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**TVEA Connects Businesses to Leaders**

TVEA hosts several signature events that bring together some of the most thoughtful Technology, Education, Manufacturing and Health in the U.S.

The Alliance also hosts many network events including our Valley of the Stars Gala, Honor a Hero-Hire a Vet, Health Expo, Tech Expo, Going Global and open houses.

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Who is TVEA for?

The Valley Economic Alliance helps San Fernando Valley businesses create, grow and prosper. We can help your business.

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Who Funds the Economic Alliance?

TVEA generates revenue from special projects, events, foundation grants and businesses. Businesses can contribute to different projects that benefit the community. We offer a variety of customized partnerships benefits.

Our City Partners

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The Valley Economic Alliance delivers customized benefits based on individual investor needs. Understanding your key business objectives, helping to connect you to the resources to make you successful and delivering value are our core competencies. Thousands of businesses have benefited from our services.

Signature Events

• TechX & Valley Expo
• Industrial & Commercial Brokers’ Conferences
• HealthX & Career Fair Expo
• TradeX and Trade Connect
• Honor a Hero, Hire a Vet Job and Resource Fair
• Valley Hackathon
• Steve Allen “Excellence in Education” Awards
• Valley of the Stars Gala Dinner & Awards Ceremony
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There is so much to do in and around the San Fernando Valley. Yet much is left undiscovered by the nearly two million residents who live here. Even fewer who visit the valley to spend time with family or friends, or visit for business purposes, are aware of the entertainment, recreation and cultural riches that are here to explore.

This publication, Discovering the San Fernando Valley, is produced by Decision Publications in an effort to showcase some of the many places you, visitors to the valley, and out of town guests may want to explore.

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**Location:** 6100 Woodley Ave., Van Nuys. Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Sundays 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Final admittance is at 3:15 p.m. Closed on major holidays (check with website for details).

**Tele:** (818) 756-8166
 **Web:** www.thejapanesegarden.com.

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The 1.5 acre California State University Northridge (CSUN) Botanic Garden contains an estimated 1,200 plant species representing many regions and climates. Situated between the University Student Union and Chaparral Hall, the garden is open to the public. It also serves as an academic resource for students.

**Located** at 18111 Nordhoff Street, the Garden is a vital academic and community resource. It includes various forms of cacti and succulents, California native plants, palms, herbs, butterfly plants, as well as New Zealand and tropical plants. The Botanic Garden is also home to birds, butterflies, squirrels and insects.

**Hours:** Mondays through Fridays, 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Closed weekends, University holidays and occasionally during extreme weather.

**Tele:** (818) 677-3496 **Web:** www.csun.edu/botanicgarden/
Descanso Gardens

Opened year-round, Descanso Gardens is an internationally renowned botanical garden. The property was originally owned by E. Manchester Boddy, who also owned the Los Angeles Daily News. Boddy ceded the property to Los Angeles County in 1953. The refurbished family home is open to the public as is the Sturt Haaga Gallery, which is also on the grounds.

Located at 1418 Descanso Drive in La Canada/Flintridge, near the 2, 210 and 134 freeway, the property includes a rose garden, Japanese tea house, lilac garden, camellia collection, xeriscape (drought-tolerant landscaping), oak forest, ancient forest, California native plants, and a gift shop. Tickets can be purchased online or at the visitor's center.

Cost: $28 (general); $24 (seniors 65 and older and children 3 to 17); children 2 and younger enter free. Group tickets are also available. For group tickets (818) 949-4202 or email grouptours@descansogardens.org.

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Web: www.descansogardens.org

Los Encinos State Historical Park

Los Encinos State Historic Park is a state park preserving buildings of Rancho Los Encinos. The park is located near the corner of Balboa and Ventura Boulevards in Encino. Los Encinos State Historic Park is a treasure trove of history from the days before California became a state. See how it was in the early days.

Address: 16756 Moorpark St, Encino. Hours: Wednesday-Sunday 10am to 5pm. Visitor Center open during regular park hours.

De la Ossa Adobe tours by appointment only. Admission is free.

Hours: 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.; Tele: (818) 949-4290
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Stoney Point Park

Whether you’re looking for a serene or action-packed day, Stoney Point Park is the place to be. The park offers many walking trails, including those along the east and south side of the mountain base wide enough to walk your dog and opportunities for hiking, climbing and horseback riding. There isn’t a lot of shade in the area unless of course, you find the caves or dens in the area. Stoney Point Park is located at 11000 Topanga Canyon Blvd. in Chatsworth. Hours: Open daily, dawn to dusk

Te: (818) 756-8060
Web: www.laparks.org/park/stoney-point

Discovering The San Fernando Valley
Orcutt Ranch Horticulture Center

The historic Orcutt Residence is surrounded by 24-acres of gardens and a citrus orchard. The gardens include heritage oaks trees, wandering garden paths, formal flower beds, and a variety of interesting specimen trees, exotic shrubs, and flowering plants.

There are several significant oak trees on the property; one of the largest is more than 33’ in circumference and is estimated to be more than 700 years old.

