



Livija Lipaite, Program Coordinator, and me in the Junior Arts Center.



Livija Lipaite and me in one of the craft rooms.



Junior Art Center.



Eraser, 1970, balsa wood and paint.



One of my favorite displays.



Gallery Theatre.

# Barnsdall Art Park

— Hollywood

Hollyhock House.



## Hello again, everybody! Happy Spring!

This month, we decided to stay in the Los Angeles area. Have you ever heard of the Barnsdall Art Park? The park includes the Hollyhock House, Art Center, Junior Art Center, and Municipal Art Gallery. This park is very interesting because of all the features and activities it has to offer. Did you know this facility is run by Cultural Affairs? Did you know the Hollyhock House takes its name from the favorite flower of Aline Barnsdall? Let's explore and find out more about this very interesting place.

Barnsdall Art Park sits on 11 acres in the Los Feliz/Hollywood area. This area was deeded to the City of Los Angeles in 1927 as a cultural art center, located on Olive Hill overlooking the city of Los Angeles.

Back in the 1900s, Aline Barnsdall came west and wanted to start and develop a theatre company. Aline donated the park and its Frank Lloyd Wright-designed structures to the City of Los Angeles because she wanted to provide an accessible arts center, incorporating and preserving the famous Hollyhock House as a vital component. Programs and exhibits became a part of the mission of the park; programs are used by thousands of Los Angeles community members.

Frank Lloyd Wright, who designed Hollyhock House, is America's best-known architect. Born in 1867, he lived



The entrance to the art gallery.



Sculpture, 1961, stoneware and glaze.

to be 91. Prime examples of his work include the prairie houses, the S.C. Johnson Wax Building, Fallingwater and the Guggenheim Museum. Wright was gone for most of the Barnsdall project construction, but he entrusted supervision to two young men who would later be Los Angeles prominent architects, his apprentice Rudolph Schindler and his son Lloyd Wright.

Aline Barnsdall was a native of Bradford, Penn. Her grandfather,

William Barnsdall, drilled the second producing well in the United States, establishing the fortune that would finance Aline's philanthropy and her extensive travels.

After visiting, all I can say is wow! The Barnsdall Art Park is beautiful; there were views all around us. In one direction you could see downtown Los Angeles, in another direction you could see Griffith Park Observatory, and to the left of that was the world famous Hollywood sign. When you are at this park, you feel really calm. The word that best describes the Art Park is peaceful. From the top of the park you could hear birds chirping and serenity about the area. There were many types of exhibits to walk through and enjoy; my favorite was the children's section, the Junior Arts Center. The Park offers many different classes on art, painting, ceramics, and water coloring to name a few.

*I also need to send out a special thank you to Livija Lipaite, Program Coordinator. She was very helpful and showed us around the area. Thank you, Livija!*

If you visit any of my "Be Alive!" places, or you take an excursion on your own, please take lots of photos and send them to me at [agomez@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:agomez@cityemployeesclub.com). Bring plenty of water and snacks, and spend time just walking and enjoying the scenery.

**As always, be safe  
and Be Alive!,  
Angel**



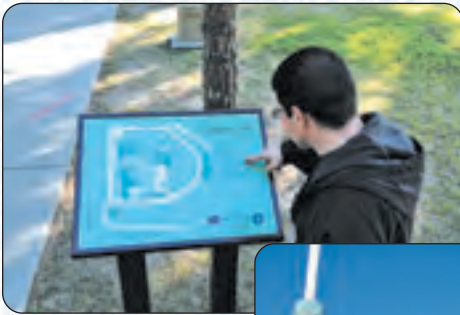
Angel Gomez,  
Club Director of Sales

# Angel's *BeAlive!*

Send your photos to me at [agomez@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:agomez@cityemployeesclub.com). I would love to see them!



One of the walkways in Barnsdall Park.



