



## After the Rains – Celebrating Native Plants and Their Purpose on the Peninsula

by Conservation Director Adrienne Mohan

What a relief winter rains provided us after the prolonged drought. It felt like the Peninsula’s bluffs, hills and canyons were rejoicing with an abundance of blooms, green foliage and trickling streams from the nearly 20 inches of precipitation we received during our rainy season. Interns monitoring vegetation this spring observed an expansion of rare plant species such as woolly seablight (*Suaeda taxifolia*) after years of stagnant population growth.

While the rain was great for the native flora and fauna, it also caused an explosion of invasive weeds. In areas affected by a long history of land disturbance, invasive weeds grew bigger and more broadly than in prior years. Immense stands of black mustard and a host of other invaders bolted for the sky and created yellow swaths of color on the hillsides. While dramatic and lovely from a distance in springtime, over the summer the color quickly faded to brown and dried to tinder.

With the warm summer months transitioning into fall, native plants like

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## Guest Presentations at White Point Inform, Enlighten and Inspire

The Conservancy proudly presents free talks open to all ages guaranteed to arouse your curiosity about the natural world throughout the year. This past year included some fascinating topics. In February, local historical expert Ken Nakagawa was joined by a large audience interested in marking the 75th Anniversary of the Japanese American Internment to learn about the profound and lasting effects of this challenging period. In March, the National History Museum’s Jan Vandetti discussed SLIME: Snails and Slugs, demonstrating how to identify and become a citizen scientist to help uncover fascinating new information about our local mollusks. In April, expert Denise Epport of Triformis



Ken Nakagawa giving White Point presentation

Corporation brought examples of different Composting Systems, with lots of squirming worms for the Conservancy’s worm composter and her composting mascot, a very cute tortoise named Tut. In July, Jon Wren, Ph.D., P.E., gave an expert presentation describing Wildland Fires and Their Effects and Influence on Land Development in Southern California. In August, we celebrated National

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## Welcome Back to School

As the long days of summer come to an end, our Conservancy staff is busily preparing for Fall Educational programs, when our wonderful volunteer docents head back into classrooms to get students excited about nature through our 3rd Grade Naturalist Program. The students will learn all about local wildlife as well as their role in protecting the environment as they prepare for their much-anticipated hiking field trip to natural open space near their school. The 3rd Grade Naturalist Program

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## A Message from the President

Dear Friends,

We hope you enjoyed the summer and had opportunities to benefit from time in the preserves, whether you enjoyed walking, hiking or wildflower and bird photography. For decades the Conservancy has been leading curated nature walks across the Peninsula. We are grateful to Anke Raue for her dedication in leading this popular program for 25 years. While she is stepping down as its leader, we

know we will continue to see Anke on the trails!

With autumn's arrival, now is the time to look forward to the possibility of rain and cool weather. Fall is also planting season! We are pleased to be on track with the habitat restoration of the Alta Vicente Reserve as well as with the native plant demonstration garden expansion at White Point Nature Preserve. Please stop by our monthly plant sales at the White Point Nature Education Center to purchase native plants for your garden.

Fall also marks the return to school. We are pleased to offer educational opportunities for local third graders to enrich their daily lessons.

Our focus and dedication to stewarding and caring for our nature preserves requires resources and hard work. Thank you for your continued support and for considering the Conservancy for a year-end gift.

Sincerely,

Cassie Jones  
President, Board of Directors



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includes four standards-based science lessons. Staff members are also preparing for the Science Students as Stewards Program, connecting elementary students with science and nature in the outdoors. The program offers hands-on science lessons for K to 6th grade students. Schools interested in joining either the 3rd Grade Naturalist or Science Students as Stewards programs are encouraged to contact Education Program Manager, Holly Gray at [hgray@pvplc.org](mailto:hgray@pvplc.org).