Orcutt Ranch Horticultural Center is open daily Sunrise to Sunset, and is located in the west San Fernando Valley, at 23600 Roscoe Boulevard, in Canoga Park.

Fruit Picking: Orcutt Ranch opens its orchards to the public one weekend a year in July. Ripe Valencia Oranges and White Grapefruit can be picked by hand. Bring your own grocery bags, medium size boxes. Fees range from $1 to $6

Griffith Park

One of the largest urban parks in North America, Griffith Park sits on 4,310 acres and is home to a number of venues including the Los Angeles Zoo, Autry Museum, the Los Angeles Live Streamers Railroad Museum, the Travel Town Museum, the Greek Theatre, hiking trails, the Los Angeles Equestrian Center, horseback riding trails, soccer fields, tennis courts, Merry-Go-Round, pony rides, and much more.

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**Museum Hours:** Every Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
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The Museum gives visitors an intimate view of antique, vintage, classic, post-World War II and special interest automobiles as well as a 1937 Canadian Pacific Royal Hudson steam locomotive and a 1912 Pullman private side car. The Collection, housed in a four-story building across the street, features examples of early automobiles as well as nickelodeons, David Winter Cottages, music boxes, dolls, coins, crystal figurines, radiator hood ornament automated mechanical instruments and a Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ. Both the museum and collection are open to the public, however admittance to the collection must be pre-arranged for a docent led tour.

Museum Hours: Self-guided tours Tuesday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Collection Hours: Docent-led tours: Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Reservations only. Children under 10 are not allowed. Museum and Collection are closed on major holidays. Call for exact dates.

Tele: (818) 364-6464 Web: www.nethercuttcollection.org

Inside the Museum: The Nethercutt Automotive Research Library and Archive

The Nethercutt Automotive Research Library and Archive is considered to be one of the top ten automotive libraries in the world. The Library is open to the public with some restrictions on research and historical stack material. For information call (818) 364-6464 ext. 235.

Autry Museum of the American West

If you love country music or are a fan of Gene Autry, you won’t want to miss this gem which sits in Los Angeles’ Griffith Park, off the 134 Freeway, next to the Los Angeles Zoo. The museum contains a treasure trove of U.S. history in the western states. Among the more than 500,000 pieces of art and artifacts is the collection of the Southwest Museum of the American Indian, one of the largest and most significant in the United States. One of Autry’s personal belongings on display is his Martin D-45 Guitar, known as the “Grandfather of the American Acoustic Guitar.”

Museum Hours:

- Tues.–Sat., 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Closed Mondays and major holidays (check the website for details)

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Museum Hours: Tuesday–Friday and Sunday 10:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. Parking lot opens 9:30 a.m. Closed Mondays and major holidays (check the website for details).

Te: (310) 440-7330 Web: www.getty.edu

Museum of the San Fernando Valley

The Museum of the San Fernando Valley located at 18860 Nordhoff Street, 2nd floor, in Northridge, features memorabilia from the San Fernando Valley and the Los Angeles area. The museum also provides special exhibits of artwork and furniture.

Hours: Tuesdays: 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Thursdays: 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Saturdays: 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Free Admission.

Te: (818) 347-9665 Web: www.TheMuseumSFV.org

The Skirball Cultural Center

Located at 2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd. just down the road from the Getty Center, the Skirball Cultural Center provides a perspective on Jewish life throughout the ages. It also prides itself on the diverse and dynamic programming it offers to the greater Los Angeles community through exhibitions, concerts, films and much more. Children will enjoy the Center’s award-winning, interactive Noah’s Ark exhibit as well as a simulated archeological dig.

Hours: Tuesday–Friday, 12:00–5:00 p.m; Saturday–Sunday, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Closed Mondays and holidays (check the website for details). Last entry to Noah’s Ark is at 4:00 p.m. Last entry to other Museum galleries is at 4:30 p.m.

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The Museum is open Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. It is closed Christmas Day. During pacific daylight time, the weekend hours are extended one hour.

Phone: (323) 662-5874. The Museum is located at 5200 Zoo Dr. in the southeast part of the valley in Griffith Park.

The Los Angeles Live Steamers Railroad Museum (LALSRM) was founded in 1956. It was started by train enthusiasts for the purpose of educating people in railroad history and lore and also to further the avocation of live steam, gas-mechanical and electronic railroad technology.

As you look around our facility, most everything you see, including the trains, were built by members of the Los Angeles Live Steamers Railroad Museum. The museum is located at 5202 Zoo Drive. Call (323) 652-8030 for hours. For more information, google Los Angeles Live Streamers Railroad Museum.

Leonis Adobe/Plummer House & Museum

Refurbished by Miguel Leonis and his Chumash wife Espirita Chijulla sometime in the 1870s, the Leonis Adobe is located at 23537 Calabasas Road in Calabasas. Leonis made his fortune in ranching, real estate and litigation, and eventually owned a large section of the western San Fernando Valley. The house was declared Los Angeles’ Historic-Cultural Monument #1 in 1962 when it was threatened with demolition. Today, visitors can tour this living history museum and see how a working ranch functioned in 19th century America. The property is also home to the Plummer House, which until 1983 was located in Plummer Park in West Hollywood and considered to be the oldest house in Hollywood.

