



Spring sprung early this year ! Here is just one example of our local native plants in bloom. Do you know what it is? \*

After over three years and \$ 1m dollars the City of Carlsbad has released the draft of the proposed new General Plan. First public presentation will be March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Planning Commission. Formal hearings and public comment periods will continue through the spring and summer. This will determine what happens with Carlsbad development for the next 20 years. Like all such plans there is some good news and some bad. It looks like Cannon Rd Reach 4 will not be extended through the core of Calavera. But there will be thousands of more housing units, thousands of acres of open space lost, and many neighborhoods will continue to be short parkland (as Veteran's Park is counted in all 4 quadrants of the city). Will the Carlsbad of 2030 fulfill the vision of the 1986 ballot measure to "guarantee that we will always be a low density residential community with 40% open space."

Read the plan for yourself, tell us what you would like to see improved and lets make sure the final version keeps the promises made 25 years ago. <http://www.carlsbadca.gov/services/departments/community/envision-carlsbad/Pages/Documents.aspx>

### **March Activities**

**Mar 8 Sat 8:30 – 11:30 AM**

#### **Trail Volunteer Work at La Costa- Filoli Circle**

This is one of the regular trail volunteer work sessions with the City of Carlsbad. Work will include installing trail signs, erosion repairs and weeding. Something to do for all ages and physical abilities. Check-in at the Trail head entrance near Melrose and Corintia. Parking on residential streets along Corintia St or Xana Way. Advance registration is not required. Wear gloves, long pants, hat, sun screen and closed toed shoes. Tools and snacks will be provided. For more details see flier

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**Mar 12 Wed 6 PM**

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

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

**Mar 12 Wed and Mar 15 Sat**

**Beginning Wildlife tracking Class.**

This class is sponsored by the San Diego Tracking Team provides a basic introduction to wildlife tracking including wildlife behavior, tracks and sign. Classes are held at the Penasquitos Canyon Preserve. Fee is \$ 50 and advance registration is required. Go to [www.sdtt.org](http://www.sdtt.org) for more details and to sign-up. Attendance would allow you to join our local Preserve Calavera Tracking team- you can't have more fun than that !

**Mar 19 Wed 6 PM**

**City of Carlsbad Planning Commission on General Plan**

This will be the first public unveiling of the General Plan, the related Environmental Impact Report and the first Climate Action Plan. Meeting is held in City Council Chambers at City Hall, 1200 Carlsbad Village Dr. This is an information only item so you might want to watch the video on your home computer. But let us know about your concerns so we can work together to make sure the plan gets better before it is adopted later this year.

**Mar 26 Wed 6: 30 PM Social 7 PM Program**

**Special presentation "John Muir- Empowered by Passion"**

Join our friends at Buena Vista Audubon Society for their monthly program. Program features Rev Don Baldwin performing his live reenactment of the events that transformed John Muir from a machine specialist to the world's foremost environmentalist. Plus a showing of a new video from Yosemite Park ,one of the great legacies of John Muir. 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).

**Mar 29 Sat and 30 Sun 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM**

**Native Plant Garden Tour 2014**

Tour native plant gardens throughout the North County area of San Diego- including our very own Board Member Mary Anne Viney's. Tickets are \$ 25 and can be purchased through the following: <http://gardennative.org/tour.html>

This special annual event benefits the CA Native Plant Society and the important work they are doing to preserve the rich diversity of California.

**Upcoming Events**

April 12 Sat – short wildflower hikes at Calavera and opening of Boardwalk trail

April 26 Sat – long wildflower hike at Calavera

May 17 Sat – Endangered Species Day event with BVAS – with poster contest winner

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/> or by mailing a check.

\*California native Wild Peony, *Paeonia californica*, is native to Central and Southern California and inhabits coastal sage brush and chaparral plant communities as an understory plant with 2-inch wide maroon-colored flowers. Photo by Karen Merrill.