



City of RPV Mayor Susan Brooks

New Preserve Signs Welcome Visitors

Visitors to the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve this year will be greeted by new, welcoming signage. With a palette inspired by the landscape's green hillsides and blue ocean, the signs incorporate rustic stone and weathered steel for a modern look that is also resistant to vandalism. The signs feature identification and orientation panels with information about the surrounding habitat, trails and regulations.

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes and Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy worked together on the project to create signage for the Preserve's entry points. The new signs seek to educate the public about the Preserve's special protections and features as a conservation area for wildlife and habitat. Executive Director Andrea Vona explains, "Each sign was designed to raise awareness and inspire appreciation for these places as important conservation areas and to ensure that visitors are informed about the regulations and designated trail routes."

The signs also seek to enhance public safety in the Preserve by informing visitors of the name of each area, (vital information to have in case of emergency) and also include Preserve rules and instructions for contacting law enforcement.

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Conservancy Volunteers Prepare for Spring

Many consider springtime the most enjoyable season to enjoy the Peninsula's open spaces. Cool ocean breezes and warm sunshine paired with colorful hillsides and scenic coastal vistas make for pleasant hikes and family outings. Spring is when the Peninsula's birds are raising families of nestlings and the butterflies and bees emerge to feed on nectar-filled flowers.

Last year's abundant rainfall (19 inches!) helped to relieve many effects of the five-year drought, resulting in a super bloom of flowers and plants. Unfortunately, precipitation is well below average this season, measuring less than two inches from July 2017-January 2018 (the average rainfall is 7-8 inches for the same time period), although we still hope to benefit from early spring showers to help revive vegetation and alleviate drought effects on native plants.



Volunteer weeding around a seacliff buckwheat plant at White Point

Land Conservancy staff and volunteers are busy preparing for spring. At Alta Vicente Reserve, 311 community volunteers, AmeriCorps service youth and Conservancy staff planted approximately 15,000 coastal sage scrub natives, including many varieties of wildflowers, from November through

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Volunteer Education Docents Inspire Passion, Awareness and Respect

Connie Smith, the Conservancy's new Director of Education, knows the impact docents in the Third Grade Naturalist Program can have on South Bay families. In 1995, the year the program began, Connie was a third grade teacher at Rancho Vista Elementary School and the parent of three young children. "What I learned

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A Message from the President

Dear Friends,

As the new president of the Conservancy's board of directors, I'd like to introduce myself to those of you who don't yet know me. A graduate of Palos Verdes High School, I am a 43-year San Pedro resident, retired educator and long-time board member. In my years on the Board, we've grown from a small circle of optimistic dreamers to a real movement, galvanizing thousands of people not only to get outdoors but also to better understand our unique landscape and volunteer to help preserve it and inform the wider community—from schoolchildren on up—about the natural history and beauty of our remarkable peninsula. In these endeavors, my personal role has focused largely on habitat restoration and education programs, including our monthly nature walks held the second Saturday of each month—and I hope you'll meet us at one soon!

As the new president, I'd like to extend a special thank you to my predecessor, Cassie Jones, whose dedication to the Conservancy's mission and whose personal engagement in so many of the organization's endeavors, stand as a model. I owe a debt, too, to many other board members and volunteers, past and present, for their inspiration.

I look forward to working with the Conservancy's volunteers, staff and board to further expand our many programs and to strengthening the partnerships we've forged throughout the South Bay and beyond! One particular milestone we hope to accomplish this year, in collaboration with our partners in the City of Rancho Palos Verdes and state and federal wildlife agencies, is the completion of the Natural Communities Conservation Plan (NCCP) that we've been working toward for a quarter century! You can learn about the NCCP by reading the article in this issue.

I look forward to meeting you at our volunteer events, nature walks, film screenings and other activities!

Allen Franz
President, Board of Directors



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Still Time to Adopt...a Goat!

