

OCTOBER 2014 NEWSLETTER



Last month was the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act. This landmark law established our national system of preserving land as wilderness. What started with 54 sites has now grown to 758 areas that total just under 110 million acres. Howard Zahniser (the author of the Act), gave us the legal definition of wilderness "an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammeled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain."

So today let us celebrate the rich heritage of this country of preserving our natural lands- from wilderness, to national parks, to the local parks and open space in our own backyards. Let us renew our commitment to preserve all of these special places, as public lands, forever. Future generations are counting on us.

Part of that legacy for future generations depends upon who we elect to lead us forward. As a 501(c)(3) organization Preserve Calaveras does not make any candidate endorsements. But we do report the endorsements made by other conservation organizations that share our values for preserving and protecting our natural resources. The following coastal north county candidates have been endorsed by both the Sierra Club and the League of Conservation Voters:

Carlsbad - No endorsements

Encinitas : Mayor- Tony Krantz

City Council – Catherine Blakespeare

Oceanside : City Council – Chuck Lowery

Vista : Mayor – Cody Campbell

City Council – Erubey Lopez

Youtube /DVD Documentary and Short Films: What You Can Do About Storm Water Runoff IN Your Own Yard.

Learn landscaping practices that can make a difference in keeping our waterways and oceans healthy and free of pollutants.

5 Things You can Do:

1. Disconnect your down spouts.
2. Install a river or ocean friendly garden
3. Capture rainwater and use it.
4. Build a rain garden or swale.
5. Install pervious pavement and sidewalk.

Watch the 30 minute long documentary 'Slow the Flow: Make Your Landscape Act Like a Sponge', and the 7 short film follow-up series of exciting instructional videos on what you can do to change how storm water leaves your landscape and how you can be a steward of your watershed:

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/stormfilm/index.shtml> Copies of the films are available on DVD, digital download and other high resolution formats.

Email stormwater@waterboards.ca.gov or phone 866-563-3107 to request your copy.

October Activities

Oct 18 Saturday (10:00 AM to 11:00 AM Members Only); 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM (Open to Public)

San Diego California Native Plant Society Annual Fall Plant Sale

Fundraiser Plant sale will be held at Balboa Park, San Diego at the Casa Del Prado Courtyard. Become a member by joining online

at <http://support.cnps.org/page.aspx?pid=360> or join at the sale. For Plant Sale flyer, see: <http://www.cnpsd.org/2014fallplantsale.pdf>. For more information or to volunteer: <http://www.cnpsd.org> .

Sat Oct 18 8:30 – 11:30 AM

Trail Volunteer Work at Village H

This is the regular monthly city of Carlsbad Trail Volunteers work session. Meet at the trail head near Carlsbad Village Dr and Victoria. Wear long pants, long sleeved shirt,

hat and sunscreen. Bring water and gloves (more available on site if you forget). Work will include fence and trails repair, weeding and trash removal.

Oct 26 Sun 1 – 3 PM

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:

- Sat Nov 8, 2-5 PM Fall Festival at Anstine-Audubon Preserve in Vista
- Sat Nov 15 Trails 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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