



Conservancy Gears Up for Planting Season

As summer's heat fades with the arrival of cooler days (and even some rain), the Conservancy is busily preparing for planting season! During this exciting time, meticulous planning efforts and preparations literally take root in fresh plantings that will soon become new homes to native wildlife. This winter, staff and volunteers will plant 26,500 native shrubs and wildflowers, all started as seeds in our own native plant nursery.

We will plant 10,000 native plants at Alta Vicente Reserve (bordering Palos Verdes Drive South in the terrace below RPV City Hall) on five additional acres and continue caring for previously restored areas in the Portuguese Bend Reserve. Beginning in January, Outdoor Volunteer Days will welcome people to join the planting effort while enjoying an ocean view and a good chance of whale sightings. Both areas increase available plants for use by rare cactus wren and threatened California gnatcatchers.

With student volunteers for the Adopt-a-Plot program, the Conservancy will continue to support the recovery of endangered Palos Verdes blue butterfly. We invite individuals, families and groups to adopt a piece of land and help plant and maintain native locoweed and deerweed, the butterfly's vitally important host plants. In San Pedro this fall, volunteers, interns,

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Conservancy Recognizes Outstanding Volunteers

In July, Conservancy supporters gathered to recognize outstanding volunteers for their leadership roles and dedication to education, trail monitoring and citizen science. Barb Ailor, Dorie Chadwick, Eva Cicoria, Tricia Rapaport, Connie Lao, Peter Niemiec, Evi Meyer and Noel Park were honored for a variety of accomplishments:

- Dorie Chadwick has been teaching as a Third Grade Naturalist Program docent with five local elementary schools for more than 13 years. Her dedication to teaching students about local natural history has inspired many young naturalists.

- Tricia Rapaport served for several years as the Conservancy's liaison to the National Charity League's Palos Verdes Chapter. She continues to contribute her organizational talents at almost every Conservancy event.



Docent Dorie Chadwick with Birney Elementary Students at George F Canyon Nature Center

- Connie Lao recently became a citizen scientist in the Cactus Wren monitoring and Wildlife Tracking programs. She has already proved herself as a talented wildlife monitor

- Peter Niemiec learned about the Conservancy through the White Point Home Tour. Wanting to become involved, he is now Chair of the White Point Community Group and has also

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Nursery Becomes Test Lab for Solar-Powered Planting Pot Sterilization

by David Henderson, Intern

While interning under the Conservancy's Stewardship Manager Cris Sarabia and in partnership with the California Native Plant Society, I helped develop and implement a sustainable solution to nursery pot sterilization. Disinfecting nursery pots has traditionally taken a lot of time, water and chemicals. Yet sterilization is necessary to prevent pathogens like Phytophthora, a microscopic water mold, from infecting nursery stock. Unchecked, these pathogens

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A Message from the President

Dear Friends,

For a nonprofit like the Conservancy, collaboration goes a long way toward expanding our good works. Because supporters like you care about our mission to preserve land and restore native habitat, we have been able to do a lot for wildlife and the community. But I know we can do more.

We also benefit from close relationships in five cities: Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills Estates, Rolling Hills, Palos Verdes Estates through the Lunada Bay Homeowners Association and the Department of Recreation and Parks in the City of Los Angeles (San Pedro), each of which shares our commitment to natural land.

While cities most often hold title to the land, with the Conservancy holding either a management agreement and/or a conservation easement, serving in an advisory role, we could not achieve our mission without a shared dedication to land preservation. These five collaborative cities all commit funding, personnel and resources in varying ways. For example, because of increased trail use over the past few years, Rancho Palos Verdes has increased its budget for trash, graffiti, enforcement and other important services. Also, homeowners in PVE have asked our advice on native plantings for bluff restoration. Cities' recognition of their changing needs allows us to help assure favorable recreational and educational experiences while responding to growing demands.

Thanks to our wonderful supporters who commit time and financial resources to help make our goals achievable!

Sincerely,

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President, Board of Directors

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Year-end gifts from supporters help us meet our goals for the end of year. We are thankful for all the contributions that help make our land restoration and education programs possible.

While we have occasional opportunities for donors to contribute to land purchases, we primarily need resources for land restoration, including weeding and planting. You might also consider "adopting" a weed-eating member of our goat herd. A herd of goats can clear one acre of land per day. Cover the cost of one goat with a \$100 gift for one day or \$500 for one week. Donors to the Adopt-a-Goat program will be invited to an exclusive photo session with the goats in April 2017. For volunteers who wish to go beyond their considerable contribution of time and energy, other generous donors have provided some fun thank-you gifts especially for you. Please consider a year-end donation to help us accomplish even more.