For the youngest members of our community, we host engaging story-time programs at both of our nature centers. Families are also invited to join our morning family nature walks on the first Saturday of each month at George F Canyon Nature Center and the fourth Saturday of each month at White Point Nature Education Center. Also at White Point on many fourth Saturdays, we provide an informative natural history lecture series for adults.

These wonderful programs are made possible with generous support from the California Coastal Commission's Whale Tail grant and the Habitat Conservation Fund.

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## Peninsula's Mediterranean Ecosystem Inspires 2017 Palos Verdes Pastoral

Hosted by the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy in partnership with Terranea Resort and Whole Foods Market, our annual Palos Verdes Pastoral: Garden-to-Table Dining Experience will be held Sunday, October 15, 2017. This year's event will highlight the Peninsula's rare Mediterranean climate and native habitat. Pastoral will highlight the Peninsula's unique biodiversity. The Peninsula is one of only five Mediterranean climate regions in the world, which together provide habitat for an amazing 20% of the Earth's plant species, while comprising only 2% of the planet's surface. The evening will showcase the best of California handcrafted, organic and sustainable food and wine unique to our climate.



People all over the world enjoy the benefits of Mediterranean climates like ours, characterized by gorgeous coastlines, good weather, diverse plants and wildlife and delicious regional wines and produce. Terranea Resort Executive Chef Bernard Ibarra has created an exclusive menu inspired by the lands of the Mediterranean, with influences from the Iberian Peninsula that include Moroccan, Andalusian, Berber and Sub-Saharan recipes. At this always-sold-out event, 200 lucky guests will enjoy such delicacies as Chermoula Rubbed Grilled Shrimp and Plancha Spiced Lamb Cigars with Lemon Tahini.

"At Pastoral, guests will celebrate the rare biodiversity of the lands the Conservancy works so hard to protect and restore," said Executive Director Andrea Vona. Whole Foods Market Metro Marketing Team Leader Kali Patton says, "Whole Foods Market is proud to be a major partner of Pastoral helping the Conservancy host an incredible dining experience featuring healthy, local, quality foods to support the preservation of the Peninsula's natural landscapes, native plants and animals." Co-Chairs Diana Heffernan-Schrader and Sharon Ryan said that they are both happy to help make the most important annual fundraiser for the Conservancy possible, calling themselves "truly fortunate to have the Conservancy working to preserve the Peninsula and to inspire our children to become the next generation of environmental stewards."



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## Beauty of Nature 2017 Film Series Finale: Birders - The Central Park Effect

Please join us for a fascinating look at an extraordinary array of wild birds that grace Manhattan's celebrated patch of green joined by the equally colorful New Yorkers who schedule their lives around the rhythms of migration. Author Jonathan Franzen, a bird-tour leader, is among the lively cast of characters in this charming, lyrical documentary that transports the viewer to the dazzling, hidden world of America's most famous park. Come EARLY for the film and enjoy the lobby exhibit of rescued local birds. NEW DATE: Sunday, November 19, 4:30 pm, Warner Grand Theatre, 478 W. 6th Street, San Pedro. Tickets are \$10 for adults, free for youth at: pvplc.org. The Beauty of Nature Series is generously supported by anonymous gifts and by Leah Bizoumis.

Birders! Send your best bird photographs to be included in a pre-screening slideshow on the spectacular big screen at the Warner Grand Theatre. Please email up to three large-format (at least 240 dpi or 1920 x 1200 pixels) images to: photo@pvplc.org. Include your name, contact information, the location of each photo and species of bird, if known.

Are you a student who loves filming VIDEOS? You, too, can be featured on the big screen on November 19. Please send us a 1- 2 minute video about what you love about nature, how it affects your life or what it has taught you. Send us your .mov or .mp4 file to: photo@pvplc.org. Please include your name, contact information and year in school.



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In honor of their marriage, Earth Day 2017 given by Siegrun and Alex Smith

If you would like to make a donation in remembrance or celebration, please call Laura Lohnes, Development Associate at (310) 541-7613 x206.