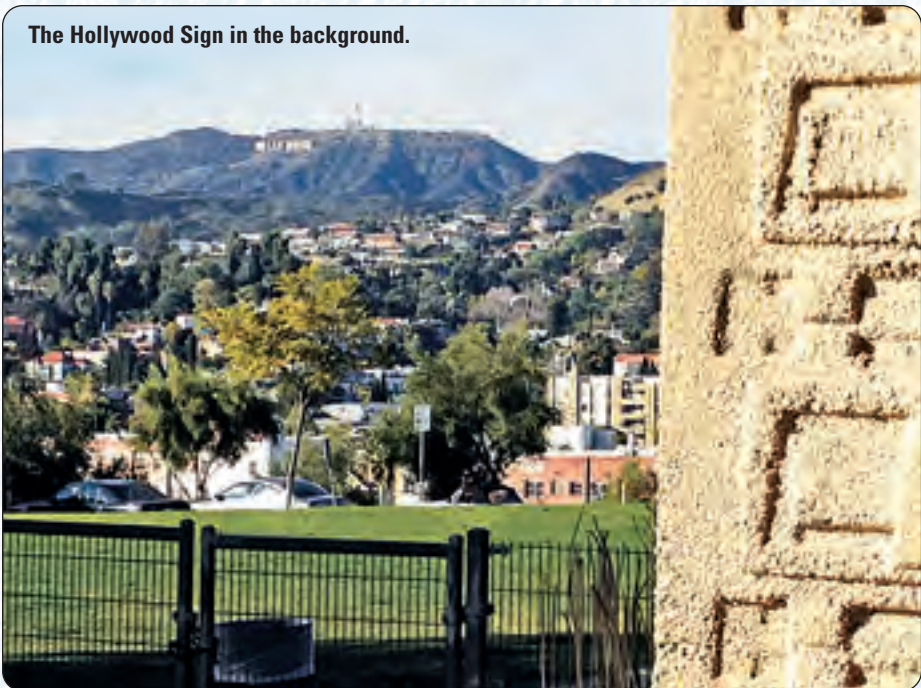
Above:  
Park legend.



Above:  
Barnsdall Art Park entrance.



Left:  
Colorful exhibits from children.



The Hollywood Sign in the background.

## Barnsdall Art Park 4800 Hollywood Blvd. • Los Angeles, CA 90027

**FACILITY FEATURES:**  
Barnsdall art center, gallery theatre, Hollyhock House, Junior Art Center, municipal art gallery.

**HOLLYHOCK HOUSE FEES:**  
\$5 general admission, \$3 students and seniors, free for children under 12  
Phone: (323) 660-4254

**HOURS:**  
Park: 5 a.m. – 10 p.m.  
Municipal Art Gallery: Thursday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.  
Hollyhock House tours: Friday through Sunday: 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30 p.m.

**DIRECTIONS:** From Downtown Los Angeles find your way to Sunset Boulevard and continue north until the street turns



Donations are welcome.

into Hollywood Boulevard. Look for the address signs posted on the fence outside the park. The park is about six miles from downtown Los Angeles.

## Did You Buy Tickets To Mann Theatres Through the Club?

Here's how to exchange them. **Deadline: March 15.**



In February, Mann Theatres went out of business.

As a courtesy, the Club will accept returns (for exchange only) of unused Mann Theatre tickets purchased through the Club until March 15, 2012, with the following stipulations:

- The tickets must have been purchased from the City Employees Club.
- You must have a valid sales receipt from the City Employees Club.
- The tickets must be in good condition.

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LAFD, LAPD

## To Baldly Go

It's time for St. Baldrick's! FS 89 will be used for the head-shaving fundraiser against childhood cancers.



At last year's St. Baldrick's event: Greg Wells, LAPD Internal Affairs.

On St. Paddy's Day – Sat., March 17 – LAFD and LAPD personnel, and other City Employees, too, will participate in their ninth annual combined St. Baldrick's event. Participants, or "shavees" as they are known, collect pledges from friends and family in exchange for shaving their heads. The

bald heads signify solidarity with child victims of cancer, who often lose their hair while undergoing treatment. All money raised goes to the St. Baldrick's Foundation and is distributed to doctors and other researchers on the front lines of the war on childhood cancer.

This year's location is Fire Station 89, 7063 Laurel Canyon Blvd, in North Hollywood.

The event features a free IHOP pancake breakfast, a blood and bone marrow drive, and more. Entertainment will be provided by magicians, balloon artists, face painters, and local radio stations. And as always fire and police apparatus will be present for children to explore and for photo opportunities.

Participants and helpers are needed to staff this event. If you are able to help, please contact Lt. Greg Doyle at (818) 634-6127; Firefighter Danny Wu at (626) 590-6240; or LAFD Engineer Sean Kennedy, (626) 664-8711. If you would like to be a "shavee" or you are interested in pledging, you can sign up at [www.stbaldricks.org](http://www.stbaldricks.org).



### St. Baldrick's Info

**Who:** LAPD and LAFD Personnel (all are welcome, though)

**What:** Fundraiser for Childhood Cancer Research

**When:** Saturday, March 17, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Where:** LAFD Fire Station 89, 7063 Laurel Canyon Blvd., North Hollywood

**Why:** To raise money to fight childhood cancer

**How:** Sign up or donate at [www.stbaldricks.org](http://www.stbaldricks.org)  
Click on "Find an Event," and locate Los Angeles, Fire Station 89.

#### For more information:

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