

I L A N L A E L
F O U N D A T I O N

Newsletter
October, 2004

October approaches, marking one year since the Cedar Fire, so much has happened. The fire has pushed Ilan-Lael to formalizing its relationship with our home, studio and land. We are working with professionals on making sure that this special place can become an integral part of the world's search for beauty and balance as part of the Ilan- Lael Foundation for generations to come.



Mark Tighe and Office Construction

We are now moved back into the studio thanks to the help of hundreds of friends and the persistence of Mark Tighe, our contractor, and studio helpers. We are hard at work on jobs and deadlines and have just installed about 200 sq. feet of tile at Briercrest. September 14 was the opening ceremony of the Julian Library and the formal hanging of a 14 ft. gate built by our studio. We are about to embark on two more major commissions, a large fountain for the City Council of Coronado, with a "Three Quarters" celebration in the early Spring of 2005. We will begin construction on a garden with sculptural gazebo on Shelter Island for the Port of San Diego early next year. We have at least a year before our home is finished and maybe two more years before the rest of Ilan-Lael is together. We have a tremendous amount of work, with the widening of the road for fire protection and plans for an archive building. It now feels as if we are through the dim part and back in the world where so much is possible and so much needed.

I wish you could see the garden we have built here. It is complete with walls, benches and a gazebo entrance. To me this garden harbors the message of new beginnings. Our guide into the plant world was Ryan Casey, who led three garden workshops for many of our friends and volunteers. On November 6 we will have a fall planting day in the Ilan-Lael garden beginning at 9am. Bring your lunch, gloves, and a hat. Please park on Orchard Lane and call if the weather is in question.

The fourth **Pacific Rim Park** has come into being this July, co-sponsored by Ilan-Lael and Pacific Rim Park. It was named by the students, Entre Corazon y Mar (Between Heart and Sea). It is a new gateway to the Pacific, overlooking the Pacific on land made

available by Caminos y Puentes Federales. Other significant contributors to thank for a great deal of help were the Mission Valley, Tijuana and Rosarito Beach Rotary Clubs,



“Entre Corazon y Mar” Tijuana, Mexico 2004

Universidad Iberoamericana School of Architecture, Instituto Tecnológico de Tijuana and many good friends, especially Teresa Olmos and Hector del Aguila. We had six architecture students from Mexico, five from Russia, four from China and four from the US. The first week we spent working on the design followed by three weeks of intense building. Coordination was by Kyle Bergman and the intro was with Milenko Matanovic. Without their help we could not have successfully finished. I am in awe at what was accomplished in such a short time and how hard the students worked. I hope you can visit the park. Check out www.pacificrimpark.org for photos and a map to the site. Pacific Rim Park is paying back the Ilan-Lael Foundation the funds that we loaned for the park and Mission Valley Rotary Club has agreed to match funds of any donations they receive. We still have benches and arches that need donor plaques and donations to help balance the books. We will be having a fundraising party sponsored by the Mission Valley Rotary Club, keep your eyes open!

Colonia Esperanza started the long pull to build a much-needed high school. They already have 25 enthusiastic high school students attending and they have poured the foundation for the building. If you would like to have your name on a building or part of a building this will help facilitate the construction progress.

