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the apathy and paralysis of eco-anxiety occasioned by climate breakdown: “A virus, sooner or later, will either go

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reconnects with her green-thumb mother

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recognition of the marvel of life that surrounds us opens the door to other meditations. She invites us to perceive

“Every anxious brain like mine […] on occasion needs some reprieve

warmth, charisma, and an activist undercurrent in

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access to a diverse and rich wildlife community. I can be eye-to-eye with a tiny shrew or, with a dose of luck,

Twenty or so minutes away, the Santa Monica Mountains o

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om my backyard, the LA shoreline.

By car, but still less than ten minutes

om the ocean to the Hollywood sign.

Other than your own backyard, what are your three favorite places to connect with nature in Los

What drew you to find solace in nature during the pandemic lockdown, and why do you think so many

What free form of solace to seek in nature during the pandemic lockdown, and the one that did not

Any day is a new opportunity to see something different and find inspiration in nature. “It’s a way of rethinking or

You both express a deep affection for the natural world. How do you both of you view or perceive the

I think many people found solace in the therapeutic power of nature during the pandemic simply by looking

I consider my Interests, not just the context or nature of the wild places near and far: we need only

I am not interested in socializing with a view of Los Angeles that extends

I would like to see more people who don’t live near nature to wake up and

As I am a big fan of nature, what are your three favorite places to connect with nature in Los Angeles?

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"When you notice something interesting — flowers blooming, a mountain lion walking through the field — how do you respond to it?" Maddalena Bearzi can’t stop the smile on her face as she recounts this moment of discovery in her bedrooms. "I had never seen the silhouette of a mountain lion in LA before."

"How do we guard our hearts and minds to accept what nature offers? She asks only thing in return: our respect.

I believe that we can bring a reevaluation of what’s essential in our lives, and

Every day I am more and more learning that we are not alone in this world.

We may begin to develop the empathy required to respect them as fellow beings. This empathy can help

We may begin to grasp other creatures’ intrinsic value in nature, consider their interests, even feel their pain, then

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