This special edition of Open Spaces shows the progress we have made in 2009. As founder and president for its first 18 years and current Board member, I am proud of what the Conservancy has become and the work that we do. With your support, our successes will continue for generations to come.

Bill Ailor
A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am pleased to present the various accomplishments of the Land Conservancy over the past 12-months. These successes were the direct result of support from our members, volunteers and community partners who provide the creative energy, hard work, and financial resources necessary to have helped us achieve our land preservation, habitat restoration, and community education goals in 2008.

This past fiscal year has been one marked by achievement, with more than 30 acres of new habitat restoration underway, a new and innovative Nature Education Center under construction at the White Point Preserve, and an educational program that reached over 1,500 local students.

Our priorities for 2009 include continuing essential stewardship and restoration activities at the Palos Verdes, White Point, Chandler and George F Canyon Nature Preserves. We will also continue to provide the educational and research opportunities that help foster an understanding of our local environment. Though we reached conceptual agreement in 2008 to add over 200 acres to the Portuguese Bend Nature Preserve, the economy and recent court decisions have delayed what we hope will eventually be a successful acquisition.

As you know, we all face challenging economic conditions in 2009. As you plan your giving to charitable organizations this year, please remember your local land conservancy, where you can see your contributions at work close to home. With your support, we’ll continue the work that assures our special open areas on the Peninsula will remain scenic, healthy and intact for today and for future generations.

Andrea Vona
Executive Director

Highlights of 2008:
Land Stewardship

As the amount of permanently preserved open space is protected, so does the need for responsible land management — increasing the habitat value while encouraging public access and low-impact uses. In 2008, the Conservancy:

- Initiated habitat restoration on over 30 new acres of open space.
- Continued maintenance of 1,200 acres of managed land critical to the survival of the rare Cactus Wren, California Gnatcatcher, and El Segundo blue butterfly.
- Collaborated with the PV/South Bay Audubon Society on a five-year study to develop quantifiable data on wildlife responses to restoration at the Three Sisters Reserve, where the Conservancy, with the help of a herd of goats, began to restore 21 acres of habitat.
- Worked with the City of LA Recreation and Parks Department to create a new Nature Education Center at the White Point Nature Preserve in San Pedro. This will be a significant resource center for visitors and area students to learn about the landscape, conservation and ecology of the local area.
- Helped ensure the recovery of the rare PV blue butterfly by restoring the native habitat necessary for their breeding. In 2008, a record number of up to 700 butterflies per day emerged and were released on Conservancy protected habitat.
- Worked with Rolling Hills Estates and The Acorn Group to develop a plan for new educational exhibits at the Nature Center at George F Canyon. We also planted a new demonstration garden displaying native grasses, shrubs and trees.
- Assisted four Eagle Scout Projects in George F Canyon Nature Preserve, each involving over 100 hours of work in restoration, planting, weeding non-native plants and trail clean-up.

Volunteer Support

High school students, families, college alumni, and companies helped us maintain and restore open space, donating over 16,000 hours of their valuable time in 2008. Highlights include:

- Trained 14 new Trail Crew Volunteers for over 50 hours in technical skill and trail design, enabling them to assist in promoting proper stewardship of the Conservancy’s 42 miles of protected recreational trails.
- Over 320 young people below the age of 18 participated in 40 Volunteer Days on our nature preserves, removing weeds, improving trails, and planting locally native plants.
- Helped 29 high school Team Leaders develop leadership and restoration skills by training them to manage groups of volunteers at our Volunteer Workdays.
- Recruited over 20 KEEPERS (Keeping an Extra Eye on the Preserve for Environmental Review and Stewardship) each responsible for visiting their Preserve area monthly to monitor, assess, and document wildlife, habitat and trail conditions.
- Worked with Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI) to sponsor outdoor volunteer work days, and to fund our Volunteer Trail Crew Program.
Education

For 20 years, education has been a major Conservancy focus. Monthly nature walks were our first educational activity and this year some 700 people participated. In 1994, we began a program combining in-class and field studies to help students gain a deeper appreciation of our natural environment and in 2008 we visited 76 classrooms, trained 470 parents, and reached over 1,500 children. Other highlights from our educational program include:

- Scientific research involving over 100 participants in 80 research projects as part of the Research, Education, and Community Involvement Program for the Environment (RECIPE) now in its third year.
- RECIPE's scientific research success led the Alcoa Foundation to provide a second 2-year program grant and funding for the permanent interactive exhibits for the new Nature Education Center at the 102-acre White Point Nature Preserve.
- Matched 40 RECIPE high school students with noted researchers and, through their hard work, won awards, presented a poster at a science conference and many were accepted at prestigious schools, including 2 at Harvard University.
- Added 2 San Pedro schools to the 3rd Grade Program, bringing the total number of schools to 17 that receive Conservancy in-class and field trip lessons on local ecosystems consistent with current academic standards.
- Introduced 81 sixth through eighth grade students from South Los Angeles to the Preserves—most visiting a green space for the first time—through a partnership with the LA Conservation Corps.
- Launched S³ (Science Students as Stewards) Pilot Education Program to teach earth and physical science standards through hiking adventures and hands-on field experiments with field trips to the Preserves. Trained ten elementary and middle school teachers in the PVPUSD as part of the project.
- Distributed 8 weather stations, funded by a grant from the Major Foundation, to 5 schools, which will enable real-time Peninsula weather data on-line in 2009.
- Encouraged CSU Long Beach Geosciences Diversity Enhancement Program professors, college students, and high school students to visit the Preserves during the summer for geological and habitat research.
- Expanded our Science Advisory Panel, which provides research expertise to the Conservancy and whose members serve as advisors for student researchers, from 30 to 45 members.