## Unforgettable Homes Reveal Unique Stories and Unexpected Designs at the White Point Home Tour

Lovers of art, architecture and nature toured six unique homes on the Palos Verdes Peninsula at the 2017 White Point Home Tour on Sunday, September 10. Local artists and business owners opened up their homes, revealing a range of architectural, landscaping and interior decorating styles.

One of this year's highlights was a 6,600-square-foot Abalone Cove estate on the bluffs of Rancho Palos Verdes. This Italianate-style house features a winding staircase, an art/ceramics studio and a spacious living room, kitchen and dining room. The master suite boasts a breathtaking view of Portuguese Point and Catalina Island as does the backyard infinity pool. A talented artist, the owner displays her artwork throughout the home from original faux wall treatments to paintings and sculptures.



Photo: David Berman

Volunteer Denise Donegan by an infinity pool overlooking Abalone Cove



Photo: David Berman

Home on tour with indoor-outdoor living space

After the tour, guests gathered at Brouwerij West for craft beer, wine, food and live music by Rosewood. A silent auction featured unique art, jewelry, vacation homes, local excursions and more. The 2017 Home Tour successfully raised critical funds for education and restoration activities at the White Point Nature Preserve.

Thanks to Platinum Sponsors Bruce Biesman-Simons & Hale Field and Brouwerij West; Silver Sponsors Capital Group and Amy Friend; White Point Sponsors Advanced Orthopaedic Solutions; Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Center of Southern CA; Law Offices of Peter Niemiec; Dr. John & Terry Miller; and June Burlingame Smith; Friend Sponsors Acorn Naturalists; Eddy Bay & Tom Galbraith; Magic Lamp Grill; Cecilia & Dave Miller; Natural Landscapes; Payden & Rygel; Point Vicente Animal Hospital; SA Recycling; Michael & Laura Salvay; Rick & Grace Wallace; Whale & Ale; and Wild Birds Unlimited. Special thanks to Beacon House, City of LA Department of Recreation & Parks, Councilman Joe Buscaino, Hawaiian Resources, National Charity League Palos Verdes and Peninsula Chapters, Room & Board and all our silent auction donors.



(L to R): Homeowners Carolina and Jeff Brown, Event Chair and Board member Amy Friend, Room & Board's Scot Liptak and Executive Director Andrea Vona

## Conservancy Teens Honored

The Palos Verdes Peninsula Coordinating Council honored two Conservancy teen volunteers at the annual Teen Service Awards. Emily Schluper received



recognition as an exceptional steward of the land for inspiring other youth, dedicating over 100 hours of service as a citizen scientist collecting data on local wildlife. Keaton Heise was selected as an outstanding volunteer for his work on the Adopt-a-Plot Program in Agua Amarga Reserve; as a Team Leader helping to guide Outdoor Volunteer Days for the community; and for leading a trail improvement project for Scouts in the Portuguese Bend Reserve (earning an Eagle Scout Award in the process). Congratulations, teen volunteers, for your well-deserved honors!



## Recognition Event Celebrates Outstanding Volunteers

On July 9 the Conservancy recognized volunteers with a film screening of *The Big Year*, with refreshments courtesy of Wienerschnitzel, Starbucks and Real Sodas chilled in a hip Volkswagen Bus cooler on loan from Orchard Supply Hardware's new store in Rolling Hills Estates.

Outstanding Volunteer Awardees were recognized for their dedication, time and expertise helping to educate trail users and walk participants, improve trails, plant native species and remove invasive ones in restoration sites around the 1,600 acres of open space protected by the Conservancy. This year's honorees included Cynthia Woo, Heather Jabuka, David Henderson, Linda Bird, Anita Gash, the Endangered Species Club, Donna McLaughlin and Evan Hunter. Sue Walsh was recognized with the prestigious Deena Sheridan Nature Education Award and Jim Rassler was honored with the President's Award.

