FEBRUARY 2014 NEWSLETTER

Oak Tree at Oak Riparian Park in Oceanside December 2013

In Jan and Feb of 2004 we planted 140 coast live oak trees at three locations in north county. Ten years later, in spite of vandalism, carelessness and the infinite complexity of Mother Nature, 27 remain. This tree, at Oak Riparian Park in Oceanside, is the most robust of the survivors. Oaks can be slow growing trees and most of its siblings are still barely waist high. But this beauty is over 15 feet tall and well on its way to a long and healthy life and helping to ensure that future generations will still know the shade of an oak tree along Calavera Creek.

February Activities

Feb 5 Wed 5:00 - 8:00 PM
Public Meeting – Palomar Airport Master Plan Update
County Supervisor Bill Horn and Mayor Matt Hall think it is a great idea to expand the airport- but what do you think? Come and learn the details of what is being proposed and make sure your voice gets heard (above the drone of those jet engines). Meeting will be held at the City of Carlsbad Faraday Center at 1635 Faraday.

Feb 8 Sat 8:30 – 11:30 AM
Trail Volunteer Work Session – El Fuerte Trail in Bressi Ranch
This is the regular monthly city of Carlsbad Trail Volunteers work session. Meet at the trail head near Poinsettia and El Fuerte Sts. Parking available along side streets in residential neighborhood. Work will include repair of trail erosion, kiosk repair and litter pick-up. Wear closed toe shoes, long pants, hat and sunscreen. Bring water and gloves (more available on site if you forget). See flier for more details: http://www.carlsbadca.gov/services/departments/parksandrec/trails/Documents/saturday-trail-event.pdf

Feb 12 Wed 7 PM and Feb 15 Sat 8 AM – 4 PM
Beginning Wildlife Tracking Class

This beginning level class is sponsored by the San Diego Tracking Team and covers basic tracks, scat and signs of our local wildlife. Class includes both evening classroom session and “dirt time” in the field at the Los Penasquitos Canyon Adobe. Cost is $ 50 and advance reservation is required. See www.sdtt.org for more details or call 760-715-4102.

Feb 22 Sat 5 – 8 PM
Annual Birdhouse Auction to Benefit Buena Vista Audubon Society
This is a don’t miss event! For a $ 10 donation you get to see (and bid on) some of the most amazing birdhouses/bathouses/bird feeders you could imagine, hear live music, enjoy munchies and hosted bar, and meet MC Martha Barnette 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. For more information see www.bvaudubon.org.

March 10
Submission Deadline for Saving Endangered Species Youth Art Contest
Are you interested in endangered/threatened species? Do you have a creative side? Are you a K-12 student or know someone of that age? Well, Preserve Calavera is a local sponsor of the national Saving Endangered Species Youth Art contest and we'd like to invite the youth of north county to participate. Visit our website for more information.

Future Events
April 12 Sat – short wildflower hikes at Calavera
April 26 Sat – long wildflower hike at Calavera
May 17 Sat – Endangered Species Day event with BVAS

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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