This spring, the Conservancy will deploy a herd of 300 goats to graze on overgrown brush in Lunada Canyon, part of the Agua Amarga Reserve located in Rancho Palos Verdes. Goats effectively remove invasive weeds including fennel, ice plant and other non-native plants. This method of weeding by goat grazing is considered an environmentally friendly and economically efficient approach to prepare land for native plant restoration. According to Executive Director Andrea Vona, "The goats are the most popular weeders because they make very little noise and leave no trash behind." Since 2009, the goats have been helping the Conservancy clear invasive plants for restoration from its lands. Goats can clear an entire acre in a single day, which takes a crew two or three days to accomplish. The goats indiscriminately eat every plant, and therefore require an electric fence to keep them from grazing on native plants and nearby resident gardens. Their droppings provide natural fertilizer that replenish the top soil. There is still time to contribute to the Adopt-a-Goat program with a donation starting at \$100 and be invited to a reception in spring 2018, where you will receive a photograph with "your" goat. Please visit: pvplc.org, and select "Donate Now."



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Farewell to Board and Committee Members

With heartfelt appreciation, the Conservancy thanks outgoing board and committee members for their long dedication and service.

Mike Kilroy served on the Board of Directors for 28 years, from 1989 through 2017, making him the longest serving board member. He founded and chaired the Conservancy's Land Acquisition Committee and created the deal structures and negotiated the acquisitions for almost all of the established preserves. Mike proposed the creation of the Nature Walk Program and led walks for five years. He has been recognized for his significant role in land acquisition by three Peninsula cities and has received the Conservancy's President's and Leadership Awards. Commented Mike, "The Conservancy was from its earliest days the 'Little Conservancy that Could,' a small band of bright-eyed and energetic people who time and again proved that so much more is possible than most assume—if only one has a big enough vision and a willingness to work hard, regardless of whether the resources or the solutions are yet apparent. It has been an honor to have been a part it."

Ken Swenson was the third president of the Conservancy's Board of Directors from 2009–2011. Ken joined the board in 2007 and served as the Stewardship Committee Chair and Executive Committee member. Over the past 11 years, he served as Chair of the Land Acquisition, Fundraising and Education Committees as well as contributing in many other ways. He is a graduate of Annenberg Foundation Alchemy and Alchemy Plus nonprofit leadership programs, which he attended on behalf of the Conservancy. "I am proud of what we have accomplished over the past 11 years, and am grateful for the opportunity to have played a significant role in guiding the organization through its successes and challenges during that time."

Wayne Sharp was a valued and long-standing member and Chair of the Conservancy's Investment Committee and a former board member (2004-2005). As a former Investment Manager at Boston Partners Asset Management, LLC and a member of Chartered Financial Analysts Institute, Wayne brought an unwavering financial acumen to her role as committee chair. As Co-Chair of the "Fulfill the Dream" land acquisition campaign, Wayne was instrumental in raising support and funding for purchase of over 400 acres in the Portuguese Bend area, a critical milestone in the preservation of the 1,400-acre Palos Verdes Nature Preserve. "Co-chairing the Preserve Capital Campaign in 2005 was a real Palos Verdes highlight for me," she said. "Watching the community pull together for the cause of preserving land, and feeling like I played a small role in making it happen, was extremely rewarding! Then, I was able to use my financial career experience to help the Conservancy's Investment Committee, which was really fun for me. [My husband] Malcolm and I will miss you all and appreciate the experience."

Thank you Ken, Mike and Wayne for your time, energy and support!

Scouts Acquire New Leadership and Restoration Skills to Care for Nature

In 2017, the Conservancy oversaw the completion of fifteen Boy Scout Eagle Awards and Girl Scout Gold Award projects. These projects significantly contributed to the Conservancy's nursery infrastructure, trail repair and habitat restoration while earning dedicated young people community service merit recognition.

Eagle Scout Blake Carpenter from Troop 191 built a permanent wood structure to provide sun and rain shelter at the Native Plant Nursery. Blake completed the construction portion of his project in just two days and received support from Home Depot in San Pedro. In other projects, scouts Everett Emerson, Cullen Barber, Zach Bayne and Justin An built a total of 30 tables, which allowed nursery plants to be raised off the ground, preventing the spread of pathogens and improving compliance with nursery best-management practices.

