



Spring wildflowers in the White Point garden like these California poppies paired with perennial shrubs such as this hummingbird sage create a colorful display that support an array of birds

To Adapt to the Drought, Go Native

by Allen Franz, Board Member and Professor at Marymount California University

In response to California's current drought, most commercial landscapers are promoting xeriscaping, or replacing thirsty non-natives with drought-tolerant plants ranging from yuccas and cacti to swaths of flowering perennials.

What kinds of plants should you choose? The answer will depend on personal needs and tastes, but California natives are an overlooked alternative. Most people prefer living vegetation to gravel, pavement or artificial turf. Real plants have the added advantage of attracting and sheltering birds, butterflies and other wildlife.

There are significant differences, though, among "drought-tolerant" plants. Three big issues to consider are climate, soil and usefulness to wildlife (known as its habitat value).

In Southern California, we have what's called a Mediterranean climate, with a wet cool season and dry hot season. While this seems normal to us, in fact only about 6% of Earth's land surface shares this pattern. Most places

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Supporters Take to Their Kitchens to Celebrate AmeriCorps

A number of Conservancy supporters hosted the twelve members of the AmeriCorps Silver Team by inviting them to their residences for well-deserved home-cooked meals. The dinners were a way to show appreciation for the work with the Conservancy from January 15 through March 20, 2015. This was the third consecutive year an AmeriCorps group joined the Conservancy for habitat restoration work.

The AmeriCorps team of 18-to-24-year-old volunteers from across the U.S. helped the Conservancy restore protected lands by planting 5,000 native plants, tracking wildlife, weeding six acres and closing ten unauthorized trails on the Peninsula.

Conservation Director Danielle LeFer said, "AmeriCorps helped during the Conservancy's busiest time of the year, playing an important role in plant installation that allowed us to stretch our resources further. It was wonderful having them here. They were always asking how they could do more. This high-energy and dedicated group of young adults went above and beyond our expectations."

Board member and past President Bruce Biesman-Simons and his wife Hale Field hosted the group in their home for dinner after the team helped assemble large storage bins for the

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Members of AmeriCorps Silver Team (with Skylar Lenox in red scarf, Office of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti) after planting at restoration site at Portuguese Bend



John Nieto to Retire after 17 Years of Educational Program Excellence

After 17 years of educational leadership, creativity and dedication, the Conservancy's Education Program Manager John Nieto has announced his retirement. With whole-hearted commitment to the children involved in the program, John has influenced and enriched thousands of young lives on the Peninsula.

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A Message from the President

Dear Friends,

It has been a great pleasure to serve as President for nearly two years. To succeed in our mission to preserve and restore natural open space, we must work productively during the extended drought to protect natural open space and to increase appreciation of its fragile nature. Thank you for contributing to this important work and to the strong results in both the past as in the future months.



Please consider joining us September 13th for the White Point Home Tour in San Pedro, for a collection of bird films on September 20th at Peninsula High School and for Mr. Turner on November 21st at the historic Warner Grand Theatre in San Pedro. In the new year, we will also present a "Wild & Scenic Film Festival" and certainly look forward to seeing you there.

With our new Volunteer Program Manager in place, we are able to organize a larger number of volunteer days. I invite you to consider arranging a group through your employer, HOA or other community group to work on a land restoration project. While our land restoration work is accelerated through volunteers, these interactions provide a meaningful opportunity to inform and inspire new individuals and groups. Your connections can provide a wellspring of new labor and love. Thank you for considering this important activity.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mary Lopes for her ten years of dedication as the Development Associate to the Land Conservancy. Her passion for the Conservancy's mission shined through in all her work and we are grateful that she will remain active as a volunteer.!

Sincerely,

Bill Swank
President Board of Directors



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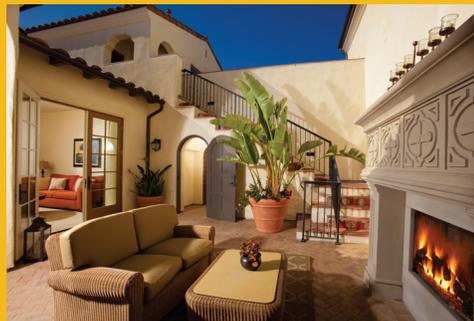
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2015 White Point Home Tour: Inside San Pedro's Creative Spaces

Glimpse the lifestyle of some of San Pedro's most creative homeowners at the 2015 White Point Home Tour on Sunday, September 13. Take a self-guided tour through seven unique and colorful homes with a range of architectural, landscaping and design styles, including:

Pt. Fermin Spanish Classic - One of the first homes in the Pt. Fermin neighborhood, this gracious Spanish home has an expansive view of the harbor and lovely garden.

