



OPEN SPACES

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Recent Land Donations Illustrate Open Space Possibilities

It was a gift to make a father proud. After inheriting a half acre parcel of Portuguese Bend land Alan Mendel owned for more than thirty years, his two daughters, Lisa Platt and Dana Mendel, recently donated it to the Conservancy. The donated land boasts an ocean view and healthy stands of native lemonadeberry, providing scenic viewsheds, natural open space and wildlife habitat.

"Dad loved nature and the outdoors, especially the ocean," said Platt. "This donation is a great way to preserve that for him, and a good tax incentive for both Dana and me. The Conservancy was wonderful to deal with. We felt good knowing that the land is in good hands. It was a win-win."

After inheriting land from her family, Deborah Kopak read about the Conservancy's preservation work and decided to donate two half acre undeveloped canyon parcels near Crownview Drive in Rancho Palos Verdes.

"We are grateful to Dana, Lisa and Deborah for reaching out to the Conservancy and for their generous gifts," said Andrea Vona, Conservancy Executive Director, adding that while many people may consider their corner or canyon parcels insignificant, a small and seemingly isolated lot is often an excellent place for native plants and animals. The Conservancy considers all possible land donations. In many cases, parcels like these do have preservation



View of the land off of Crownview Dr. donated to the Conservancy

value. Over time, they often become more valuable as part of a larger whole, as other parcels and easements are donated or acquired.

"Small parcels near open space can provide additional habitat for wildlife, stepping stones for dispersal, refuges for residents, and conservation benefits associated with reducing the pressures of higher densities of people on the land," said Danielle LeFer, Conservancy Conservation Director.

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Palos Verdes Blue Butterflies Return to Newly Restored Chandler Preserve



Female PV blue butterfly

The Palos Verdes blue butterfly has returned to the Linden H. Chandler Preserve, but it took a lot of restoration work to get it back. Our rare local blue butterfly has very exacting habitat needs. It prefers areas with gentle hills that aren't too windy, requirements that the 28-acres of sloping grasslands at the Chandler Pre-

serve in Rolling Hills Estates easily fulfills. The butterfly, however, will only lay its eggs and its caterpillars will only grow on two plants: deerweed and milk vetch. Until recently, these native plants were no longer prevalent in the preserve.

Restoration efforts in the Chandler Preserve continued slowly until a 2008 grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provided funding for three acres to be restored specifically for the Palos Verdes blue butterfly. The resulting abundance of deerweed and milk vetch allowed for the successful 2009 release of 1,500 butterflies. Since then, we have successfully released wild Palos Verdes blue butterflies each spring to establish new habitat in the preserve in partnership with the Urban Wild-

lands Group and Moorpark College.

Because of this recent success, we have initiated an ongoing project to create small patches of habitat for the Palos Verdes blue butterfly in line with what occurs in a natural ecosystem. This approach received a great start, thanks to the Fukunaga family and friends. With shovels glinting, the Fukunaga family cleared a small patch of

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A Message from the President



It is daunting to follow in the footsteps of our first three board presidents, Bill, Henry and Ken led the Conservancy to success after success over the last 24 years. Under their leadership the Conservancy and the open space we have preserved have become integral to our quality of life on the Peninsula.

As we switch our emphasis from saving land to improving its accessibility and restoring native habitat, I find myself grappling with Marc Smiley's notion of the "Audacity of Perpetuity." Our board takes the concept of perpetuity very seriously, and is imagining where we want to be in 50 and 500 years. Because we recognize that our crystal ball doesn't provide much detail that far out, we are focusing on what we need to do now, so that within five years we will be poised for the next 50. Most important, we're looking forward to celebrating our 25th anniversary next year with a series of events under the umbrella theme "Silver and Sage."

