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NEW FILM & LECTURE SERIES CELEBRATING OPEN SPACES LAUNCHES WITH KEN BURNS' YOSEMITE: A GATHERING OF SPIRIT

PALOS VERDES PENINSULA, March 17, 2014– Join the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy for our first film series, “The Beauty of Nature.” The first in five films, the series starts with a brand new movie Yosemite: A Gathering of Spirit, Saturday, April 5 at 4:30pm. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. for special program and raffle at the historic Warner Grand Theatre, 478 W. 6th Street, San Pedro

Yosemite is directed and narrated by the famous documentarian Ken Burns. The film is part of celebrations for the 150th anniversary of Yosemite. The national park was established thanks to the passion and vision of pioneering environmentalists like John Muir. The Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy is concluding a 25th anniversary. Both locations share from the inspired and visionary commitment of community members who dedicate themselves to land preservation and conservation.

“The founders of Yosemite are our ancestors and we are joining hands with them for a dual celebration. And because they are historically significant anniversaries, we’ve chosen to celebrate the film presentation in an historically significant theater - the Warner Grand Theatre in San Pedro” said Development Director Susan Wilcox about the series.

Tickets are \$10 for adults. We are offering free admission to everyone 18 years and under to give young people an opportunity to experience the beauty, power and fragility of nature and learn about our human connection for healthy and inspired lives. Purchase online at: pvplc.org/_activities/filmseries.asp. Raffle tickets will be available in the theater lobby. Prizes include an Incredible Adventures three-day guided camping trip to Yosemite and a Terranea Resort kayak trip. Winner must be present to win! A special program will begin the series with slides of all the many people who made our open spaces possible over the years – from students, volunteers, to elected officials and business leaders. A special dinner is offered by Neil’s Restaurant immediately following the screening at 5:30 pm. The cost is \$40 per person and must be purchased in advance at pvplc.org/_activities or by calling 310-541-7613.

Other films in the series include *Riding Giants* on June 14 at the John Olguin Auditorium free admission (surfing over the decades in California and Hawaii), *Rivers and Tides* on August 23 at the PV Art Center tickets with a box dinner for film patrons (Andy Goldsworthy’s inspired art in nature), *More Than Honey* (September 11 at the Palos Verdes Library free admission (importance of bees in agriculture and nature), and *Kon-Tiki* on November 22 at the Warner Grand Theater tickets \$10 for adults and free for 18 years and under (explorers test themselves on a balsa-wood raft to sail wide oceans).

For more information, please visit: www.pvplc.org.

The Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community-based organization dedicated to preserving land and restoring habitat for the enjoyment and education of all. The Conservancy owns or manages the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve, the Linden H. Chandler and George F Canyon Preserves in Rolling Hills Estates the White Point Nature Preserve, a facility of the LA City Department of Recreation and Parks, and habitat restoration on the Defense Fuel Supply Point in San Pedro.