Cabrillo Beach Modern - With a glorious contemporary design with unique architectural features, this home sits on the cliffs with a deck directly above the water.

Ever-changing Ocean View Treasure - This fabulous Palisades home boasts lovely front and back decks with views directly to Catalina Island.

Cape Cod - This family home with European flair near Averill Park features an artist studio that will be open for the tour.

Iconic Queen Anne - An international photographer and his wife have relocated and lovingly restored this fantastic Queen Anne home overlooking the harbor.

Harborview Haven - This writer's retreat is an old family home restored for the new generation.

Cottage by the Sea - This idyllic vacation cottage is perched on the cliffs and is surrounded by a charming seaside garden.

Immediately following the tour, participants are invited to a lively reception at the White Point Nature Education Center for wine, food and live music. A silent auction will feature interesting and unique art, jewelry, international vacation homes, sailing cruises, and a Lars chair for winning bidders.

The tour will run from 12:30-4:30 p.m. The reception will go from

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The day includes a tour of seven distinctive San Pedro homes followed by a reception with live music by the Chuck Alvarez Trio and a fabulous silent auction

Exclusive Dining Event Presents Peninsula's Bountiful Natural Landscapes

The Peninsula's stunning ocean view lit by an autumn sunset will be the backdrop for the Conservancy's fourth annual Palos Verdes Pastoral: Garden-to-Table Dining Experience on Sunday, October 18 at Terranea Resort. This year the event will be held on the Catalina Terrace, with a reception at 5 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m.

The annual event showcases the best of California handcrafted, organic and sustainable food and wine. Whole Foods will work with some of the finest producers from around the state to donate the highest quality natural and organic products for the event. Terranea's Executive Chef Bernard Ibarra will use ingredients native to the Peninsula, such as lemonade berries, sea salt and local honey to give his dishes a distinctive natural flavor.



Photos by Lori Hirsch Stokoe

An inspired-by-nature menu from Executive Chef Bernard Ibarra creates an amazing dining experience under the stars

Looking forward to the evening, event Co-Chair Diana Heffernan-Schrader believes that "the evening sells out each year to 200 guests because of the combination of a local, seasonal food menu, al fresco dining at the beautiful Terranea Resort and the welcoming social atmosphere that brings together individuals with shared interests. Supporting the Conservancy at this event makes for a truly special evening that is warm, friendly and inspiring."

Tickets are \$250 per person, with proceeds going to support the Conservancy and its restoration of the nature preserves. Sponsorships begin at \$1,000. Every ticket will be automatically entered to win an original plein air painting by artist Dan Dempster. Sponsorship information, tickets and additional details are available at www.pvplc.org, select "Activities" and "Special Events." Enter to win a Terranea Villa Dream Get-Away for



ONLY 40 TICKETS LEFT!
Sitting under an autumn moon with wonderful company at Palos Verdes Pastoral makes this a special evening for 200 nature preserve supporters

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2-night stay in a beautiful 3-bedroom villa (value \$5,500). Tickets \$50 each or 3 for \$100 are available at 310. 541-7613 or email: info@pvplc.org.

We wish to thank our major sponsors, Terranea Resort and Whole Foods Torrance, and generous supporters, Arthur and Jeanne Hadley, Harlyne Norris, Bruce Biesman-Simons and Hale Field, Bolton Engineering, RM Cool Company-Becky Cool, James and Diane Staes, The Jacqueline Glass Family, Diana Heffernan-Schrader and Steve Schrader, Chuck and Betsy Miller, Phillips 66, Ginny Bleier, Bob and Emiley Daly, Greg Gawlik and Patty Woods Gawlik, Mitch and Julieanne Harmatz-Plaza Automotive, Mark Chandler Paullin, Marion Scharffenberger, Sharon Ryan-An Uncommon Journey and Judith Webb, along with many other community supporters and media sponsor, South Bay Magazine.