To prevent my head from getting lost in the clouds I asked Andrea if I could do a "ride-along" with Cris Sarabia, our Stewardship Manager. Cris calmly said, "OK, bring your gloves and boots and meet me at the Nursery at 7 am." He introduced me to Neli who was tending seedlings as the sunlight was just hitting the tops of the buildings. Trays of objects that looked like peanut butter-balls caught my eye. Turns out they are called "seed-balls" and are made by volunteers who start with a pinch of seeds and peat moss. They press the mix into a wad of adobe and roll it into a ball that can be thrown into areas that are difficult or dangerous to reach. Once they reach their target on the side of a cliff or up a steep slope, they lodge there until the rain falls. The adobe protects the seeds from birds and other hungry critters. By the time the rain arrives, they have cracked just enough for water to seep in. The seeds then germinate and the seedlings get established. I met the rest of the crew, and we split up and headed out onto the preserves. It was exciting to see our staff literally sowing the seeds for the future while our board is figuratively doing the same thing. What a day!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bruce Biesman-Simons".

Bruce Biesman-Simons
President, Board of Directors

In Service to the Future

When Bill and Barb Ailor moved from Virginia to the Palos Verdes Peninsula in the 1980s, they discovered the open spaces and views some of us now take for granted. Then they found out that almost all of that open space was privately owned and zoned for housing. In those less preservation-oriented days, the standard vision of the future was a lot of asphalt and hundreds of tile roofs. Bill and Barb had a very different, even audacious, goal: to keep this land open and accessible to the public. Bill founded the Conservancy in 1988 and served



Founder Bill Ailor

as Board president for seventeen years—through the acquisition and preservation of the major part of what is now the Palos Verdes Peninsula Nature Preserve. He remained on the Board while training others to follow in leadership roles. At the end of last year Bill resigned from the Board to officially become the Conservancy's founder and president emeritus. The land was saved thanks to his transformative vision and power to communicate it to others who helped make it reality. Bravo, Bill!

Anke Raue served on the Board for twenty years and retired at the end of last year. When we began leading the nature walks, Anke quickly contributed her love of nature and knowledge of birds and plants to become a walk leader. If you haven't been on one of Anke's walks, you can still enjoy them, because she is still leading them! These educational walks are frequently at-

YOUR GIFT IS IMPORTANT

Your donation will be put to good work by the Conservancy and your support will help protect our scenic, natural lands for today and future generations.

We value all levels of giving and there are many ways to donate to the Conservancy:

- Join the Mariposa Circle by giving \$1,000 or more, with special thank-you events and benefits.
- Join the Legacy Circle by giving \$5,000 or more with special thank-you events, additional benefits and permanent recognition.
- Share your love of the land and remember the Conservancy in your estate plans. We offer many giving options such as bequests, life insurance policy and retirement assets, life income gifts and other complex gifts.

For more information call Nancy Young at 310-541-7613 x202 or email: nyoung@pvplc.org



Outgoing Board members Jack Smith and Anke Raue

tended by kids getting their first introduction to the natural world and their local wilderness. Anke's vision of the future lives on in those kids' enjoyment and appreciation of what they learn from her.

Also retiring from the Board last year, Jack Smith brought a unique mix of wisdom and enthusiasm to our discussions and strate-

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Preserving land and restoring habitat
for the enjoyment and education of all

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Conservancy to Host Portuguese Bend Artist Colony Exhibit

The Portuguese Bend Artist Colony (PBAC) will partner again with the Conservancy for their Fine Art Exhibition & Sale, Poetic Reflections of Nature, June 30-July 27. Featuring original artwork by PBAC members, a nationally recognized group of local plein aire artists, the event will be held at the Malaga Cove Library. PBAC and the Conservancy will host an exhibit preview and dinner on Saturday, June 30, and a public lecture and exhibit opening on Sunday, July 1 and running until Friday, July 27, 2012.

Plein aire, or open air, painting was popularized in the 1870s with the introduction of paints in tubes, the portable box easel with telescopic legs, and built-in paint box and palette. French Impressionist paint-



PBAC painting plein aire

ers such as Claude Monet, Camille Pissarro, and Auguste Renoir did much of their work outdoors with these box easels, often with a large white umbrella attached to diffuse the light. American plein air painters came on the scene soon afterwards, and the popularity of outdoor painting has endured into the 21st century.

