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Dear {FIRST_NAME|Preserve Calavera Supporter}

Preserving a Sense of Place



Sometimes it takes many years, and a few unusual partnerships, to help preserve a sense of place. Last month Sage Creek High School had a ceremony to install some beautiful shelves in their library. This was the Eagle Scout project of Keith X. Pereira, Troop 745, who used wood harvested from El Ahuelo, a historic oak tree that

Nov Activities

Nov 3 Tues 6:00 PM City Council Meeting

Please attend this important meeting. The City Council is required to make a decision at this meeting- to schedule the initiative for an election or rescind their approval. Caruso is pushing for a special election that could cost \$450K. The City Council has the choice to schedule a special election, or to wait until the next general election when costs will be nominal. The Mayor was quoted in the UT saying "I look forward to...moving this forward as quickly as possible."

Bets are that City Council will do as Caruso asks, and the taxpayers will get to foot the bill.

Someone needs to remind Mr. Caruso he promised to cover all city costs associated with his decision to get this project approved by bypassing all of the normal procedures.

Nov 11 Wed 6:00 PM Preserve Calavera Bi-

monthly Board Meeting

wood harvested from El Abuelo, a historic oak tree that once stood on the site of the new high school. In 2009 we had a contest to name that majestic old oak- the last reminder of the early California ranch that is now a high school. The name El Abuelo, the grandfather, resonated with everyone as a fitting connection to that early Spanish heritage, and to the native California oaks that once dotted these hillsides. We could not save the oak from the bulldozers, but we did save some of the wood. With the help of the CUSD we were able to salvage major sections of the tree. With the help of the woodworking department at Palomar College the wood was cured, and boards were cut. With the help of the local scout those boards were turned in to something of beauty and the tree is back on the site where it lived for over 100 years. Next time you are at Sage Creek stop in to the library and look for the shelves made from the wood that once was El Abuelo, and remember the rich history of this part of north county.

Dawson-Los Monos Reserve Gets a Clean-up

A sturdy band of volunteers forged through poison oak at Agua Hedionda Creek to clean-up a key reach of the creek within the Dawson-Los Monos Reserve in Vista last weekend. It



was a great day for birding- and fortunately everyone seems to have avoided getting poison oak. We removed the usual creek debris- tires, shopping carts, bicycles, and lots of degraded plastic from old chairs, packing materials and sand bags.

Monthly Board Meeting

Open to all members. RSVP required for location and gate code if you would like to attend.

Nov 14 Saturday

8:30 - 11:30 AM

Rancho Carillo Trail Work

Join us at this regular city of Carlsbad trail volunteer work session. Wear long pants, a long-sleeved, shirt, closed toed shoes and sunscreen. Work will include invasive plant removal, trash pick-up, erosion repairs and some advance prep for impacts of El Nino. Water and snacks will be provided.

Nov 18 Wed 6:30 PM Social-7:00 PM Program

BIRDS OF THE COASTAL WETLANDS with Chris Mayne

The BVAS November program will feature some of the amazing bird images recently captured by award-winning photographer Chris Mayne. With remarkable patience, persistence, skill, and sometimes a little hard-earned good fortune, Chris is able to capture some of the most dramatic moments in a bird's life. Chris' pictures document such things as courtship behavior, territorial defense, birds capturing prey and feeding young.

Reminiscent of some of John

Thanks to Isabelle Kay, Preserve Manager, and Larry Cozzens for letting us be part of cleaning up this very special part of our local watershed.

New North County Native Plant Nursery

The best way to get good native plants is to grow them



yourself, according to conservationists who have created a new nursery at the San Elijo Lagoon. Their goal is to propagate plants for the unique array of coastal sage scrub, riparian, and Southern maritime chaparral habitat that covers the 1,000-acre San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve, split by Interstate 5 at the border of Solana Beach and Encinitas. "This allows us to grow what we want as long as we can collect the seed," said Doug Gibson, executive director and principal scientist of the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy. "Sometimes those species aren't available at commercial growers." Let's hope their effort not only helps SELC, but that it inspires others to do the same.

Caruso Referendum Signatures Verified



Was Margaret Mead thinking of Carlsbad when she said "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." Thanks to an amazing all-volunteer effort it looks like the residents of Carlsbad will get to have a say on whether it makes sense to build a huge regional shopping center on one of our priceless coastal lagoons. Congratulations to everyone who helped make this happen. Now the city council has another decision to make at their Nov 3rd meeting.

They can schedule an election, or rescind their project approval and leave it to Caruso to decide if he will do development the right way- and go through the same process as every other project in Carlsbad. Please attend the city

James Audubon's famous paintings, Chris' photos are able to transport the viewer directly to that special moment, almost as if one were physically present at the scene. His November program will focus on an array of birds found in the coastal wetlands of San Diego, from foraging sandpipers to soaring raptors. Program is held at the Buena Vista nature Center on S. Coast Highway in Oceanside.

Upcoming Events:

Dec 12- Saturday

Lake Calavera trail work

Jan 2016- Volunteer work session at Village H

Our all-volunteer organization can not do what we do without your help. Your time, talent and donation can make a difference right in your own backyard. Call or email us to see how else you could get involved.

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the same process as every other project in Carlsbad. Please attend the city council meeting at 6 pm on Tues Nov 3 and tell them what you think.

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