Terri A. Haack, President of Terranea Resort and a member of the Conservancy's President's Advisory Council, is delighted to host this special evening. "Executive Chef Ibarra and the Conservancy team have created a wonderful experience that will benefit and support an important cause, close to all of our hearts - preserving our natural landscape," she said.



Photo by Mary Jane Schoenheider

2014 Pastoral guests (L to R) Board Member Joe Platnick, Dylan and Emmeli Bruno, Executive Director Andrea Vona, Kathy Platnick and Conservancy founder and Board Member Bill Ailor

National Charity League Brings Talent and Energy to Conservancy Activities

Each year the mothers and daughters of the Palos Verdes Chapter of the National Charity League provide indispensable volunteer service at Conservancy events. Group members enthusiastically help at the Beauty of Nature Film Series, the White Point Home Tour, Trump Wine and Beer Festival and the Palos Verdes Pastoral Garden-to-Table Dining Event. They also put a friendly face on our outreach efforts at booths for community events around the South Bay and provide invaluable assistance in our offices with mailings, publications and clerical duties.



National Charities League PV Chapter volunteers on Earth Day at a Conservancy outreach booth helping a child bring home a native plant

Said NCL Co-Liaison to Conservancy, Susanna Munro, "It has been a great pleasure supporting the Conservancy. My family loves to hike and we are so lucky to have all these miles of hiking trails and beautiful open space basically in our own backyard in the Palos Verdes Peninsula. I am so thankful to the Conservancy for making all this possible. Both my daughters picked Abalone Cove for their 4th grade science project at school. It was amazing to learn about the sea

life and plants they found in the tide pools. My daughter's Girl Scout troop earned a hiking badge using the Forrestal Reserve trails. I just finished my sixth outreach event and enjoyed sharing information about the Conservancy at the PV Street Fair and letting high school students know about outdoor volunteer opportunities for earning their community service hours."

NCL volunteer Tricia Rapaport said that she was pleased over the last three years to support the Conservancy. Upcoming volunteer opportunities include the Palos Verdes Pastoral Dining event at Terranea on October 18th. "I love greeting guests and helping them check in," said Rapaport. "Conservancy supporters seem to always have a terrific time at these events, as do I!"

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

are wetter during the warmer seasons.

Climate

Our localized native plants have been here for thousands of years. They have evolved to display greater drought tolerance in our climate. In contrast, many “exotic” species—introduced, non-native plants from other parts of the world—may suffer from lack of water during the summer and require supplemental watering during the warmer months. Even many plants marketed as drought-tolerant have this problem! For example, plants from as nearby as Arizona—which has a dry climate with a summer monsoon season—often struggle in our area during the summer.

Soil

Soils vary depending on climate and factors such as the underlying rock that forms the soil (also called parent material). Native plants evolve over time to adapt to local soils and their nutrient mix, moisture-holding ability and soil organisms. Exotic or non-native plants, on the other hand, often come from places with significantly different soils—in part due to differences in climate and parent material. In order to survive in our area, they need to be planted in soil with amendments added to change its nutrient mix, texture and water retention characteristics.

Habitat Value

Many animals native to our area depend on specific plant hosts. In turn, most plants depend on particular birds, insects or other species to pollinate them, disperse seeds, fertilize, protect against pests and provide other essential services. The larvae of the PV blue butterfly, for example, only feed on two related plants (rattleweed and deerweed). The larvae of the El Segundo Blue are dependent on cliff buckwheat. The California gnatcatcher is restricted to our coastal sage scrub habitat. Cactus wrens need dense cactus habitat. These are just a few examples of how specific kinds of habitat support specific species.



This home garden required only one watering over the summer

Unfortunately, most exotic plants have little or no habitat value for native fauna. Some are even noxious or toxic to animals! Indeed, a growing number of exotic plants, such as mustard and eucalyptus, have been found to be allelopathic—meaning their roots emit chemicals that make the soil toxic for competitors, including native plants. This has become a greater problem as our populations of native bees and other key fauna decline.

This line of reasoning suggests that landscaping with native plants can be a winning solution to our drought situation. Native plants are adapted to drought. Once they are established, they don't need much dry-season water or fertilizers and other soil amendments. They attract birds, butterflies and other wildlife species threatened by habitat loss and degradation.