Brandon Duarte and Chris Haluza both finished trail erosion repair projects with leadership and assistance from the Volunteer Trail Crew. Brandon's project repaired a large gully on lower

Barkentine Trail in Three Sisters Preserve by installing a 24-

foot retaining wall, compacting soil and creating grade dips that capture and redirect water off the trail. Chris retreaded and installed grade dips to help repair Ford Trail in Filiorum Reserve.

Sarah Reeves and Erik Lilligren each completed outstanding habitat restoration projects. Sarah devoted almost a year to restoring habitat for the California gnatcatchers at Lunada Canyon by removing invasive weeds and installing and donating over 60 coastal sage scrub and creekside plants. Sarah continues to care for the plants weekly. Erik Lilligren, from Troop 849, planted an astounding 750 coastal sage scrub plants as part of the Conservancy's restoration site efforts at Alta Vicente.

We appreciate all of the scouts' support in helping realize our mission to preserve land and restore habitat for the education and enjoyment of all. If you are interested in completing a scout project with the Conservancy, applications are available at pvplc.org, and select "Volunteer" or contact Megan Roy at mroy@pvplc.org.



Eagle Scout Blake Carpenter



Sarah Reeves

Conservancy Staff Shares Knowledge at CA Native Plant Society (CNPS) Conference

The mission of CNPS is to conserve California native plants and increase understanding, appreciation and horticultural use of native plants. The Conference is held every three years. This year's location was ideal for the Conservancy to host several field trips and have staff available to present recent research conducted by our talented team. Conservation Director Adrienne Mohan, Naturalist Neil Uelman and Stewardship Associate Josh Weinik led field trips to the White Point Nature Preserve. They also guided conference attendees through a hike in Forrester Nature Reserve to get a close look at some of the best coastal sage scrub habitat and ocean views on the Peninsula. Neil Uelman's lecture on Bryophytes & Cotyledons and his research, "Updated Native Plant Survey of the Peninsula," held a captive audience. Josh Weinik presented "Comparative Vegetative Analysis of Western Snowy Plover Habitat," and Cris Sarabia presented "Species Distribution Model for So Cal Coastal Species." Finally, Volunteer Coordinator Megan Roy presented her summary of the improvements at the Point Vicente Native Plant Demonstration Garden and their community impact. Conservancy interns Nina House and Jillian Stephens volunteered and participated at the Conference as well. Congratulations to all who provided valuable information to conference participants regarding the Conservancy's exciting work on the Palos Verdes Peninsula.



Staff guided a CNPS Conference field excursion at the White Point Nature Preserve

Beautify Lunada Bay Initiative Takes Flight

The Lunada Bay Home Owners Association, in partnership with the City of Palos Verdes Estates, has embarked on Beautify Lunada Bay (BLB), with consultation from the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy. The project involves replacing weeds or bare dirt on the bluffs with native and other drought-tolerant plants to provide attractive year-round color and to upgrade existing walking areas by adding stone borders and decomposed granite. A fresh palette of over 25 species of native plants, including California poppies, sages, buckwheat and others that will attract hummingbirds and butterflies were planted in December. "Because they are drought-tolerant, once they are established they will thrive on their own," explained Conservation Director Adrienne Mohan. In addition to galvanizing local volunteers and donors, the group has recruited local schools to join in the project for outdoor learning. Advanced AP Science Students from Palos Verdes High School are involved in documenting the vegetation for future monitoring, and many have joined the effort to help eradicate weeds, spread mulch and create a rock-lined pathway. The neighboring elementary school will also be using the area as an outdoor classroom. Said Conservancy Board member and BLB Project Manager Bill Ailor, "We are thrilled to provide a beautification of special walking areas in Palos Verdes Estates and welcome additional involvement and support from community members to make the next phase of the project a reality." If you would like to volunteer, please visit volunteerhub.pvplc.com. A full description of the project and information on how to donate funds can be found at blb.lbhoa.org.



