Canada Vista Dog Park. PHOTO BY TIFFANY HODSON



The before and after of Edward Lim's landscape renovation Eagle Project.

