



Thank you to John and Debi West for this photo of one of the majestic coast live oaks at Calavera near Oak Riparian Park along Calavera Creek.

You could win \$ 100 by entering our Story Pole Naming Contest

"**Story Poles**", temporary poles that show the limits of proposed development, are on the hills of the Buena Vista Creek Valley- marking the limits of the proposed Quarry Creek development. In this case they tell a terrible story- a story of development that violates the General Plan, changes forever the ability to experience experience of w Located on the south side of # 78 between El Camino Real and College Blvd., the project proposes to build 656 homes in an area zoned for 176. These poles placed by McMillin, the project developer, show the location of 150 of the 656 homes they are planning to build here. (The remaining 506 homes would be built around the sacred El Salto waterfall on the old mine site). These 150 homes are on the "panhandle" part of the site, west of the sacred waterfall, across from the historic Marron Adobe, above Buena Vista Creek, and blocking the wildlife movement corridor. The developer has named this project Quarry Creek. What is your name for the poles that show the limits of this development?

To see the poles from # 78 EB take College exit to the right. Take first right onto Haymar(Plaza). Go past Mossy Nissan about 1/2 mile to the cul-de-sac on the lefthand (south side) of Haymar. Look closely part way down the ridge line and you will see a line of 5 white poles with red flags on top. These 5 poles mark the northern and eastern limits of the project panhandle, the future location of 150 of the 656 homes proposed on this site. Winner's of the first round were " McMillin's Villains", "Stakes in the Heart of Nature", and "Stick it to Us Poles." What is your name for these five story poles ? **Submit your name for these poles to info@preservecalavera.org. Best suggestion received by Saturday April 21, 2012 will receive \$ 100.**

Village H

More controversy at Village H as the new landowner continues to put stronger locks on the gate off Victoria in his effort to keep people out. A new website/blog has been created to keep people

informed about the latest efforts to regain public use of the trails and permanently protect this area for open space. Go to www.SaveVillageH.org. to subscribe.

EarthDay

Earthday comes every April and provides a chance for us all to reflect on how much we treasure our local natural lands. See below for several special Earthday programs. This year you also have a chance to make a real difference right here in Carlsbad. Please take a few minutes, print [this petition](#), and ask 10 of your friends and neighbors to sign. Then mail it back to us. Let's remind the Mayor and Council that we appreciate our natural lands and need their help to preserve a little more of the priceless natural heritage of our community.

April Activities

April 17 Sun 2 - 4 PM

Native Plant Garden Tour in Oceanside

Come see over 15 native plant gardens in the historic Seaside neighborhood of downtown Oceanside! Plant experts and neighborhood locals will lead a 1.5 mile walking tour to see these wonderful front yard gardens. Meet at 2 p.m at Mary's school parking lot at 515 Wisconsin Avenue. The guided walk is free. Local children will sell lemonade and cookies along the route. St. Mary's school is one block east of the 101 Cafe at Coast Highway and Wisconsin Ave. This annual event is sponsored by the Buena Vista Native Plant Club and the Oceanside Coastal Neighborhood Association. For more info, go to www.bvaudubon.org or www.OCNA.info on the web.

April 21 Sat 8:30 - 12 noon

Annual Mt Calavera Wildflower Hike with James Dillane

James Dillane of CNPS will join Preserve Calavera for a botanical exploration in the calavera area preserve. This rich area includes varied habitats with several rare species and several post fire areas. A preliminary plant list will be available to aide in learning. Last year many of us saw Death Camus and Danny's Skullcap for the first time- who knows what we will find this year! Beginners welcome. First hour will be a slow teaching hike, 2nd hour (and longer) a faster paced plant assessment. . For those who can't get enough of our native plants the hike will continue to the summit of Mt. Calavera where we will stop for snacks. Meet at the Calavera trailhead next to Skyhaven near Azure Lado Dr. in Oceanside. (Thomas Guide p 1107 C3). Hike includes undeveloped trails, some rough terrain, and 500' elevation gain. Wear good hiking boots/shoes with good tread, hat and bring water. Sunscreen and snack if you are planning the longer hike. Space is limited- RSVP required. Email maryanneviney@dslextreme.com or call [760-720-9060](tel:760-720-9060).

April 21 Sat 2 - 5 PM

Earthday Event at BV Nature Center - Art, Bats, Films and Fun

This special community event will be our local celebration for Earthday. We will be showing local short nature films, have art exhibits of bird photography and found art made by the students at CBHS, native plant garden tours, a scavenger hunt- and top it off with a special presentation. Cindy Myers with the Bat Rescue Team of Project Wildlife will bring her

ambassador "Chuck"- a Mexican Free-tailed bat. We will learn about the importance of this second most diverse mammal, issues effecting our bat population and what to do if you come across an injured bat. The Buena Vista nature Center is located on S. Coast Highway in Oceanside, right next to BV Lagoon, 2 blocks south of Vista Way.

April 28, Sat 8:30 - 11:30 AM

Trails Volunteer Work Session at Lake Calavera

This is one of the regular monthly work sessions by the Carlsbad trail volunteers. Work tasks will include trail erosion repairs, trash pick-up and other as needed work. Wear sturdy work boots/shoes, a hat and bring your own water (tools, water and snacks will be available on site also). Check-in/ parking is at the Skyhaven trail head - off Lake Blvd in Oceanside. (Note this is east of the dam- take College to Lake then south on Skyhaven.)

Future Events :

May 20th - Sunday - Special event at the Marron Adobe- Music, tour, walk in the valley

Our all volunteer organization can't do what we do without your help. Your time, talent and donations can make a difference- right here in your own backyard. Donations can be made through our website at <http://www.preservecalavera.org/donate.html> or by mailing a check.