PBAC artists donate a portion of the proceeds from the sale of their paintings during the Exhibition & Sale to the Conservancy and the Library. These local artists, who grew up in the South Bay and regularly paint on the Peninsula, include Rick Humphrey, Steve Mirich, Dan Pinkham, Victoria Pinkham, Kevin Prince, Thomas Redfield, and Amy Sidrane. A PBAC co-founder, Dan Pinkham received the Gold Medal for Painting at the California Art Club's 98th Annual Gold Medal Juried Exhibition.

For tickets or information: www.pvplc.org or email Communications Manager Louise Olfarnes, lolfarnes@pvplc.org.



Images from previous exhibitions

Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy presents

The Portuguese Bend Artists Colony's Poetic Reflections of Nature

Fine Art Exhibition and Sale, July 1 - 27, 2012, Hours: Mon-Sat, 10-5pm

Malaga Cove Library Gallery, Palos Verdes Estates

Preview Reception & Dinner - Saturday, June 30, 5-9:30 pm Tickets: \$160 per person

Public Opening & Lecture - Sunday, July 1, 2-4 pm

Admission: \$25 for Lecture & Opening/ \$20 for Opening Only

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gic planning. A Western Horseman, Jack loved cowboy music, when he'd occasionally forget to turn down the ring-tone on his cell phone, we'd be regaled by a few bars while Jack reached into his jeans with a broad grin and gamely put up with our teasing. Jack's vision of the future is embodied in the clarity and reach of our written strategic plans.

While Bill, Anke and Jack are no longer involved directly with the Board, they have each made immeasurable contributions to our future. We salute them for their work and thank them for their vision.

Ken Swenson completed his two-year term as president in January. At the beginning of 2010, he bravely took over the president under our new, two-year term limit rule. He sprinted into position and led our organization with skill, while focusing on the theme of connecting people to the land. A favorite community event inspired by Ken's theme of connection was a morning with the goats. The sight of those friendly foragers clearing weeds and fertilizing soil was most entertaining. We thank Ken for his wonderful Board leadership.



Ken Swenson Earth Day 2011

Restoring Southern California's Most Threatened Habitats

The clearing of more than twenty acacia trees at the top of Vicente Bluffs Preserve opened up the ocean view for visitors, including many who go there to see whales migrating along the coast. Once cleared of invasive species, the one-acre area was planted with coastal bluff plants such as the dune buckwheat, a host plant for the endangered El Segundo blue butterfly. These butterflies spend their entire life cycle dependent on buckwheat (in egg, larvae, pupae, and adult stages). The caterpillars feed on buckwheat flowers and seeds.

El Segundo blue butterflies have historically been found along the bluffs, and this restoration, funded by the Coastal Conservancy, will help increase population numbers by creating more of their native habitat. To help the buckwheat grow, a container of dri-water gel was installed alongside each plant. This gel breaks down into water with the help of soil enzymes. One container can supply enough water for 3 months.

Volunteers have been helping with many aspects of restoration around the Peninsula. At White Point, volunteers planted coastal sage scrub and native bunchgrasses, enhancing a previous restoration. At Chandler and DFSP, volunteers cleared invasive plants and planted Palos Verdes blue butterfly host plants. Volunteers have focused on clearing large patches of invasive fennel at Portuguese



A view of the acacia cleared at Vicente Bluffs

Bend and Lunada Canyon in preparation for future planting. They have discovered that in many locations where fennel is cleared, remnants of native plants still remain. In the spring, our crew spends a large part of its time controlling weeds in the restoration areas. We focus on removing the weeds before they set seed in order to reduce the number of invasive plants in the future.

Did you know?

By donating land or a conservation easement to the Conservancy, you may be eligible for tax incentives to preserve wildlife and plant habitat and open spaces on private lands. We work with willing landowners and local communities to conserve special lands and waters. We respond to local needs and priorities with experience, expertise and efficiency, and provide a lasting presence to care for these treasures.

Recent Land Donations continued from cover

Mike Kilroy, Conservancy Board member who helped to facilitate the two land transfers explains, "Even an easement over an unused part of someone's lot can, over time, be combined with other easements and lots to create a larger preserve area, for restoration. These 'created canyons' make meaningful natural open space patched together from lands once lost to nature."