Museum Hours: Leonis Adobe Museum/Gift Shop: Open to the public Friday through Sunday. Closed on major holidays (check the website for details). Tele: (818) 222-6511 Web: www.leonisadobemuseum.org

NoHo Arts District

The NoHo Arts District in North Hollywood offers an assortment of art galleries, theaters, restaurants, bars, pubs, coffee shops and retail stores. With activities and entertainment year round, visit the NoHo website.

Tele: 818-506-3132 Web: www.NOHOartsdistrict.com

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In 1937 movie star Barbara Stanwyck hired an architect to design a large French and English Tudor inspired residence for her 11-acre ranch in Northridge. The completed two-story, hill top home with stone veneer, multiple gabled roofline, wooden shingles and 12 rooms was 6,400 square foot excluding the equestrian facility cost the actress approximately $22,000.

The house has been designated as a Los Angeles Cultural Monument (#484) and a California State Historic Monument.

Location: 18650 Devonshire St., Northridge 91324 Hours: Call for information on monthly docent led tours or visit the website.

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The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum is located at 40 Presidential Drive in Simi Valley. Discounted tickets with valid ID are available for college students. Admission is free for active military personnel with a valid ID.

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The Valley Culture Center is located at 21550 Oxnard St., #470, Woodland Hills, CA 91367.

Tele: (818) 704-1358  Web: www.valleycultural.org

Griffith Observatory

Located at 2800 East Observatory Road in Los Angeles, the Griffith Observatory was built in 1935 with money bequeathed by Colonel Griffith Jenkins Griffith, who was also the benefactor of The Greek Theatre and Griffith Park itself. Today, the observatory is considered to be one of the premier public observatories in the world. Visitors can look through some of the most high-tech telescopes to see views of Los Angeles, experience live shows in the Samuel Oschin Planetarium, stroll through the exhibits or walk around the grounds.

Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 12:00 noon - 10:00 p.m.; Saturday - Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.; Closed on Mondays

Tele: (213) 473-0800  Web: www.griffithobservatory.org

Valley Performing Arts Center

The Valley Performing Arts Center at California State University brings local, national and international performances and art shows to residents of the greater Los Angeles area.

Programming includes classical and popular music, dance, theater, family and international events.

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Hours: 10 a.m.–5 p.m. daily. Closed Christmas Day

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Hours: Park hours vary. (Check website for more information).

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Tel: 877-492-8687
Web: www.wbstudiotour.com

Tarzana Community & Cultural Center

Surrounded by towering, long-needled pines, the picturesque Ventura Boulevard-Vanalden Avenue property that is now the Tarzana Community & Cultural Center (TCCC) almost never happened. Only the vision, dedication, financial contributions and continuing perseverance of a few local residents saved it from becoming one more built-up commercial establishment.

As many know, Tarzana is the birthplace of Tarzan – Lord of the Apes. Celebrated American novelist Edgar Rice Burroughs created the world-famous jungle hero right here on his own spacious Tarzana Ranch, in the San Fernando Valley where he spent most of his life riding, writing, and living life to the fullest. The author would have seen and recognized the modest 1940s Spanish-style home located just a few blocks west of his own large, hilltop hacienda.

**Tarzan Museum:** Displays at TCCC are ever growing and feature an array of community histories, as well as many documents, books and photos related to the town’s famous namesake; Edgar Rice Burroughs: “Tarzan Lord of the Apes”.

**Children’s Garden:** The Children’s Garden evokes whimsical elements of the African landscape, which are altogether appropriate for Tarzan country. The botanical garden includes “Elephant Island” and Giraffe Ridge, as well as an herb garden and a “kitchen garden”, which is replenished each spring by a Brownie troop.

TCCC is located at 19130 Ventura Blvd, Tarzana.

Tel: (818) 705-1286
Web: www.mytarzana.org

Andres Pico Adobe

The Andres Pico Adobe is one of the oldest adobe structures in the City of Los Angeles. Built in 1834, it represents a bygone era and the rich historical past of the San Fernando Valley.

Today the Adobe serves as a museum of Valley history, with exhibits of native American beads, Mission and Spanish-Mexican era artifacts, costumes and clothing that span more than a century, and furniture from the Victorian era, when it was home to members of the Pico family.

In addition to exhibit galleries, the Adobe contains a research library, photographic archives, and is used at the official headquarters of the San Fernando Valley Historical Society. Some souvenirs are available for purchase to help support the Society’s mission.

**Hours:** Mondays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (except holidays); Third Sundays of every month, 1 - 4 p.m. Group tours & historical research are by appointment.

**Address:** 10940 Sepulveda Blvd., Mission Hills

Tel: 818-365-7810. Enter the parking lot from Brand Blvd. at its junction with Sepulveda Blvd. Admission is free.

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If you are looking for the winery experience without the long drive up to Napa or Sonoma counties, try Agua Dulce Winery. It is the largest winery in Los Angeles County with 90 acres of vines. The winery, which produces six varieties of wine, has daily tours and tastings.

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