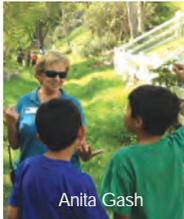
### Outstanding Volunteers



**Cynthia Woo** increased her involvement last fall, donating an amazing 115 hours to the Conservancy in less than a year. She received certification from the National Association for Interpretation and is a valued member of Volunteer Trail Watch. Cynthia also joined the Adopt-a-Plot volunteer group at Vicente Bluffs working to restore habitat for the endangered El Segundo blue butterfly and donates time to provide valuable assistance with the organization's communications technology.



**Heather Jabuka**, a Peninsula High student, has been an outstanding intern for the past two years. Heather makes an important contribution to the Conservancy by diligently working on materials such as kiosk banners, flyers and online communication pieces. Heather also helps analyze communications to the community so the Conservancy can ensure effective outreach.



**David Henderson** volunteered as a Field and Nursery Intern working for Stewardship Manager Cris Sarabia, dedicating over 300 hours in 2016. During his internship he focused on launching a pot solarization and soil sterilization project at the nursery. The Conservancy published an article about these effective efforts to share ways to improve nurseries' sterilization practices.



**Linda Bird** has been a gifted and treasured 3rd Grade Naturalist Program Docent for nearly 20 years. Linda is a retired special education teacher. She is well-loved for her excellent work and dedication to many schools. She is currently working with Leland Elementary where she is adored while she inspires many young naturalists.



**Anita Gash** is a talented docent for the 3rd Grade Naturalist Program, where her dedication to environmental education has touched countless 3rd graders in our community. She goes above and beyond by holding an extra "show and tell" class with all of her students so they have a chance to share what they have learned from the program.

**The Endangered Species Club** was formed in July 2016 at Torrance High School and worked to restore the Palos Verdes blue butterfly with an Adopt-a-Plot project at Linden H. Chandler Preserve. Their new, expanding club installed over 250 host plants in 2016, with plans to expand in the coming year.



**Donna McLaughlin** is a long-time dedicated citizen scientist in the Cactus Wren Survey and Wildlife Tracking programs. She also volunteers as a Preserve monitor. Her wildlife identification expertise and knowledge of the trail system makes Donna's contribution invaluable to our citizen science research.

**Evan Hunter** enjoys being outdoors after sitting indoors at work all day, connecting with the peace and beauty of nature while setting an example of community involvement for his family. With a whopping 72 independent hours toward the Adopt-a-Plot Program in Lunada Canyon, Evan has learned that battling weeds to protect native plants is gratifying. Evan can be seen at the preserve a few times a month with his machete in hand, chopping at invasive weeds to restore the canyon back to coastal sage scrub habitat.



**Sue Walsh** was honored with the Deena Sheridan Nature Education Award. One of the first 3rd Grade Program docents, Sue has demonstrated an outstanding level of dedication to students. In the classroom and during outdoor field trips, she continuously helps the program grow stronger and more effective by inspiring the next generation of naturalists.

**Jim Rassler** was given the President's Award, joining the ranks of past recipients Eva Cicoria, Bob Shanman, Linda and Lowell Wedemeyer, Bill and Barbara Ailor and the late Andy Ando and Bob Douglas, among many exceptional individuals. Jim volunteers as a Citizen Scientist in Wildlife Tracking and Cactus Wren monitoring and as a dedicated Volunteer Trail Watch member. Jim's background as an instructor gives him an amazing ability to teach others in an engaging way about the need to protect land.

## Volunteer Profile: 3rd Grade Docent Pat Benjamin

Our first experience living on the Peninsula was renting an apartment near Marineland. We loved looking out on the fields of flowers and garbanzo beans. We saw the area changing as development moved in. My husband, Mark, and I both heard about the incorporation of Rancho Palos Verdes. Initially we supported SOC (Save Our Coast). We first read about the Conservancy in newspapers and learned more about it from our daughter's friends. An organization that cares about the open land is a mission perfectly suited to our interests and values!