(L to R) Andrea Vona, Marlene Breene, Peter Bena, Kristen Sweet and Bill Ailor at Beautify Lunada Bay dedication

Conservancy Volunteers Become Certified California Naturalists

Over the last three years, the Conservancy has offered volunteer leaders the opportunity to participate in the California Naturalist Program. This year, nine qualified volunteers became Certified California Naturalists. The program incorporates science curriculum,



Photo by Eva Cicoria

hands-on learning, citizen science and community service to instill a deep understanding of our natural communities and to inspire individuals to share knowledge of their local resources.

The University of California's Certified Naturalist Program comprises more than 40 hours of coursework on the area's natural history. "Completing this certification is a huge achievement," said Volunteer Program Manager Brittany Goldsmith. "Certified California Naturalists are extremely knowledgeable about local ecology and are an amazing asset to the Conservancy's Volunteer Program." Congratulations to the following volunteers who became certified in 2017: Eva Cicoria, Barb Ailor, Jim Rassler, Lynn Yamaoka, Mike Bell, Tana Bell, Julia Higgins, Rebecca Heisey and Cynthia Woo. "We look forward to seeing these volunteers put their new skills to use in one of our programs!" On March 24, Eva Cicoria and Jim Rassler presented their projects involving local plants and wildlife at the White Point Nature Education Center.



Eva Cicoria and Jim Rassler

Citizen Scientists Off to an Exciting Start in 2018

It has been an exciting year for the Conservancy's citizen science programs. Volunteers of the wildlife tracking program have spent the last three months hiking dozens of trails documenting the movement of wild canids throughout the Preserve. This work highlighted the seasonal abundance of non-native red fox and a territorial response by the native coyote. The Conservancy added a new research tool to aid wildlife trackers in their studies: motion-sensor cameras. These cameras produced incredible insight into the dynamics of wild canid populations, improving the detail of volunteer tracking data. Exciting discoveries included the sighting of a gray fox, the only recent photographic evidence of this species' existence in the Preserve, as well as a territorial shift by a new family pair of coyotes.

The gray fox (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*) is a small, omnivorous mammal that feeds on birds, berries and insects and a variety of small prey, including rodents. It is the only North American canid that can climb trees, an ability it uses to escape predators such as coyotes and to reach food sources not available to other canids. These foxes are small, weighing only 6.5 – 11 pounds and standing about 1-foot tall. Despite being widespread and present in a variety of habitats, these nocturnal hunters often go unnoticed.

According to Conservancy Wildlife Monitor Jim Rassler, "Our cameras have captured gray foxes and other animals that are rarely seen. Every time I look at a video, I expect to see something new." Predicted Stewardship Associate Josh Weinik, "Successful wildlife monitoring and new discoveries will continue in the Cactus Wren Monitoring Program, beginning this March 2018." A recent grant was awarded by the PV/South Bay Audubon Society to support the purchase of research materials (binoculars) in an effort to make the program less cost prohibitive for prospective student researchers. For more information about Citizen Science volunteer opportunities, please contact Brittany Goldsmith, bgoldsmith@pvplc.org.



Great Horned Owl

This photo of a pair of great horned owls is drawn from nearly 100 10-second videos collected over two weeks. The birds were observed roosting and hunting in the Forrestral Reserve within high quality coastal sage scrub habitat. Although Great Horned owls are not incredibly rare, their extensive use of the low-growing coastal sage scrub plants was an interesting observation expanding the list of benefits to wildlife from the intact native habitat of the Forrestral Reserve.

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January. Additionally, Adopt-a-Plot volunteers have been busily planting and weeding habitat to promote the recovery of endangered populations of Palos Verdes blue butterfly and El Segundo blue butterfly at Chandler, Lunada Canyon and Vicente Bluffs Reserves. To support these efforts, the PV/South Bay Audubon recently made a grant to two interns for restoration planting at these sites.

A dedicated group of Conservancy Volunteer Trail Watch (VTW) members traverse the Preserve to provide visitors with information about the land's natural history and the importance of appropriate trail use. In January a two-day VTW training orientation welcomed 20 new interested volunteers, who will join 20 current active members. These volunteers provide critical support to staff and the City's enforcement in the Preserve and serve as a friendly point of contact for trail users who may need directions or assistance, particularly as visitation increases during the spring and summer.