Since 1988 the Conservancy has preserved 1,600 acres of natural and scenic open space on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, stretching from Palos Verdes Estates to San Pedro. This includes the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve, George F Canyon Preserve and Nature Center, Linden H. Chandler Preserve, and White Point Nature Preserve and Education Center.

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ground, then planted it with the butterfly's host plants. The area was expanded



Fukunaga family and friends clearing habitat patch in the Chandler Preserve

by Girl Scout Troop 475, who started another patch restoration for their Silver Award Project. By February, the two areas were cleared and over 400 host plants were established to create two new patches of butterfly habitat.

Through these efforts, we can insure a bright future for the Palos Verdes blue butterfly. Any group that is willing to contribute time once a month from August-January can volunteer to create another patch of blue butterfly habitat. To sign up, please contact Ann Dalkey, adalkey@pvplc.org or call (310) 541-7613 x208.

Armchair Traveler Films Chandler Preserve and the PV Blue Butterfly



Board member Jess Morton interviewed by host John Clayton

Visit www.pvplc.org and go to news, media gallery to view a copy of the RPV TV show!

Education Program Gathers Momentum

The Education Program is gathering momentum this year as we continue to serve Para Los Niños Charter School grades K-6 through Science Students as Stewards. This program brings students to the preserves to learn key natural science concepts first hand.

The Third Grade Program is halfway through its 17th year of service to local elementary schools. This program serves third graders both on and off the peninsula. Taught by trained docents, it comprises five sessions, four in-class visits, and one field trip. The first four sessions feature interactive discussions in the classroom on the natural history of the area, complete with touchable objects and dynamic visual aids, and cover geology, birds, invertebrates, Tongva culture, reptiles, mammals, and native and exotic plants.



Students from downtown LA enjoy science outdoors

The final session culminates in a field trip to a local open space, where students reinforce their knowledge from classroom sessions during an educational nature walk. The program also encourages parents to volunteer on field trips as trained trail docents. This year, the program is strengthening its stewardship component to better promote the value of land preservation and restoration.

Education Program Manager John Nieto leads the program along with twenty dedicated trained volunteer docents. According to Evi Meyer, who has worked as a Third Grade Program docent for twelve years, “Every year the students absolutely astound me with their insatiable curiosity about the natural environment. When they learn more about the Palos Verdes Peninsula, it’s like little light bulbs go on and by the end of the program they are beaming with excitement about this beautiful place they live in. Priceless.”



Education Director Siegrun Storer leads 1st graders from Para Los Niños School in a hands-on nature-based science activity at Abalone Cove

Maintenance Efforts Improve Trail Connections

Every year thousands of visitors access the Peninsula's open spaces on foot, bicycle, and horseback by way of the 42-mile, Conservancy-managed scenic trail system. These trails act as arteries to connect the public with our local coast, providing a route to instill an appreciation for and awareness of the open spaces around the Peninsula that will endure well into the future.

Though the trails are generally unimproved, many efforts are underway to maintain them. LA Conservation Corps and Eagle Scout Award projects are currently focused on redirecting unauthorized “spur” or “social” trails in the Portuguese Bend Reserve to eliminate duplicate and unsustainable trails detrimental to habitat and wildlife. The best way to enjoy the preserves and minimize potential harm to wildlife is to stay on marked trails and keep dogs leashed.

Join us for National Trails Day on Saturday, June 2 from 9 am-12 noon at Portuguese Bend Reserve to see the many ways to enjoy our local trails or to volunteer on the trails for the day. You can also become a trail crew volunteer and learn how to design, repair, and maintain trails to keep them safe and accessible through the Conservancy's Trail Crew Training Program. This free, 50-hour program teaches such skills as trail assessment, outsloping and grading techniques, building retaining structures, switchbacks, and more. At the end, class participants become members of the official Trail Crew certified to propose, organize, and facilitate trail projects with the Conservancy. The class meets one Saturday per month, beginning with a mandatory introductory class held 2-3 times per year. The next introductory class will be held July 14th from 9 am-12 noon at the White Point Nature Education Center in San Pedro. Please visit www.pvplc.org, email abosler@pvplc.org or call (310) 541-7613 for more information about National Trails Day or the trail crew training.



