

OCTOBER 2013 NEWSLETTER

Our very own Karen Merrill was recently recognized for all of her work on behalf of our local wildlife- from leading our wildlife tracking team to organizing community education and wildlife appreciation events. We always knew how important her work is- but now that she is one of the Cox Conserves Heroes nominees all of San Diego does too. Congratulations Karen! Here is just one example of her legacy for wildlife – do you know where this was taken?



Stop by the dam at Lake Calavera and you can see more of her work- a cub scout troop will be stenciling wildlife tracks on the base of a new interpretive sign.

We heard some shocking news at the September Carlsbad Housing Commission meeting: the NE quadrant of the city has more housing units planned than is allowed by the Growth Management Plan passed by the voters in 1985. Also the long promised 40% open space at build-out is being forgotten- now they are projecting 37%. Perhaps in two weeks 30%, then 20%, then where does it end? Two promises to the residents of Carlsbad that, at least so far, are being ignored in the new General Plan. The draft plan is supposed to be released to the public by the end of this month so stay tuned!

October Activities

Oct 5 Sat 9 AM - 2 PM

Curiosities, Collectables and Good Stuff Sale

Here is your chance to help us preserve the Buena Vista Creek Valley- and do some early Christmas shopping or just find a special treasure for yourself. A wide variety of special items have been donated including glassware, porcelain, jewelry and collectibles. All proceeds will be used in our efforts to preserve and enhance this valley. Sale is on the grounds of the historic Marron Adobe- near College/# 78 on Haymar west of Mossy Nissan. Call Shelley at 760-724-3887 for more details or to make a donation.

Oct 8 Tues 2 PM - 4 PM

Greywater/Rainwater Harvesting Workshop

This free workshop presented by the Carlsbad Watershed Network is for homeowners interested

in a rainwater harvesting or greywater system suitable for residential use. Topics covered include rainwater harvesting systems, selecting a storage tank and accessories, greywater system design considerations, building codes, options for distributing and using harvested water, and rebate programs. The instructor, Candace Vanderhoff, manages, consults, and designs water harvesting systems, sustainable landscapes, and water conservation products for *RainThanks and Greywater*. **To register for the workshop or for more information e-mail Brad Roth at broth@cox.net or call (760) 436-2632**

Oct 12 Sat 11 AM - 3 PM

CNPS Annual Native Plant Sale

What a great way to get started with your native plant garden. Experts are available to help you plan the best plants for your garden and there is a great selection of plants, books and everything else you need to get started. Event is held in the courtyard at Casa del Prado in Balboa Park with convenient curbside parking for loading plants. For more information see www.cnpsd.org.

Oct 16 Wed 6: 30 PM Social 7 PM Program

Birding North County with My Camera and Dog

Join our friends at Buena Vista Audubon Society for their monthly program featuring Steve Brad. Steve has been leading birdwalks for BVAS for over 10 years. This will be the premier showing of his views of our local avian wildlife through the lens of a camera (with assistance from Rock). You have probably already seen some of his beautiful images- they were used for our postcards to the Carlsbad Mayor and City Council. This free event comes with popcorn and a chance to see what is new at the Nature Center at 2202 S. Coast Hwy in Oceanside (right next to Buena Vista Lagoon).

Oct 26 Sat 10 AM - 12 Noon

Hike the Dawson Los Monos Preserve in Vista

Back by popular demand - here is your chance to see what is behind that fence in one of our lesser known local preserves. The Dawson Los Monos Reserve was donated by Ida Dawson to UCSD and is now used for research. This will be a slow paced walk led by noted local botanist and reserve manager Isabelle Kay. Learn about the history of this area, the varied plants and wildlife literally in our backyards, and the challenges of managing an island of natural space in the middle of suburbia. Wear good hiking/walking shoes, hat and sunscreen and bring water. We will meet in the parking lot by the Duck Pond in Buena Vista Park. Enter the parking lot from Shadowridge, west of Melrose Dr. For more information email or call Diane at 760-724-3887.

Upcoming Events

Nov 14 - Sat Arroyo Vista Trail Work Day

Dec 14 - Sat Lake Calavera Trail Work Day

*These signs were recently installed along Faraday in Carlsbad- an area where deer have returned after an absence of about 20 years. Warning signs like this reduce the incidence of roadkill making our roads safer for both wildlife and motorists.

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.

To donate online: <http://preservecalavera.org>

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