

FEBRUARY 2013 NEWSLETTER

Historic Marron Adobe- in the Center of the BV Valley:



El Salto Waterfall- Sacred Site to Native Americans:



After 12 years of work we are down to the last few weeks to determine the fate of the Buena Vista Creek Valley. Will development be reduced/moved off the panhandle so the heart of this valley is preserved? Or will 656 homes forever

change this priceless area into one more housing project with traffic nightmares for everyone? Five people, the Mayor and City Council of Carlsbad, hold the fate of this valley in their hands. The first of two hearings where this decision will be made will be at the Planning Commission on Wed. Feb 6th (See details below). **We need YOU** to attend and show the Commission that this community cares about preserving this priceless valley.

Our proposed compromise is a win-win for everyone. Please go to our website at <http://www.preservecalavera.org> for details on the project and things you can do to make a difference.

Our thanks to KOCT for producing a ½ hour program “Quandry at the Quarry” highlighting the key issues with this project. Please watch this video- and then share it with everyone you know: http://koct.org/video/detail/voice_of_oceanside_preserve_calavera

Our on-going thanks to Shelley Hayes-Caron for hosting mini-tours so people can see this area for themselves. If you missed the first two, we have three more scheduled- Sat Feb 9, Feb 23, and March 16th. This valley includes a waterfall sacred to Native Americans, a historic adobe dating back to the original Mexican land grant, a key reach of Buena Vista Creek and the regional wildlife movement corridor. For these reasons and many more it was ranked as a top priority to preserve by the Carlsbad Citizen’s Open Space Committee, state and Federal wildlife agencies and Save Our Heritage Organization. There is nowhere else with this combination of natural, historic and cultural resources.

With your help we will save the heart of this valley!

February Activities

Feb 6 Wed 6 PM

Carlsbad City Planning Commission Hearing on Quarry Creek

We need **YOU** to attend this meeting and show the Commission that Carlsbad, and all of North County, cares about preserving this valley. Speakers are all welcome-

plan to limit your comments to 3 minutes and focus on powerful positive messages about your objections to the project and how the Commission can support the community and make it better. Meeting at Carlsbad City Hall 1200 CB Village Dr- just east of I-5.

Feb 9 Sat 10 – 11 AM

Mini-tour of the Buena Vista Creek Valley and Grounds of the Marron Adobe

Here is your chance to come and see the Buena Vista Creek Valley and see why this area is too priceless to bulldoze for 656 more homes. There will be short walk into the valley, tours of the grounds around the historic Marron Adobe and exhibits that tell about the early history of this area. We will meet at the cul-de-sac along Haymar Rd. From # 78 heading east take the College exit. Take first right onto Haymar/Plaza- this is frontage road along # 78 that goes past Mossy-Nissan. Head 7/10th of a mile west along Haymar- parking in cul-de-sac and along both sides of the street. Call 760-724-3887 for more information. Advance reservations are not required. Tour takes place rain or shine.

Feb 9 Sat 8:30 – 11:30 AM

Monthly Trail Maintenance - Hosp Grove

This is the regular monthly City of Carlsbad trail volunteers work session. Wear gloves, closed-toe shoes and sunscreen. Water and snacks will be provided. Tasks include litter and weed removal and trail restoration. Meet and sign-in at the Jefferson St. parking lot on the west side of Hosp Grove. Some parking available here. Overflow parking at Westfield Mall, near Monroe and Marron Rd intersection. For more information contact Liz Ketabian at 760-434-2978.

Feb 12 Tues 1:30 – 3:30 PM

“Bye Bye Grass!” Free Special Presentation by Nan Sterman of PBS

Lawn grasses are the least “green” plant in California gardens. They take more water, more fertilizer, more upkeep, are responsible for more green waste (and therefore more greenhouse gases) than almost any other garden plants. And because we put so many products onto grass, it is a major source of water pollution. In this session, participants learn several methods for ridding home gardens of lawn (or at least reducing it) and how to think about what to replace it with. Nan Sterman is a gardening expert, author, garden designer, and speaker

who makes gardening accessible for everyone. Her new television program "A Growing Passion" (<http://www.agrowingpassion.com>) is about all the ways that San Diego "grows," from farms and nurseries to native habitats, schoolyards and backyards.

This free presentation is sponsored by The Carlsbad Watershed Network. It will be held at the Agua Hedionda Discovery Center, 1580 Cannon Road (at Faraday), Carlsbad, CA. For more information call 760-436-2632 or see the CWN website at <http://www.carlsbadwatershednetwork.net>

Feb 23 Sat 10 – 11 AM

Mini-tour of the Buena Vista Creek Valley and Grounds of the Marron Adobe

This is a repeat of the Feb 9th mini-tour. We will hold these every few weeks until the fate of the valley is decided.

Feb 23 Sat 5 – 8 PM

Annual Birdhouse Auction to Benefit Buena Vista Audubon Society

This is a don't miss event! For a \$ 5 donation you get to see (and bid on) some of the most amazing birdhouses you could imagine, hear live music, enjoy munchies and hosted bar, and enjoy MC Martha Barnoble from KPBS's "A Way with Words". Event is held at the Buena Vista Nature Center at 2202 S. Coast Highway in Oceanside. Pay at the door- and bring a few friends.

Future Events

March ? Date TBD- final City Council hearing on the Quarry Creek Project

March 16 – Sat - Final Mini-tour of the Buena Vista Creek Valley

April 20 – Sat - Annual Wildflower hike with James Dillane of CNPS

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. Call or email us to see how else you could get involved.