LA Conservation Corps clearing trails in the Portuguese Bend Reserve

Wildlife and Plant Monitoring Vital to Restoration Activities

Monitoring is an important task at the Conservancy. Much of our monitoring is conducted within the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve, where the Draft Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP) agreement with the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, the State Department of Fish and Game, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service serves as a guiding document for the preserve's management.

Under the NCCP, triennial surveys of wildlife and rare plants are conducted throughout the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve. Generally conducted in the spring and summer, the surveys help determine whether wildlife and plant populations are increasing as our restoration activities continue and help to identify which areas may benefit from future restoration. Following the surveys' completion, we compile the results in a comprehensive report.

Wildlife surveys are performed for California gnatcatchers, coastal cactus wrens, and El Segundo blue butterflies every three years throughout the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve. We also monitor coyote, red fox, and the elusive gray fox for their presence and distribution on a yearly basis, with the help of students who hiked the preserves from November to April searching for signs of these wild canines. Additionally, we conduct triennial surveys of several rare plant species in the preserve, such as bright green Dudleya and Catalina crossosoma.

Whenever the Conservancy conducts a restoration project, monitoring the new habitat is included in the plan. For example, the butterfly habitat restoration at Chandler Preserve was monitored for three years. The Conservancy monitors the native habitat at the Defense Fuel Supply Point, as well as projects within the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve. This monitoring usually continues for three years after restoration is finished.



CSU Long Beach Student Jen Mendoza conducting a wildlife survey



Monthly Volunteer Monitors Needed

Several volunteer KEEPER (Keeping an Eye on the Preserve for Ecological Review) opportunities are now available! Each month, KEEPERs walk the preserve and document the status of trails, habitat, erosion, trash, and other items to monitor. According to volunteer KEEPER Terry Miller, "I love being part of what I consider to be documentation of history, progress, and science. I feel like I can help make improvements by being the person that documents the issues and notifies the Conservancy of some-

thing that should be investigated. I also love the personal experience I get learning to identify the various plants and wildlife."

Monitoring requires some knowledge of basic trail maintenance and plant identification. We provide training covering all required skills. A prospective KEEPER must commit to monthly surveys for a minimum of one year. To join, please contact Ann Dalkey at adalkey@pvplc.org or 310-541-7613.

Volunteers monitoring the preserves

Visitor Feedback: Rave Review from Elone Miller

"After promising myself I'd visit the White Point Preserve months ago, I was finally able to do so on Saturday when my children and grandchildren were in town. What fun! The Nature Center is very impressive and the displays about both the habitat and various land and sea creatures are creatively displayed. Our gang (ages 4 to 8, plus adults) had a great time with the interactive exhibits, thanks to [naturalist] Daniel Feldman. Despite the fog we all trooped up to the top of the hill for a very nice hike with your well-executed map in hand. We'll be back I'm sure to walk other trails and discover what's new at the Nature Center. What a wonderful opportunity for the Peninsula and San Pedro. Thank you!"



Assistant Naturalist Daniel Feldman

Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy presents

2012 EARTH DAY

Saturday, April 21
9 am - 2 pm

White Point Nature Preserve
1600 W. Paseo del Mar
San Pedro

Beautify the Native Plant Garden 9am - 12 noon
Guided Ranger Hikes 10-11 am
Nature Scavenger Hunt & Family Crafts 12 noon - 2 pm

sponsored by coffee by

High Tea Celebrates the Campaign for Upper Filiorum

On Friday, February 10, the Conservancy gave new meaning to the term high tea by hosting one high above Palos Verdes Nature Preserve, near the breathtaking scenic outlook at Del Cerro Park. The high tea dedication event took place at the second stone recognition bench, installed late last year, with a crowd of about 70 contributors, City and County public officials, a Project Manager from the California Coastal Conservancy and Conservancy staff and Board members.