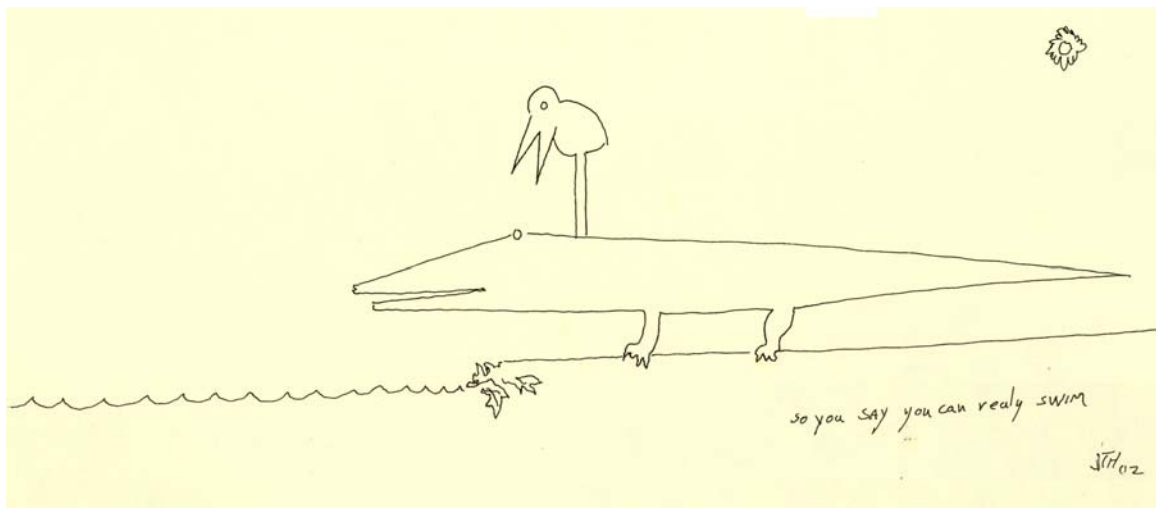
There is always room to sponsor a child. A new school year has started and students at the schools could use your help in financing the education of 100 unsponsored children now on scholarship at the Jardin de Ninos and Colegio La Esperanza. For \$45 a month for twelve months you can sponsor a child's education. You can write Americas Foundation at 898 Second Ave, Chula Vista, CA 91911, call by phone 619-585-9009, email: info@americasfoundation.net or cebrady2@cox.net. More information is also available at <http://www.americasfoundation.net>

The next dates for the Volunteer Days for work at the school are **October 16, 2004, November 20, 2004, and December 18, 2004**. For information or if you are bringing a large group, please call Ilisa Sokolic at 619-665-8547. Ilisa Sokolic is a young landscape architect dedicated to the school, gardens, and children. She will be helping with volunteers on alternate months. We meet at 8:30 am at the H St. trolley in Chula Vista. If you can help a ten-dollar donation helps pay for materials.

The **Ilan-Lael Foundation** has had several friends who have answered the call to serve upon the Board. Carolyn Owen-Towle, John Howard and Kyle Bergman are assisting Anne and Jim and their sons: Drew, Torrey, Lauren and Brennan Hubbell.

Ilan-Lael has been extremely busy this year mainly focusing on re-building and re-organizing. We began with an art fundraiser at the Lillian Berkley Collection in Escondido in January. The Foundation hosted “An Evening of Architectural Films” at the Museum of Contemporary Art in May and the San Diego County Hubbell Homes Tour in June which contributed funds to the rebuilding fund. We also helped to sponsor two Pacific Rim Park fundraisers in April at the San Diego Park and in June a benefit for at Fox Studios in Rosarito. We are very blessed to have had two dinner fundraisers sponsored by friends Patty Howell & Ralph Jones and Anne O’Dell & Jim Hyslop.

Still to come this year is our inaugural *Community Arts Fiesta* at Quail Botanical Gardens in Encinitas on Saturday Oct.30 from Noon-4:30pm. In the spirit of Halloween and Dia de los Muertos the Gardens will be filled with art and music workshops of local Latino & American artists. If you are not familiar with the Gardens it will be a treat. Please see the enclosed invitation.



One of the photos to be on display at the Herrick Comm. Library at the Grossmont Healthcare Center

We have been blessed with donations from our friends over the past year. The scope of the project is very large and we are only 30% completed. We do continue to rebuild Ilan-Lael as donations allow.

We are still in need of books and articles to replenish our archive files. All of our records were burned in the fire. Please send anything you have about the Ilan-Lael Foundation or James & Anne Hubbell. For more foundation information or progress please contact Olivia Hancock at olivia@hubbellandhubbell.com, 619.231.0446 or James Hubbell at 760.765.0171.

So it is about October, closing in on 2005. It is hopefully a year where our fears can be put aside for a sense of the wonder of life and the patterns of nature. We lived through one of life’s great rhythms, encountering this destructive firestorm. We use the word “awful” to describe such a disaster, which we forget means full of awe. This was a fire to fill us with awe and with a view of the uncontrollable side of life.

Even though the new year is a few months away, I wish your year to be full of wonder and to thank you for the help you have given this past year to allow us to send you a letter with good tidings. Anne and I are forever grateful.

James and Anne Hubbell