



The little critters at Calavera were so excited when they heard Karen was nominated for the Cox Conserves Heroes Award, they ran all over the base of the new interpretive sign.

A big Preserve Calavera thank you to James Dillane with CNPS who helped us introduce two horticulture classes from Mira Costa to some of our wonderful natives and not so nice invasives at the Buena Vista Creek Ecological Reserve. And more thank yous to Shelley Caron for sponsoring her fundraiser sale to benefit our efforts to preserve the Buena Vista Creek Valley, Julie Graboi for her donations and help, and to all of you who donated items for the sale or came by to make a purchase.

But we also have two major donors who have committed funds to support our legal challenge of the Quarry Creek project. North County Advocates has pledged up to \$ 25k in matching funds. In the short time since they were founded they have been an important voice for good development and challenger of bad development in north county. The San Diego Chapter of the Sierra Club awarded us a grant of \$ 20,000. They initially partnered with us to help preserve this valley back in 2006 with a grant to support the Sherman acquisition and have been a valued partner in our local conservation efforts. We deeply appreciate the support of all of our donors, large and small. Every dollar will help us preserve this priceless valley.

And for those of you who could not make it to the sale- we are offering two silent auction items listed below. **Send your bid with name and phone number by email by midnight Nov 10th.** The items will be awarded to the highest bid received by the closing time.

Silent Auction items:

1. GPS

This is a new, still in the box with receipt attached item- Nextar GPS X3-08 with 3.5 inch touch screen, built in MP3 player, 1.6m points of interest, and rechargeable battery. Purchased for \$ 100 on sale.

2. Premium Poker Chip Set

World Series of Poker official set with 200 chips in 4 colors, wooden carousel with antique brass handle, rotating base for easy access, and 2 decks of official World Series of Poker playing cards.

And for all of you who think you have seen a mountain lion while walking on our local trails- go to this site for actual locations of the lions that have been collared and whose movements are being monitoring. (There really are none in our immediate area). Unfortunately the two top causes of death in our local populations are associated with people- road kill, and predation permits. Properly designing new roads and retrofitting some existing ones could greatly reduce our local wildlife roadkill (and improve safety for drivers). [http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/whc/programs/mountain\\_lions/index.cfm](http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/whc/programs/mountain_lions/index.cfm)

## **November Activities**

### **Date TBD- Public Workshop on Carlsbad Master Trails Plan**

Let us know what new trails/amenities need to be added in Carlsbad. We will keep you informed as this project moves forward. Our hope is that we can integrate the Waterfall to the Waves into the new Carlsbad trails plan, and into the regional plans. Imagine trail connection all the way to Brengle Terrace Park on the east, and to the entire Coastal Rail Trail on the west. What else needs to be added so we have safe ways to bike/walk to where we want to go?

**Nov 9 Sat 8:30- 11:30 am**

#### ***Trail Work at Arroyo Vista Trail***

Join City of Carlsbad trail volunteers for their regular monthly work session. Phone city volunteer hotline at 760-434-2929 or go to [www.carlsbadca.gov/volunteers](http://www.carlsbadca.gov/volunteers) for more information.

**Nov 13 Wed 6 PM**

#### ***Bi-Monthly Preserve Calavera Board Meeting***

Meetings are open to all members but RSVP required for location and gate code.

**Nov 20 Wed 6:30 PM 7:00 PM Program**

#### ***Special Lecture "A Murder of Crows and an Unkindness of Ravens"***

Join our friends at Buena Vista Audubon Society for their monthly program featuring one of our favorite people, Claude Edwards. Claude is a lifelong naturalist and birding enthusiast who has mentored many of us since the 1970's. Join him for a revealing look at two of our local bird species that are often met with aspersions, derision and contempt. There is more to learn about crows and ravens than you might expect! 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).

## **Future Events**

Dec 14 – Sat – Trail Work at Lake Calavera

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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