Supporters unveil Del Cerro recognition site

Conservancy Executive Director Andrea Vona opened the dedication with a champagne toast to the contributors who gave generously to the 2009 Acquisition and Restoration Campaign that allowed for purchase of Upper Filiorum and completion of the 1,400-acre Palos Verdes Nature Preserve. City of RPV Deputy Mayor Brian Campbell also thanked the community for their support and credited Bill and Barb Ailor for their original vision of creating the nature preserve. President Bruce Biesman-Simons closed the proceedings with a thank you to the over 700 community members who supported the campaign.

Conservancy Honored as 2011 Nonprofit of the Year



Bruce Biesmen-Simons, Andrea Vona, LA Supervisor Don Knabe and PV Chamber President, Eileen Hupp

The Palos Verdes Chamber of Commerce recognized the Conservancy as the 2011 Nonprofit of the Year at the Salute to Business Awards dinner February 3 at the Trump National Golf Club. The Conservancy was honored to be recognized by the Chamber for innovation, perseverance, and strong leadership along with five local businesses. Chamber President Eileen Hupp and Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe presented the honor to Executive Director Andrea Vona and President of the Board Bruce Biesman-Simons. This is a great honor indeed for the Conservancy and all our supporters, especially on the eve of our

25th Anniversary in 2013. We'll be celebrating it with several events under the theme "Silver and Sage". We even sang Happy Birthday to Bill Ailor."

Whole Foods Gives Back 5% to the Conservancy

On Wednesday, February 15, Whole Foods Torrance held a 5% Give Back Day to support the Conservancy, raising \$2,700 from the one-day shopping event. According to Whole Foods Marketing Supervisor, Gabriel Dupin De Saint Cyr, "Our focus is to support innovative groups like the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy that strive to make the world a better place. To us, a better place is one where the environment is preserved and replenished, communities are strong, health is a priority, and where all living beings are respected." Thanks to Gabe and all the employees at Whole Foods Torrance who helped make the day a huge success. Special thanks to everyone who shopped at Whole Foods. We appreciate your generous support!



Legacy Circle member Becky Cool shops to support open space

In Honor

Your celebration and remembrance gifts create a lasting tribute to friends and loved ones by helping to protect the beauty and character of the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Celebrating

California given by Carlos and Teresa Rosales and Karen Tozer

Amparo Denney given by Katie Traeger Bob and Kathy Ford

given by Greg Ford

Carla and Doug Smith

given by Doug and Carla Smith

Grandchildren: Sean & Malea

given by Joe and Barbara Stassi

Piehler and Varend Families

given by Peter and Miriam Varend

Our Clients

given by Hopper Engineering Associates

Patricia and George Ackerman

given by George and Louise Ackerman, Jr.

Pippa and Jeremy Davies

given by Jeremy and Pippa Davies

Presidency of Bruce Beisman-Simons

given by Rebecca and Charles Rannells

Roux Associates Inc.

given by Sabrina Ma

The Bruening Family

given by Daniel Bruening

The Mark Whitson Family

given by John and Linda Whitson

Remembering

David Clum

given by Marie La Force

Thomas P. Burke given by Judith Burke

Mitchell Greb

given by Michael and Bernice Green

Eugenio Gutierrez

given by Eugene and Ana Gutierrez

Jerry Glass given by Jacqueline M. Glass

Marge Hill

given by Anthony and Deborah Baker and Joseph and Virginia Williams

Mercedes Jean Dossi

given by Norie Roeder

Diana Park given by Noel Park

Mops Oversier

given by Joseph and Virginia Williams

Bill Millar and Lois LaRue

given by Rosellen Trunnell

Michael M. Moore

given by Bernice and Michael Green

Martin Reiter

given by Ray and Virginia Knauss

Bob Sawyer

given by Bernice and Michael Green

Deena Sheridan given by Richard and Margaret Greenwood

Frances Sheridan

given by Mary Sheridan

Cynthia Schrier

given by Dr. Melvin Schrier

If you would like to make a donation in remembrance or celebration please call Mary Lopes, Donor Relations, at (310) 541-7613 x206.