Native Plants from the Conservancy's nursery are for sale every 4th Saturday from noon to 2 pm at the White Point Nature Education Center & Preserve in San Pedro

For these reasons and many more, the Conservancy is restoring habitat on a large scale in the Preserves. While it is true that even our drought-tolerant native plants need water to become established, after a year or two they become a beautiful, varied and resilient ecosystem that adds value by attracting and sheltering a diverse wildlife population.



California native garden at a Redondo Beach home in spring full of plants from the Conservancy's nursery including California poppy, Purple sage and Foothill needle grass



You're Invited to Attend a Volunteer Orientation!

Have you ever wanted to get involved with the Conservancy? Attend our Volunteer Orientation on Saturday, October 3 and learn about our many volunteer opportunities. Meet current volunteers and ask them about their experiences. Join us from 12 noon – 3 p.m. at the Ladera Linda Community Center and discover why there's something for everyone at the Conservancy. Refreshments provided. RSVP to <http://pvplc.volunteerhub.com>

Volunteer Spotlight: Andy Ando Receives President's Award

The Conservancy recently honored Andy Ando with the President's Award for his outstanding volunteer efforts preserving the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Since October 2013, Ando has committed hundreds of hours as a KEEPER (Keeping an Extra Eye on the Preserves for Environmental Review and Stewardship) monitoring the Preserves and reporting the status of plant and wildlife on the Portuguese Bend Reserve. Many weekdays Ando also helps the Stewardship crew restore unauthorized spur trails and plant shrubs at restoration sites.

Ando said his volunteer work with the Conservancy is an enjoyable and rewarding way for him to stay in good physical condition. Writing on a notepad as he is no longer able to talk due to health reasons, Andy says "I enjoy being outdoors doing the demanding trail and habitat restoration work. It keeps me strong and it feels good to see the impact my hard work is making on the preserves."

Stewardship Associate Adrienne Mohan says that Ando is a volunteer who is always willing to help the Conservancy with any task. "He puts in extra time towards the Conservancy," she said. "He's always got this great, positive attitude. He's really an outstanding volunteer."

Andy uses his own experiences to inspire others to volunteer.

Stewardship Manager Cris Sarabia said "Andy's passion for the outdoors and his hard work as part of the trail crew makes me work even harder to provide volunteers like him with knowledge and opportunities to get them pumped up about working out in nature."

Ando received his award at the ceremony held on July 19th at the John M. Olguin Auditorium at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in San Pedro.



Proud Recipient: Andy Ando, winner of the President's Award for Outstanding Volunteerism (top row, second from right) is pictured with Outstanding Volunteers Gary Fleming (top row, far right), honored for his work with the Volunteer Trail Watch, and PV and Peninsula high school students from Audubon YES Club, honored for restoring PV blue butterfly habitat, top row (l to r) Eugene Moon, Irene Lee, Ashley Hong, and Dana Kim and bottom row (l to r) Rhys Moon, Molly Kim, Lydia Dokko, Emily Hong, Rachel Wang and Marissa Hong, not pictured Allison McGovern

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"I continued year after year because I wanted to leave something behind that would grow exponentially," he said. "If just one child a year at each school goes away with an appreciation for the environment or a fondness for birds or plants or insects or rocks, or a curiosity of Indian lore, then she or he will affect other people... and on and on. Just imagine the impact! I feel it every time a parent and child come up to me to say how much they enjoyed the field trip! "

The Third Grade Program celebrated its 20th year anniversary in 2014 by reaching over 30,000 students from 25 schools. Of these, 48 percent were Title I schools, meaning a minimum of 40 percent of the students in the school, or residing in the attendance area served by the school, are from low-income families.. Education Director Siegrun Storer describes John as "extremely dedicated to this program and the kids, spending hours out on the trail leading student field trips and training all of the 19 docents for both in-school and field instruction."

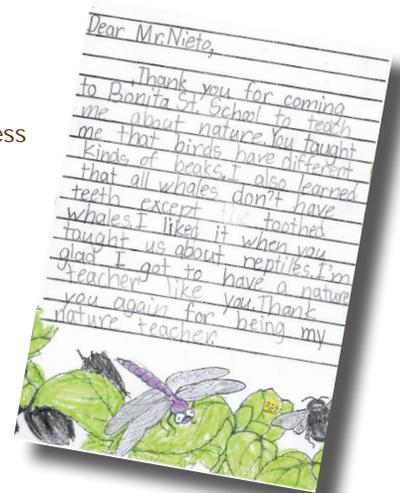
Said volunteer Linda Bird, "When my husband Joe and I retired 15 years ago, John asked if I would like to volunteer for the third grade program. I was very apprehensive. Through John's guidance and patience it has been a blast. Watching him teach the lessons was a great inspiration."



