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# Local Trash Talk

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**Illegal Dumping**  
[www.STOPIllegalDumping.com](http://www.STOPIllegalDumping.com)  
**1 (888) 8 DUMPING**

The Antelope Valley  
Illegal Dumping  
Task Force  
meets at 3 p.m. on  
the second  
Wednesday of every  
month at:  
Fire Station No. 129  
Training Center  
42110 6th St. West  
Lancaster, CA



Illegal Dumping site

For more  
information on  
the County's  
efforts to curb  
illegal dumping,  
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[CleanLA.com](http://CleanLA.com)

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Antelope Valley  
Beautiful"



## The Wasteland Project - What a Success Story



Left to right: David Coscia, Doug Burgis, Robyn Young, Monica Lynne Mahoney, Christine Borzaga. Photo: Andi Campognone, Museum Manager/Curator MOAH, 2013.

From May through June of this year, the Lancaster Museum of Art and History (MOAH) held an art exhibit, Wasteland: Turning Illegally Dumped Waste into Art. MOAH and the Eastside High School Art Department collaborated to get as many students and community members as possible to become engaged in learning the effects of illegal dumping on our beautiful desert environment. More than 660 visual and performing art students went on a field trip to two dump sites and collected items to create works of recycled art. The art was displayed at Eastside High School's Annual Arts Showcase, the Poppy Festival, and on the roof deck of MOAH.

Though the exhibit has closed, the results were impressive. Many people came to view the art and came away with a greater awareness of illegal dumping; those that couldn't make it saw the art through social media sites such as YouTube and the museum's Facebook site, which got between 400-600 unique visits per day for each entry/image! A few pieces of art even made it into the permanent collection of the museum. A survey had shown a 59% increase in awareness about illegal dumping as a result of the Wasteland Project.

"The students were transformed by this project. They not only created awesome sculptures, they collaborated and were valued members of their team. I saw students, who had rarely interacted with their peers, taking on positive roles and breaking through their personal challenges! It was truly a remarkable experience for all involved and I am so thankful for the support that made it possible!" said Robyn Young, teacher at Eastside High School.

Way to go MOAH and Eastside High School! The Wasteland exhibit was the first project in the Green MOAH Initiative, which seeks to "utilize art and environmental education as a creative catalyst for living greener, more sustainable lives" for residents of the Antelope Valley.

The Wasteland Project was generously funded by a grant from the Antelope Valley Illegal Dumping Task Force, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Lockheed Martin, City of Palmdale and City of Lancaster.

To view a video highlighting the art, go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EQHJJSzr2aM>



Wasteland sculpture on the MOAH roof deck, courtesy of Edwin Vasquez, AV Media

# Calendar

(www.CleanLA.com)

- **FREE HHW / E-Waste Collection:** 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month at the Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center 1200 W. City Ranch Road, Palmdale, (9 am to 3 pm)

## Designated PaintCare Drop-Off Sites in Antelope Valley

[www.PaintCare.org](http://www.PaintCare.org)  
(855)-724-6809

- **Dunn-Edwards,**  
730 W. Rancho Vista Blvd.  
Palmdale 93551  
(661)-224-1988  
5 gallon limit per visit
- **Sherwin Williams**  
550 W. Avenue P  
Palmdale 93551  
(661)-947-6748  
5 gallon limit per visit

Call ahead for hours and to make sure the store can accommodate the amount of paint.

To report an abandoned shopping cart, call the California Shopping Cart Retrieval Hotline:  
1 (800) 252-4613  
or email to:  
[abcShoppingCarts1@yahoo.com](mailto:abcShoppingCarts1@yahoo.com)

If you would like to contribute an article for *Local Trash Talk*, please contact the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Environmental Programs Division at (626) 458-3523.

## Adopt-A-Highway Spotlight for The Residents of Three Point

### The Mission:

The Los Angeles County Adopt-A-Highway Program provides individuals, families, businesses, organizations, and public agencies with a unique opportunity to gain prominent recognition while beautifying the environment within their own communities. By collecting roadside litter or removing graffiti on walls and bridges, participants will foster community pride and save taxpayer dollars.

We want to recognize and congratulate the Residents of Three Point for their participation in the Adopt-A-Highway program. Since January of 2001, Pine Canyon Road from Three Points Road to 2 miles westerly has been maintained. Leading this effort has been Karen Plemmons. Karen stated:

"Trash, it's something we all know about first hand. Not a day goes by that we don't throw something in the trash. Imagine, every single day we are generating trash. It's certainly not a new concept. People were dealing with waste and trash ever since 'modern' cities were formed.

I must admit, I do have a fascination with what people throw away. I remember one of my first great discoveries. A three ring binder I could use for school, and it only had a few little doodles on the back cover!! I think I saved my mom 39 cents on that one!

As a teenager, I would go 'berserk' if I saw one of my classmates throw paper down in the school yard. I was known as that crazy girl that would give you a lecture if you were caught being disrespectful (trash wise I mean). Now, I generally just try to set a good example and limit my relationship to picking up trash other folks leave behind.

Almost 55 years of picking up trash along the roadway (about 18 years with Adopt a Highway Program) has been quite educational. I've learned that Caltrans workers are not immune from the litter bug. The trash trucks love to let trash blow in the wind. School kids still empty out their notebooks of papers with poor grades on them. I don't think that will ever change until all their work is done on an iPad.

I still do find some good stuff. Twenty dollar bills, brand new paint brushes, wire rope slings and other tools always put a smile on my face. But mostly, I just get my exercise, bend down and pick up trash. Won't you join me? I promise you, it's fun! Oh, and don't forget, the added benefit of being respectful to your little area of the world (trash wise that is)."

For more information on the Adopt-A-Highway program, please contact Louis Darbeau of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works at (661) 947-7173.



## Recycle Your Christmas Tree!



This holiday season, remember to recycle your Christmas tree on your regular trash collection day from December 26, 2013 through January 11, 2014. Christmas tree recycling is a great way to help preserve our natural resources and reduce waste. To have your Christmas tree recycled into compost, mulch, or ground cover, remove all items from your tree such as water containers, tree stands, ornaments, tinsel, and nails.

Residents in the Antelope Valley area can conveniently recycle their tree by placing it at curbside on their regular trash collection day. Residents can also drop off their trees at designated collections sites.

Last year, 80 cities and the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County participated in the County's Christmas Tree Recycling Program. About 348,000 Christmas trees were recycled; a total of 3,483 tons. In addition to the Christmas trees collected through this program, participating landfills collected 8,540 tons of green waste mixed with Christmas trees.

For more information on Christmas tree recycling in the Antelope Valley, to locate tree collection sites, and to see community-specific Christmas tree recycling guidelines, go to [www.cleanla.com](http://www.cleanla.com) or Waste Management at (661) 947-7197.



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