Initially I didn't know about the 3rd grade program. Working at Town and Country Nursery School and observing the land beyond the play-area, I wondered about the nearby flora and fauna and was inspired about ten years ago to call the Conservancy about volunteering. That's how I first learned about the native plants of our area and then became a 3rd-grade docent! Later, I learned about George F Canyon through Education Program Manager Holly Gray, who continues to fine-tune the materials for the 3rd grade program. The student nature kits the Conservancy has developed do a great job of engaging the children in interactive nature activities. For many, it's the first time they've hiked the Peninsula's trails and seen the open space. It's also eye-opening for parents who may not yet be familiar with the extent and richness of the Peninsula's land preserves.

I most enjoy learning about plant communities, habitats and the ways in which they differ. It's rewarding to share my knowledge with the children. I've learned about the stream in George F Canyon; why the bush sunflower looks like it died every August; the adaptation of plants to our native habitats; and the big, green, leathery bushes known as lemonade-berry. I frequently refer to the Conservancy's wonderful wildflower guidebook. I've always felt welcomed by the Conservancy and am proud of what I can do as a volunteer. When I go to George F Canyon, there's always a naturalist nearby, so I learn something each time. The kids and everyone enjoy hiking the lovely trail there.

You don't need a teaching background to enjoy being a docent. Thanks to my docent training and experience, I have a continued and renewed appreciation of the environment around me and I enjoy sharing it each year with a new crop of third graders! If you are interested in finding out about becoming a docent, please contact Holly Gray at [hgray@pvplc.org](mailto:hgray@pvplc.org).



### Award from Muratsuchi

Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi honored the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy in July with an Environmental Stewardship Award for "work to preserve our environment and actively engage the community in pursuit of this goal." Pictured (from L to R): Bill and Barb Ailor, Randy Harwood, Executive Director Andrea Vona, Adrienne Mohan, Board President Cassie Jones, Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi, Allen Franz, Diana Bailey, Bob Ford and Cris Sarabia.

## Meet Our New Board Member: Former Rancho Palos Verdes Deputy City Manager Carolynn Petru

The Conservancy is pleased to welcome Carolynn Petru to the Board of Directors. "I am excited to use my decades of experience in local government and as an urban planner and city administrator to help the Conservancy protect the land and vistas of the city I love," she said.

Carolynn recently retired from the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, where she spent 29 years serving the community as the Deputy City Manager. In that position, Carolynn worked daily to enhance the quality of life on the Peninsula, providing exemplary governance and services to preserve the area's open space and natural resources, helping to save critical portions of the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve. "A 1,400-acre nature preserve was beyond imagination 40 years ago. It was an amazing accomplishment that required a tremendous amount of effort and a shared vision," she said.

In her new board position, Carolynn will bring a keen understanding of how the Natural Communities Conservation Plan benefits the city. "We are very pleased to welcome her," said Executive Director Andrea Vona. "The Peninsula's open spaces are filled with wonder, beauty, hidden stories and perhaps a bit of magic. They are the backdrop to my childhood, a large part of my career and a legacy that must endure for all," said Carolynn.



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buckwheat, goldenbush and California fuchsia are now showing off their autumn blooms--still full of color and forage for wildlife. They provide stark contrast to the brown, dry stands of invasive, non-native mustard, fennel, star thistle and tumbleweed. These dry weeds are a fire hazard and devoid of sustenance for birds and insects.



Invasive mustard weeds become tinder after a short six-week bloom

Conservancy staff, volunteers and four-legged “weed warriors” bravely faced this year’s invasion of non-native plants. Goats brought to Lunada Canyon in the Agua Amarga Reserve and to the Alta Vicente Reserve in April helped clear the land of weeds in preparation for planting this fall. The goats’ indiscriminate appetites are enabling the Conservancy to continue the restoration of native plants in areas dominated by destructive, invasive weeds.