New Third Grade Education Program Manager Holly Gray doing a plant survival experiment with captivated Para Los Niños School first graders from downtown Los Angeles, part of our Science Students as Stewards Program

Many residents are grateful to John. They express their thanks for his spectacular service to our community. In a note, Johanna and Stan Corbett wrote, "John, you have been an extraordinary teacher, an inspirational leader and all-around great guy. It has been my pleasure and good luck to have known you for many years..... We all look forward to seeing you on the trails once again."

Holly Gray, a long-standing Conservancy staff member, has been named to lead the program and assumed her new role in August. Holly has pursued her love for the outdoors at the University of California, Santa Cruz, where she earned her B.A. in Environmental Studies & Biology. She continued to follow her passion at the University of Nebraska, where she studied anthropogenic impacts on seabird diets for her M.S. in Biology. For the past three years, she has worked as a Conservancy Naturalist at the George F Canyon and White Point Nature Centers for student field trips. A talented wildlife illustrator, Holly also provided original drawings for the Third Grade Program Handbook. Although we will miss John, we congratulate Holly on her promotion and know she will continue looking to the work he did for inspiration in her new role.



Letter to John Nieto from a Bonita Street School student who was glad to have him as their nature teacher and learn "birds all have different beaks" and "whales don't have teeth"

White Point Nature Preserve. Working alongside the group, Biesman-Simons was impressed with the volunteers' eagerness to try something new, their positive attitudes and their determination to perform tasks to the best of their abilities. "The experience was the beginning of a warm bond I felt with them," he said.

Conservancy Sage Legacy Circle member Becky Cool also held a special Valentine's Day dinner for the AmeriCorps volunteers. She said she noticed that the dedication, hard work and optimistic mind-sets of the volunteers made the conservation work a memorable experience. "They are delightful individuals who are



Volunteers help remove invasive plants at our AmeriCorps Community Day event at the White Point Nature Preserve

dedicated to serving in any capacity," she added. "It was my great joy to interface with so many from very different walks of life."

The AmeriCorps Team was also generously welcomed into the homes of

Greg and Lori Delgado, Mark and Pat Benjamin and Board Member Bob Ford and his wife, Kathy. For Team Member Isaiah Broomfield, it was a major treat to have home-cooked meals in these warm and friendly households. "Team members are usually allotted just \$5.50 a day

for food, so we were thrilled to enjoy the delicious meals prepared with such care. It felt great to be appreciated and to get to know the members of this community who have made the preserves possible," he said.



Becky Cool (third from the left) hosted members of the AmeriCorps with a thank you dinner in her beautiful harbor view home

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4 – 7 p.m. at the White Point Nature Preserve in San Pedro. Tickets are \$60 advance online at www.pvplc.org or 310- 541-7613. Same-day tickets are \$70. Registration and maps can be picked up at the eclectic retailer HOUSE 1002, located at 1002 South Pacific Avenue in San Pedro. While you are there, enter a raffle to win a Catalina Island Home Vacation!

White Point Home Tour proud sponsors include: Acorn Group, Advanced Orthopaedic Solutions, Bruce Biesman-Simons and Hale Field, Capital Group, Craft Import, Terry and John Miller, Point Vicente Animal Hospital, Welch Company, The Whale and Ale, Water Replenishment District of Southern California and Wild Birds Unlimited.

2015 White Point Home Tour Silent Auction Items



Posh auction items include (L to R) a Room & Board Lars Lounge Chair, a sail on the Rubicon III, a beautiful plein air painting by Dan Dempster titled, "Kelp Beds", a BMW R11RT motorcycle and much more at the 2015 White Point Home Tour Auction. A raffle will also be held for a vacation in a private Catalina Island home!

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Sep 13 white point home tour and reception

White Point Nature Preserve 12:30 - 4:30 pm Self-guided tour of seven distinction homes followed by a reception with live music, food and silent auction. Tickets \$60 advance purchase at pvplc.org. \$70 day of tour at "House 1002 South Pacific Ave. San Pedro.