The Conservancy's Trail Crew is growing as well, with the addition of 17 new volunteers trained in February to assist with trail maintenance and repair projects in the preserves. Trail Crew members, in coordination with Conservancy and City of RPV staff, have worked to repair and reopen several trails damaged as a result of above-average rainfall in the 2016-2017 winter season. Additionally, Rapid Response volunteers are working alongside Conservancy staff each week to enhance the trail system by

closing unauthorized spur trails and improving wayfinding signage. These efforts may largely go unnoticed by the average visitor, but the results of this work significantly enhance trail user experience and provide native habitat for wildlife that, without this protection, might be trampled.

The White Point Nature Preserve's demonstration garden is buzzing with activity this spring, thanks to a Vince Conze Grant from the California Native Plant Society's South Coast Chapter. Using the demonstration garden as a training location, the grant will fund a two-year apprentice program for young adults to cultivate horticultural skills and a passion for native plants. This generous support will help trainees develop a deeper understanding of native plant restoration and will encourage further study and career interest in botany, horticulture or similar environmental fields. As an added bonus, the extra work will beautify the garden!



(L to R) Interns Nina House and Cambrie Congdon at White Point



Garden Apprentice Nalu Chun at Alta Vicente Reserve

Natural Community Conservation Plan Nears Completion

The beauty of the Palos Verdes Peninsula lies not only in the plants and wildlife that we clearly see, it also lies in their interconnection—an aspect that is often overlooked. Every native species, from the cactus shrub to the western fence lizard, plays a critical role in the ecosystem’s stability. All species are interdependent on one another and this harmony is what allows the Peninsula’s various nature reserves to thrive, or to be restored to realize their potential through restoration.



In 1996 the City of Rancho Palos Verdes entered into a planning agreement with the California Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the development of a Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP) and Habitat Conservation Plan. This plan is intended to maximize benefits to wildlife and plant communities while accommodating appropriate economic development within the City of Rancho Palos Verdes. The plan provides for comprehensive management and conservation of multiple species, including but not limited to those protected under the Endangered Species Act. The City’s commitment to this plan enabled release of the public funds used to purchase many of the parcels conserved as part of the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve. In October of 2017 the city held a workshop on the process.

Please watch for any updates or planning documents provided by the City of Rancho Palos Verdes in anticipation of the completion of the NCCP. As this milestone nears, take a little time to familiarize yourself with how this particular agreement contributes to the protection and restoration of wildlife diversity on the Peninsula!

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(L to R) Malia Caudillo and Mary Alice Johnson volunteer at MLK, Jr. Day of Service

According to City of RPV Mayor Susan Brooks, “The signage concept and design plan with enforcement in mind were well received at a previous City Council Meeting, Preserve Public Forum meetings and stakeholder meetings. Public input has been invaluable to this project.”

The first signs were recently installed in Alta Vicente Reserve and Portuguese Bend Reserve, two of eleven areas that comprise the 1,400 acre Palos Verdes Nature Preserve. They were unveiled at the Conservancy’s Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service volunteer event. Hunt Design, an internationally recognized consulting firm specializing in wayfinding design, signage systems, environmental graphics and exhibit design for public spaces, parks and museums completed the construction drawings for the project. Support was provided by Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District

and the State of California Habitat Conservation Fund. Additional funding from a generous anonymous donor will allow for signage to be installed at Agua Amarga Reserve this spring. The City and Conservancy are seeking additional funding sources to implement the signage plan throughout the remaining Preserve areas.



(L to R) RPV City Director of Recreation & Parks Cory Linder, Conservancy Executive Director Andrea Vona, Development Director Susan Wilcox, RPV City Administrative Analyst Katie Lozano, Board membersCarolynn Petru and Allen Franz; RPV Mayor Susan Brooks

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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.

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from the Volunteer Education Docent in my classroom that year changed the way I brought up my own children here on the Peninsula. It opened my eyes, and therefore my children's eyes, to the incredible ecology, geology, and natural history that is right here at our fingertips." Later, as third graders at Lunada Bay, each of Connie's children had the great privilege of learning from veteran Docent, Sue Walsh, who has been inspiring kids for 23 years in the Third Grade Naturalist Program.