Soon the excitement for staff and volunteers resumes as we begin planting at Vicente Bluffs Reserve, Linden H. Chandler Reserve and White Point Nature Preserve. In addition, over 10,000 native plants will be planted in a five-acre area at Alta Vicente Reserve. This area will become a sanctuary for coastal sage scrub and cactus scrub habitat to benefit threatened animals such as the California gnatcatcher, cactus wren and Palos Verdes blue butterfly. With generous support from Los Angeles County Regional Open Space, City of Rancho Palos Verdes, the Bannerman Foundation and Quadra Foundation, the landscape will be transformed from non-native weeds into a vibrant array of shrubs and flowers. These native plants will change colors with the seasons and some will go dormant in summer and fall while others provide year-round habitat for birds, bugs and other native animals. I am proud to be part of the Conservancy’s ongoing landscape restoration work, which celebrates the Peninsula’s ecological heritage by bringing the land back to its healthy, vibrant, natural state.

### Guest Presentations at White Point, continued from page 1

Honeybee Day with the founder of BeeQuilibrium and her portable observation beehive, and, in September, TED-Ed contributor and author Eric Noel Munoz shared a rare success story about conquering Killer Algae in our oceans. Watch for upcoming presentations and plan to stay afterwards for the native plant sales that follow each lecture. Let our naturalists show you how to create your own backyard butterfly garden.



Nicole Palladino of BeeQuilibrium

Join us as a volunteer! There are plenty of fun ways to get involved with the Conservancy and contribute to our many ongoing habitat restoration, trail and native plant nursery projects.

Corporate Days are a great way to achieve team-bonding within your company and give back to your local community. For example, this summer 40 Macy’s employees volunteered at White Point Nature Preserve to weed and water our recently-planted native seedlings. They had a blast being outside in nature and getting their hands a little dirty.

The Conservancy coordinates with Girl Scout Gold Awardees and Eagle Scouts to complete special projects on the preserves and at the nursery. In August, Eagle Scout Blake Carpenter tried his hand at carpentry when he and his troop installed a brand new shade structure at the native plant nursery to allow volunteers to work safely in sunny or drizzly conditions.

In August, our nature walk docents led 50 community members and scouts through George F Canyon to explore geologic formations and unique canyon flora. Anyone interested in natural history and geology (retired teachers, for example) will learn local lore they can enjoy sharing with others. Our new Walk-Only program is an option for anyone who is interested in a nature walk without frequent stops and explanations. Please sign up or learn more by contacting Brittany Goldsmith at [bgoldsmith@pvplc.org](mailto:bgoldsmith@pvplc.org).



Macy’s volunteers helped remove invasive weeds, water and mulch native plants

Our most versatile volunteer program, Adopt-a-Plot, allows volunteer groups and individuals to lead their own restoration projects. One example is Ann Dalkey who is leading a committed group of volunteers including Cynthia Woo, Julian Chasin, Nina Su’a, Nectar Jol, Pat Woolley, Suzanne Ackermann-Evans and Tim Tindall in restoring critical El Segundo blue butterfly habitat at Vicente Bluffs. They are planting the butterfly’s host plant, sea-cliff wild buckwheat (*Eriogonum parvifolium*) atop the cliff, where they are already witnessing butterfly activity. They plan to plant 80 more buckwheat shrubs this fall.

The Palos Verdes blue butterfly habitat in the Linden H. Chandler Preserve is receiving support to establish host plants. The Chin Family is the newest Adopt-a-Plot group currently clearing a huge area on the preserve to be planted this fall. They are working alongside the Audubon YES Club, Endangered Species Club, volunteer Lee Myers and several other individuals who help restore host plants for the endangered Palos Verdes blue butterfly.

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## special events

october to march

### Oct 7 wildlife tracking workshop

**Various Locations 8:30 am - 11:30 am** Dedicated volunteers are needed to monitor wild foxes and coyotes in the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve. Please join us for a four-part training (Oct 7, 14, 21 and 28). No experience required and all training provided. 16 years and up. Sign up at [pvplc.volunteerhub.com](http://pvplc.volunteerhub.com).