Sep 20 the beauty of nature film series – "Lost Bird Project"

Peninsula High School 3:30 pm Bird themed special auction arranged by Room & Board. 4 p.m. "Rescuing Baby Hawks", "Return Flight" and "Lost Bird Project" with Q&A film makers. Tickets \$10 at pvplc.org, youth free.

Sep 26 national public lands day

White Point Nature Preserve 9 am Join us by volunteering. Sponsors: Toyota, Starbucks, Whole Foods. Sign up at pvplc.volunteerhub.com.

Oct 2 nature & me storytime

George F Canyon Preserve 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.

Oct 3 volunteer orientation

Ladera Linda Community Center Noon - 3 pm Learn all about the Conservancy and how you can get involved. There is something for everyone! Refreshments and snacks provided. RSVP at: pvplc.volunteerhub.com

Oct 10 wildlife tracking training

Forrestal nature reserve, 8 am - 11 am Help the Conservancy fulfill its wildlife monitoring requirements by conducting weekly surveys from November through March. Volunteers must attend four training workshops (Oct 10, 17, 24 and 31) and commit to conducting weekly surveys along specific transects within the preserves, weather permitting. Sign up at pvplc.volunteerhub.com.

Oct 10 nature walk

NEW! Klondike Canyon, 9 am Follow a loop overlooking the Portuguese Bend landslide to experience splendid views. Strenuous.

Oct 17 family nature & art workshop—creepy cool creatures

Pelican Cove/Terranea Resort 10 am - Noon Enjoy a guided coastal hike and activities along Discovery Trail to Terranea Resort for a children's art workshop. Reservations required, please contact: (310) 541-7613. \$25 per family. Meet in front of the statue at Pelican Cove Parking area. RSVP to info@pvplc.org.

Oct 18 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. Tickets \$250 each. Sponsorships and tickets at pvplc.org, select activities, special events.

Oct 24 native plants for your garden workshop

White Point Nature Preserve 11 am - Noon Join Conservancy's Holly Gray to learn more about her favorite native plants that can thrive in your garden. Free. RSVP to info@pvplc.org.

Nov 14 nature walk

Peacock Flats/Eagle's Nest 9 am Visit our ongoing restoration site where currently 20 acres are being restored to coastal sage scrub and cactus scrub. Peacock Flats was grazed by goats in 2011 to remove invasive weeds prior to restoration. Observe the other side of Peacock Flats trail to compare how the area looked before habitat restoration. Moderate.

Nov 21 docent training

White Point Nature Preserve 9 am - Noon White Point Nature Education Center needs a variety of volunteers to staff the Center and help with special events. Sign up at pvplc.volunteerhub.com.

Nov 21 the beauty of nature film series – "Mr. Turner"

Warner Grand Theatre 7:30 pm Join us for a film about British painter J.M.W. Turner (1775-1851) who travels painting include strapping himself to the mast of a ship so that he can capture a snow-storm, is both celebrated and reviled by the public and by royalty. Tickets \$10 at pvplc.org, Youth Free. (150 mins)

Nov 28 workshop on native plants as medicine

White Point Nature Preserve 11 am - Noon Join Blanca Diaz of Mama Miaz Doula and Herbal Services to learn how local plants are used for medicinal purposes. Free. RSVP to info@pvplc.org.

Dec 12 nature walk

Ocean Trails: West Bluff Reserve 2 pm Walk along restored habitat on the bluffs surrounding the Trump National Golf Club and possibly catch a glimpse of rare California gnatcatcher songbirds while walking to the beach. Moderate.

Jan 9 nature walk

NEW! Three Sisters Reserve 9 am Named after the three ridges that traverse the parcel, walk through the 21-acre habitat restoration area that is home to rare birds like the cactus wren. 2 ½ hrs. Strenuous.

Jan 25 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, select activities, special events.

Mar 5 one book, one peninsula

Palos Verdes Art Center 2 pm Presentation and Q&A with New York Times bestseller of "The Martian" Andy Weir. The book is a captivating story of astronaut Mark Watney and his unrelenting attempt to survive on Mars with a strong scientific basis. Information at pvplc.org.

Outdoor volunteer days sponsors