Volunteer Sue Walsh

Docents are volunteers who enjoy sharing their love of nature. Many former school teachers and retired professionals have completed Conservancy training to teach four natural science lessons and lead a field trip at one local elementary school. The docents love the kids and their teachers. Most enjoy it so much

they remain active for years. Sue Walsh, who has been a docent for 18 years, received the Conservancy's 2017 Deena Sheridan Education Award for her contribution to the program.

Lessons that Sue Walsh taught a decade ago inspired one boy to become a young naturalist. Austin Nash, now a senior at Palos Verdes High School and his twin brother, Brandon, have together volunteered over 200 hours as Team Leaders for Conservancy Outdoor Volunteer Days and as Adopt-a-Plot volunteers in Lunada Canyon. Austin was recently awarded a National Geographic youth grant to create an outdoor learning lab at Lunada Bay Elementary school.



Volunteer Austin Nash

With admission to both the University of Colorado, Boulder and UC Berkeley, Austin explains, "As a young child, I enjoyed being outdoors, but I was not connected to the hidden intricacies of the natural world. The Third Grade Naturalist program helped me unlock this world. This ability to see the natural world around me as an interconnected story is what has driven me to pursue ecological research and conservation photography and writing. I am grateful the Third-Grade Naturalist Program helped open up a path to a lifetime of learning and fulfillment in the world outdoors."

To learn more about becoming a docent, please email Brittany Goldsmith at (310) 541-7613 x215 or bgoldsmith@pvplc.org



Join Us for Our Spring Tour and Earth Day Celebration!

Theodore Payne 15th Anniversary Tour of White Point Nature Preserve Demonstration Garden

April 14, 10 am – 5 pm

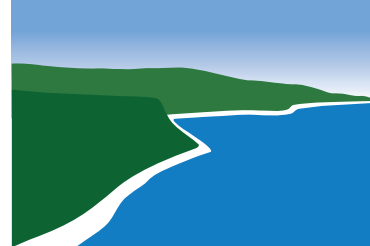
We are honored that the White Point Nature Preserve will be featured on the 15th Anniversary of the Theodore Payne Native Plant Garden Tour! We look forward to sharing the lovely native landscape with other Angelenos to inspire greater understanding about what is possible for native gardens in Los Angeles. This self-guided journey goes through more than 40 of the region's most beautiful and inspiring private and public landscapes, including 19 locations new to the tour. The multi-site event is a powerful and positive community activity that helps to create a healthy and resilient Los Angeles. For more information, please visit: nativeplantgardentour.org



Earth Day Celebration & Film Screening
April 21, 9 am – 2 pm, Volunteer Family Activities,
White Point Nature Preserve

5 pm, Warner Grand Theatre, Film Screening "JANE"

Earth Day begins at the White Point Nature Preserve at 9 am, with opportunities to help with a volunteer project to beautify the area, attend a composting workshop by Denise Epport of Triformis, participate in an art activity, attend a plant sale and take a guided ranger walk. Later in the day, attend a free, special film screening of "Jane" (2017; 90-min) at the Warner Grand Theatre in San Pedro. The critically acclaimed National Geographic documentary shows Jane Goodall's commitment to preserving land for chimpanzees. For information about becoming a sponsor and to reserve space at the film screening, please visit: pvplc.org, and select "Earth Day Celebration & Film."



