



Sonoma County Eagle Forum

Invites you to our January 30, 2025 Meeting



Altadena Auto Center, Altadena, CA Jan. 8, 2025

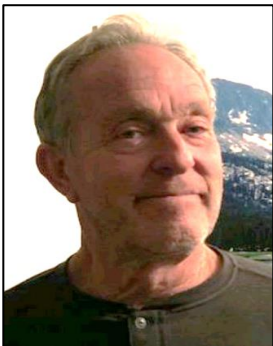
“The LA Fires – Is this the New Norm in Fires? Do We Have Any Truly Normal Fires Anymore?”



Palisades, Jan. 9, 2025, rows of beautiful homes destroyed, but trees and bushes left standing.

With Speakers: Robert Brame, Arborist, and Orlean Koehe, Author and Fire Victim

They will discuss the recent LA /Palisades fires and compare them to the Canadian and Texas fires of 2024, the Maui fires of 2023, the Paradise fires of 2018, and the Santa Rosa fires of 2017.



Robert Brame, arborist



Orlean Koehe, fire victim and author

About the Speakers: Robert Brame: He has been a forensic arborist since 1975. He loves nature and has studied and enjoyed it his entire life. He has climbed over 130 mountains, mostly in the Sierra Nevadas. Since the strange fires of Santa Rosa in 2017, he has been studying all of the unusual fires in California and their effects on the trees and plants, some burning from the inside out, but outside, not even the leaves or pine needles are burnt. He will tell us of the remarkable and strange things he has discovered in all of these fires.

Orlean Koehe: She and her husband and six children lost their home to a “normal” fire in Santa Rosa in 1984, so they know what normal looks like – the metal refrigerator and washing machines were left standing, the glass was still in the windows. The floor and cement foundation were still there.

In 2017, the Koehe home was miraculously saved in the “strange” Tubbs fire that totally destroyed six of their neighbors’ homes and 5600 homes throughout the city of Santa Rosa. All of those homes looked the same – all metal and glass melted, the cement foundations pulverized, yet trees and plastic garbage cans were left standing.

The cars also looked the same – gutted out, all electrical parts, glass and rubber melted, the aluminum siding dripping off onto the road. Orlean has written a book about these strange fires called *Inferno Enigma*, about the Maui fires but also comparing others in California, Canada and Texas.

She has a chapter on what she believes is really causing these fires and why they leave the areas looking like a war zone. Hint: They are not caused by climate change!

Where: The Heartwood Church – 4689 Snyder Lane, Rohnert Park, CA

When: Thursday, Jan. 30, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

No Cost: But donations gratefully accepted for the use of the church.

RSVP: Joanne – 707-528-2966

Questions that will be answered:

- Why no water to fight the fires?
- What kind of a fire burns hot enough to melt metal, glass, porcelain but spares the trees?
- Why are some trees burning from the inside out?
- Why were no plastic garbage cans burned?
- What do these fires have to do with smart meters and smart city planning?