### Oct 13 nature & me storytime

**George F Canyon Nature Center 9:30 am** Share the joy of reading with your children and introduce them to the beauty of our natural surroundings. For 2-5 years. For more information, contact Marisa Perley at (310) 377-9584 x 238 or email [mperley@pvld.org](mailto:mperley@pvld.org).

### Oct 14 nature walk

**Lunada Canyon 9 am** Walk the trail in this quiet neighborhood canyon in the Agua Amarga Reserve. Moderate.

### Oct 15 Palos Verdes Pastoral

**Terranea Resort 5 pm** A garden-to-table dining event featuring a unique menu of the best of California handcrafted, organic and local foods and wines.

### Oct 28 gardening with local plants presentation

**White Point Nature Education Center 11 am** Hear from an expert about using native plants in your home garden. Free. RSVP to [info@pvplc.org](mailto:info@pvplc.org).

### Nov 11 nature walk

**White Point Nature Preserve 9 am** Celebrate Veterans Day viewing a former gun emplacement to learn about the military history of the area. Moderate.

### Nov 19 the beauty of nature film series – “Birders: The Central Park Effect”

**Warner Grand Theatre 4:30 pm** Join us for a documentary about a colorful group of New Yorkers who follow the migration of birds, transporting the viewer to the dazzling hidden world of America’s most famous park. Tickets \$10 at [pvplc.org](http://pvplc.org). Youth Free. (60 mins) NEW DATE!

### Dec 9 nature walk

**Portuguese Bend Reserve 9 am** Hike Burma Road to Rattlesnake Trail. Enjoy views of Altamira Canyon. Strenuous.

### Jan 13 nature walk

**McBride Trail 9 am** Walk along the same rim trail that was the site of the Conservancy’s very first nature walk 25 years ago with panoramic views over 191-acre Filiorum Reserve out to Catalina and beyond. Easy.

### Jan 14 wild & scenic film festival

**Warner Grand Theatre 4 pm** An exciting selection of adventurous and inspirational films about nature. You’ll be moved, transfixed and energized to make a difference in our world. Tickets \$15 at the door, \$10 at [pvplc.org](http://pvplc.org). Select events, Events & Activities.

### Jan 20 and 27 volunteer trail watch training

**Ladera Linda Community Center 9 am - 1 pm** Like to hike, ride your bike or horse? Want to help protect habitat and wildlife? Become a Trail Watch Volunteer and make a difference by reporting trail conditions! To sign up visit: [pvplc.volunteerhub.com](http://pvplc.volunteerhub.com).

### Feb 3 greeters training

**Conservancy Office 10 am - 12 noon** Help us reach out to our community about Conservancy efforts at local fairs and other special events. After this one-day training, create your own flexible schedule. RSVP: [pvplc.volunteerhub.com](http://pvplc.volunteerhub.com).

### Feb 10 trail crew training

**Conservancy Office 9 am - 12 noon** Join our indoor intro class to trail building and maintenance followed by hands-on field training taught by a nationally-recognized trail expert. No experience needed. Sign up at: [pvplc.volunteerhub.com](http://pvplc.volunteerhub.com).

### Feb 24 cactus wren monitoring program

**Alta Vicente Reserve 8:30 am - 11:30 am** Dedicated volunteers are needed to monitor the rare Cactus Wren in our preserves. This is an annual program to locate breeding territories and areas of habitat use. No experience required and all training provided. Sign up at: [pvplc.volunteerhub.com](http://pvplc.volunteerhub.com).

### Mar 3 george f canyon nature center docent training

**George F Canyon Nature Center 9 am - 12 noon** Would you like to share your love of nature with others? Here is your chance! The Conservancy is recruiting volunteers interested in sharing the unique geographic and historical features of the area with visitors. Sign up at: [pvplc.volunteerhub.com](http://pvplc.volunteerhub.com).

### Mar 17 white point nature education center docent training

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