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Apr 14 nature walk

Forrestal Reserve 9 am Appreciate some of the best wildflower viewing and dramatic geological formations on the cliffs of this former basalt quarry. Plein air artists will be painting along trail. Sign up at pvplc.org

Apr 21 earth day celebration & film

White Point Nature Preserve 9 am - 2 pm Celebrate with volunteer and family-friendly activities. Enjoy a workshop on composting at 11 am. Sign up at pvplc.volunteerhub.com

Warner Grand Theatre 5 pm Join us for the acclaimed documentary JANE. Free. For sponsorship information and to RSVP visit pvplc.org

May 12 nature walk

White Point Nature Preserve 9 am View restored coastal sage scrub habitat and stop at a former gun emplacement to learn about the military history of the area. Plein air artists will be painting along trail. Sign up at pvplc.org

May 19 big sunday volunteer day

White Point Nature Preserve 9 am Join the community celebration of service by helping to beautify the nature preserve. Sign up at pvplc.volunteerhub.com

May 26 singing bowls

White Point Nature Preserve 11 am Join internationally acclaimed musical artist and teacher Jeralyn Glass for an interactive experience with powerful gemstone, precious metal and mineral infused Crystal Bowls. Sign up at pvplc.org

Jun 2 national trails day

Portuguese Bend Reserve 9 am Help repair trails and maintain natural landscapes on the Preserve. Sign up at pvplc.volunteerhub.com

Jun 9 nature walk

Portuguese Bend Reserve 9 am Hike Burma Road to Rattlesnake Trail. Enjoy views of Altamira Canyon. Strenuous. RPV. Sign up at pvplc.org

Jun 10 annual butterflies and bagels family breakfast

George F Canyon 10 am Bring the family for a guided butterfly walk with art, music and hands-on learning about these beautiful creatures. Free. Reservation required at pvplc.org_events/GFCActivity.

Jun 23 author presentation on epic voyage for sustainability

White Point Nature Preserve 11 am Join author Jennifer Allen for the story of a 60,000 miles world voyage chronicling The Hokule'a's epic mission to raise awareness and nurture worldwide sustainability. Sign up at pvplc.org

Jul 1 beauty of nature film series - dirtbag: the legend of fred beckey

Peninsula High School 5 pm A chronicle of Fred Beckey, the original American "Dirtbag" climber, his environmental advocacy and iconic impact on the alpine world. Cost \$10. Youth free. For other dates and tickets: pvplc.org, Events & Activities

For more information visit: www.pvplc.org/calendar.asp

Jul 14 nature walk

Abalone Cove Tide Pools 4 pm Visit the trails lined with drought tolerant plants and interpretive signage. Enjoy a walk down to explore the tide pools and pillow lava formations. Plein air artists will be painting along trail. Sign up at pvplc.org

Jul 28, Aug 24, Sep 21 full moon hike

George F Canyon 8:30 pm Venture to the top of the canyon on a two-mile round-trip hike to view nature's nocturnal delights. Must be age 9+. \$12 per person. Reservations required at pvplc.org. Events. GFC Activity

Jul 28 native plants and hummingbirds presentation

White Point Nature Preserve 11 am Join Lili Singer of the Theodore Payne Foundation for tips on keeping hummingbirds healthy and happy all year with native plants. Sign up at pvplc.org

Aug 11 nature walk

Friendship Park 9 am Take in some of the best harbor and Catalina views on the eastern side of the Peninsula. See habitat restored by the Conservancy for the Palos Verdes blue butterfly. Sign up at pvplc.org

Aug 11 trail crew training

PVPLC Office 9 am Learn trail assessment and repair techniques. Sign up at pvplc.org

Aug 25 amazing honeybees presentation

White Point Nature Preserve 11 am Join award winning children's book author Aimee Lissantheia to celebrate National Honeybee Day. Sign up at pvplc.org

Sep 8 nature walk

Pelican Cove 9 am Admire ocean views and restored seaside buckwheat covered bluff tops supporting the recovery of the rare El Segundo blue butterfly. Plein air artists will be painting along trail. Sign up at pvplc.org

Sep 22 national public lands day

White Point Nature Preserve 9 am - 12 noon Celebrate our preserved lands volunteering to help restore the 102-acre preserve.

Sep 22 eco-flute presentation

White Point Nature Preserve 11 am Join Jon and Sabine Sherman for original folk music on handcrafted Dryad Flutes. Sign up at pvplc.org

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Oct TBD palos verdes pastoral

Terranea Resort 5 pm A garden-to-table dining event featuring best of California handcrafted local foods and wines. Tickets \$250 each and sponsorships at: pvplc.org, Events - Special Fundraising Events