SAVE THE DATE

Palos Verdes Pastoral:
A James Beard Garden-to-Table
Dining Experience on the Peninsula



Sunday, September 30, 2012

Featuring Chef Michael Fiorelli
of mar'sel at Terranea Resort

Seating limited. For more details
visit: www.pvplc.org or (310) 541-7613



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SPRING PLANT SALE - SAT APRIL 21, 9-4 PM

Featuring natives from the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy Nursery
South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd.



Volunteer workday sponsor



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CALENDAR SPRING 2012

EARTH DAY AT WHITE POINT APR 21, 9-2 pm

Celebrate Earth Day with activities for the whole family.

FINE ART EXHIBITION & SALE JUL 1 - 27, MON - SAT, 10-5 pm

Original collection by the Portuguese Bend Artist Colony
benefiting the Conservancy at the Malaga Cove Library.

NATURE WALKS

Enjoy monthly family outdoor walks led by volunteer naturalists, historians, and geologists. Wear walking shoes and bring sun protection and water. No reservations required. Cancelled in case of rain.

FORRESTAL RESERVE MAY 12, 9-11 am

Visit dramatic geological formations on the cliffs at this former basalt quarry where faults, folds sedimentary bedding and igneous intrusions are visible. Moderate to strenuous. RPV

NEW! THREE SISTERS RESERVE JUN 9, 9-12 noon

Enjoy a challenging 3-hour hike to view the 21 acre habitat restoration work, both common and rare birds now living in the habitat. Strenuous. RPV.

SOUTH SHORELINE PARK JUL 14, 4-6 am

Join this afternoon walk through impressively restored habitat on top of an ancient slide area with spectacular bluff-top ocean views. Moderate. RPV.

GEORGE F CANYON

Enjoy the monthly series of guided hikes, bird walks, and full moon walks through this unique riparian canyon habitat.

BIRD WALK

MAY 5, JUN 2, JUL 7, 9am

Join our naturalist. Binoculars available. Beginners welcome.

FIRST SATURDAY HIKE

MAY 5, JUN 2, JUL 7, 1-3pm

Join an expert guide to discover habitat, wildlife and more. \$5 per person.

FULL MOON HIKE

Limited to 20 people. Reservations required. Call (310) 547-0862 for dates and times. \$10 per person. Ages 9+.

Nature & Me Storytime

JUN 15, 9:30-10 am

Enjoy an imaginative journey through stories.

WHITE POINT NATURE PRESERVE

Enjoy guided monthly family outdoor walks. Wear walking shoes and bring sun protection and water.

RANGER WALKS

MAY 12, JUN 9, JUL 14, 10:30am

Enjoy a free guided family nature hike around the restored habitat with dramatic views of the Pacific and Catalina. Easy, San Pedro.

FAMILY NATURE & ART WORKSHOP

APR 28, 10 am

Children's hike and art workshop. Reservations required: (310) 541-7613 or info@pvplc.org

VOLUNTEER WORKDAYS

Join us for a fun volunteer outdoor workday. All events are 9-12 noon unless specified. For information and reservations, please call (310) 541-7613 or email: info@pvplc.org

NATIVE PLANT NURSERY, MAY 5

Transplant seedlings and weed plant containers. Reservations required.

ALTA VICENTE RESERVE, MAY 12

Help the native plants grow by removing the competition.

PORTUGUESE BEND RESERVE, MAY 19

Be a weed warrior against fennel invaders.

NATIVE PLANT NURSERY, MAY 26

Transplant seedlings and weed plant containers. Reservations required.

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY:

PORTUGUESE BEND RESERVE, JUN 2

Help us repair the trails that thousands of people enjoy each year.

WHITE POINT NATURE PRESERVE, JUN 9

Beautify the demonstration gardens and trails.

NATIVE PLANT NURSERY, JUN 16

Transplant seedlings and weed plant containers. Reservations required.

AGUA AMARGA RESERVE, JUN 23

Restore the canyon by removing fennel.

ALTA VICENTE RESERVE, JUN 30

Help the native plants grow by removing the competition.