

Congratulations to the winners of our Endangered Species Poster Contest:

By Siena Burlingame:



1st place  
(1st grade)  
-Ocelot  
-El Segundo  
butterfly  
-Smith's  
blue  
butterfly  
-Bay  
Checkerspo  
t butterfly  
-Parish's  
daisy



1st place (2nd grade)  
Florida panther  
Keira Kuderka



1st place (3rd grade)  
Arizona striped whiptail  
Harry Smith



1st place (4th grade)  
Sea otter  
Zane Gertzki



1st place (5th grade)  
Red wolf  
Kate Scholey

All 160 entrants were winners- and had their art displayed at the Clapper Rail Theater as part of last month's Endangered Species Day event. To see a list of names of all the winners: <http://preservecalavera.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/2014-Endangered-Species-Art-Contest-winners.pdf>. Thanks to our friends at Buena Vista Audubon, Paige and Karen for making this an extra special celebration of our endangered local plants and wildlife. And thanks to EcoVivarium for allowing us to experience a few of these special creatures up close and personal.



Here are some residents of the NW quadrant enjoying what we hope will become a new park in their neighborhood-- the Buena Vista Reservoir.

Last month 130 people attended our community meetings on the draft General Plan for Carlsbad and how parks and open space are being shortchanged. Even if you missed the meetings it is not too late to get your comments in. Go to our website at [www.preservecalavera.org](http://www.preservecalavera.org) to see the powerpoint and handouts for your quadrant. Then submit your comments to [Jennifer.Jesser@carlsbadca.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Jesser@carlsbadca.gov) by the June 20, 2014 deadline.

This General Plan will last through buildout of the city in 2035. Open space will be over 500 acres less than what has been promised since 1986. Every quadrant will have less than the minimum of 3 acres parkland/1,000 residents . If we don't fix this now it will be too late !

Permanently protecting land for open space through acquisition is the best way to assure it will be preserved- not just for us but for future generations. But conservation acquisitions require willing sellers and that is often the biggest barrier to being able to preserve such lands. The Buena Vista Audubon Society currently has two potential acquisitions in escrow. Both parcels include important wetlands- one along Buena Vista Lagoon and the other along the San Luis Rey River. Now it is up to all of us to make this dream a reality. Your donation will create the critical local matching funds needed to leverage other grant and foundation money. Preserve Calavera has pledged up to \$50k in matching funds so every dollar you donate will be more than doubled. Please go to the BVAS website to learn about these parcels and how you can donate to the Clapper Rail Society: <http://www.bvaudubon.org>. Let's not lose this opportunity to preserve part of the natural heritage of coastal north county – forever.

## **June Activities**

### **June 5 Thursday 6 PM**

#### **Carlsbad Citizen's Budget Workshop – 1635 Faraday in Carlsbad**

This is your opportunity to hear the entire budget presentation, ask questions and give your input on what you think needs to be added to this budget that covers 2014- 2028. Last year the city adopted a Park Needs Assessment- but where are the missing playgrounds , sports fields, dog park and other amenities? And what is planned to address the recreational needs for the thousands of new residents, businesses and visitors that will be added with the General Plan? The City has over \$ 70m in excess reserve funds. This is your money- how would you like to see it spent?

### **June 6 Fri 7 – 9 PM**

#### **Special screening of the film “Chasing Ice”**

Acclaimed national geographic photographer James Blalock says “This film promises to open your eyes to the biggest untold story in human history.” His compelling images of the shrinking Arctic ice tell the story of climate change in a way that transcends words. Film is being shown in support of Encinitas Environment Day 2014. \$ 5 suggested donation. Film will be followed by Q and A with climate speaker Eve Simmons. Showing is at Seaside Center at 1613 Lake Dr in Encinitas. For more info go to [www.seasidecenter.org](http://www.seasidecenter.org) or call 619-980-7657.

### **June 7 Sat 8:30 – 11:30 AM**

#### **Special Trails event at Lake Calavera in recognition of National Trails Day**

Join us and the City of Carlsbad in commemorating National Trails Day with what else- working on trails ! Trail work will include sign repair/installation, weed removal and trail erosion repairs. Wear closed-toe shoes, sunscreen and a hat. Meet by the Lake Calavera Dam. Parking is along residential streets near the trail head by Tamarack and Strata.

### **June 17 Tues 6 PM**

#### **Carlsbad City Council- final budget approval**

This is your last chance to weigh in with any concerns about the proposed funding for parks and open space.

### **June 20 Friday 4 PM**

#### **Deadline for Comments on the City of Carlsbad General Plan, EIR and Climate Action Plan**

Will the Carlsbad of the future live up to the vision of today's residents? That vision supports protecting natural open space, a healthy active outdoor lifestyle and a walkable community. But the draft plan falls short of this vision: open space is far less than the 40% that was promised, many neighborhoods will still have no neighborhood park, and locked/gated school yards are counted toward the minimum required 3 acres of parkland/1,000 residents. Please go to our website for more information at [www.preservecalavera.org](http://www.preservecalavera.org), read the entire plan at [www.carlsbadca.gov/envision](http://www.carlsbadca.gov/envision), and then submit your comments to [Jennifer.Jesser@carlsbadca.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Jesser@carlsbadca.gov) by the June 20<sup>th</sup> deadline. We will keep you posted as this key project moves forward to public hearings later this summer. If we do not lock in parks and open space now it will be too late. Once its gone its gone forever.

## **Future Events**

July 12 Sat – Special hike of Canyon de las Encinas – Part 1

July 19 Sat - Special hike of Canyon de las Encinas – Part 2

Sept 20 Sat - Buena Vista Creek Clean up – Vista

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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