Community Support

The accomplishments we’ve described are made possible because of the strong support of our community, the many individuals, families, foundations and corporations who gave so generously to the Conservancy. We also appreciate the outstanding community support for our fund raising events.

The Portuguese Bend Artist Colony donates spectacular landscape paintings to benefit the Conservancy. The 2008 Art Collection brought in critical funds to the organization and raised awareness of the Peninsula’s irreplaceable beauty. Pictured above, Board member Joe Platnick and his wife Kathryn at the June 23rd Opening Reception.

The Spring for White Point Home Tour Committee organizes an annual event that raises funds to benefit the White Point Nature Preserve by opening up some of the most unique homes in San Pedro to more than 200 people.
### 2008 Summary of Revenue & Expenses

#### REVENUE AND PUBLIC SUPPORT

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#### Revenue by Category

- Contributions: 36%
- Grants: 41%
- Special events and inventory sales: 6%
- Funds released from restriction: 17%

#### Expenses by Category

- Program Services: 87%
- Fund raising: 6%
- Management and support services: 7%
Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy invites you to
Smarter Giving for Everyone in Challenging Economic Times

Edward Long, Esq, Discussion Leader
Nationally recognized elder law attorney and non-profit founder

Wednesday, May 6th
4:00 – 6:00 PM

Refreshments at 4:00
Program begins at 4:15

Ridgecrest Intermediate School, Multi-purpose Room,
28915 Northbay Road, Rancho Palos Verdes
FREE Seating is limited, RSVP
to rsvp@pvpef.org or (310) 378-2278

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Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy
Caring House Peninsula Friends of the Library Peninsula Education Foundation
Palos Verdes Art Center The Norris Center for Performing Arts H.E.L.P.

A Day at the Beach with Monet!

Saturday May 16th,
From 10:00 – 12:00
Abalone Cove
Nature Preserve
Ages 2-12 years

The Reserve is located at
5970 Palos Verdes Drive South in Rancho Palos Verdes.

• $25 per family
• Space is limited
• Reservations Required
• Contact: Christen Kitner at PVPLC at (310) 541-7613 or ckitner@pvplc.org
Join us for these exciting events and volunteer opportunities! Reservations are required for all volunteer work-days.

For information and reservations, call Christen Kitner at 310.541.7613 X 201. Directions and information about our nature walks can be found at www.pvplc.org/naturewalks.

### SPRING/SUMMER CALENDAR

**Save the Date**

**2009 Portuguese Bend Artist Colony**

**Fine Art Exhibition & Sale**

September 19th - October 3rd

**Public Opening**

Saturday, Sept. 19th 12 - 4:00 pm at Terranea Resort

**Tickets Required.**

For more information Contact:

Christen Kitner at (310) 541-7613

email: ckitner@pvplc.org

or visit: www.pvplc.org

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### GEORGE F CANYON EVENTS

**MAY 2**

Volunteer Workday

George F. Canyon

Demonstration Garden

9AM - 12PM

Celebrate Citywide Community Service Day.

**JUNE 6**

Smarter Giving Seminar

Ridgecrest School

4PM- 6PM

Free. RSVP (310) 378-2278 or rsvp@pvpef.org

**JUNE 9**

Volunteer Workday

Linden H. Chandler Preserve

9AM - 3PM

Help with trail maintenance.

**MAY 9**

Nature Walk

Linden H. Chandler Preserve

9AM - 11AM

 Traverse the grasslands, restored butterfly habitat and willow wetlands of this historic preserve. Moderate. LA.

**MAY 9**

Night Hike

George F Canyon

Time to be arranged

This hike will bring you to the top of the canyon for a fantastic view of the city lights below. Limited to 20 people. Call 310.547.0862 for reservations.

**MAY 16**

Volunteer Workday

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9AM - 12PM

Restore PV Blue Butterfly habitat

**JUNE 13**

Nature Walk

White Point Nature Preserve

9AM - 11AM

Admire ocean views and habitat restoration work underway at this 100-acre preserve managed by the PVPLC. Moderate. LA.

**JUNE 14**

Spring for White Point Home Tour

1PM - 5PM

To purchase tickets online: www.pvplc.org or call (310) 541-7613