To contribute, and for further information, visit pvplc.org and click on "donate now." Thank you!

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Sunset Provides Brilliant Backdrop for Palos Verdes Pastoral

Two hundred and thirty guests celebrated land preservation at the Conservancy's Palos Verdes Pastoral on October 9. Seated at long tables, guests enjoyed seeing old friends and meeting new ones while sharing exceptional food, wine, signature rosemary sangria cocktails, music and laughter. Lit by a spectacular fall sunset, the Peninsula coastline provided a fitting backdrop.

Terranea's Executive Chef Bernard Ibarra created a Basque-themed menu, with ingredients provided by Whole Foods Market Torrance, Homegrown Meats, Superior Seafood, La Espanola Meats and Etxea Basque Bakery. Dishes were paired with select wines from Catalina View, Darioush, Margerum, Nicolas-Jay, Villa Oneiro and Westerly.

Describing the special evening, Executive Director Andrea Vona said, "Terranea Resort President Terri Haack and her team worked with the Conservancy to create a unique experience to benefit and support an important cause, close to all of our hearts, preserving our natural lands."



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Pastoral sponsors and major partners from Terranea Resort and Whole Foods Market



Guests toasting *Topa!* or cheers in Basque

Sponsor Pam Westhoff won a two-night get-away at the InterContinental Hotel in San Francisco, with dinner for two at Michelin-starred Luce Restaurant, generously donated by Melanie and Richard Lundquist. William Hadley won the door prize, a painting by acclaimed plein air artist Dan Dempster. Participants also received a chance to win tickets to the Grand Tasting at Terranea's Celebration of Food & Wine event, a Silver Oak wine gift box set and a VIP wine tasting at Silver Oak Winery.

The evening was made possible by major sponsors Terranea Resort, Whole Foods Market Torrance and generous supporters Don and Martha Tuffli, Bruce Biesman-Simons and Hale Field, Virginia Cicoria, Becky Cool - RM Cool Company, Allen and Charlotte Ginsburg, The Jacqueline Glass Family, William Hadley, Lisa and Steve Hansen, Diana Heffernan-Schrader and Steve Schrader, Jim and Diane Staes, Bill and Barb Ailor, The Geraghty Group, Supervisor Don Knabe, Chuck and Betsy Miller, Trudy Park, Phillips 66, South Bay Magazine, and Pamela and Doug Westhoff, along with many others.

Supporters Explore Peninsula's Artistic Spaces on White Point Home Tour

Four hundred guests got the rare opportunity to tour some of the Peninsula's most historic and artistic homes at the 2016 White Point Home Tour on September 11. Visitors took a self-guided tour and enjoyed a unique art installation at the White Point Nature Preserve in collaboration with the Angels Gate Cultural Center.



Guests touring a craftsman home

This year's tour featured the celebrated Aaron Green Oceanfront Estate. Perched on Abalone Cove bluffs, this mid-century marvel has never before been open for a home tour. Other tour highlights included an antique-filled Craftsman, once home to the owner of San Pedro's historic Shanghai Reds Café, and several colorful artist homes.

After the tour, guests enjoyed craft beer, wine, food and live music at Brouwerij West, which was filled with elegant furniture from Room & Board. A fantastic silent auction included unique art, jewelry, stays at vacation homes, local excursions and more. Thanks to the White Point Home Tour Committee for organizing a wonderful event. Hard work by committee members Diana Bailey, Kyle Boone, Madeleine

Drake, Amy Friend, Asia Gregory, Andi Haase, Heather Henderson, Judi Jones, Susan McKenna, Beth Sohngen, Nancy Utovac and Julie Winter helped raise \$40,000 for White Point Nature Preserve. Bravo!

Thanks also to our generous sponsors: Acorn Naturalists, Advanced Orthopaedic Solutions, Bruce Biesman-Simons, Amy Friend, June Burlingame Smith, Capital Group, Natural Landscapes, Cecilia and Dave Miller, Terry and John Miller, TechMedics, the Law Office of Peter Niemiec and Wild Birds Unlimited. Special thanks to Angels Gate Cultural Center, Beacon House, Brouwerij West, City of LA Department of Recreation and Parks, Councilman Joe Buscaino, Hawaiian Resources, Olson Visuals, PV Chapter of the National Charities League and Room & Board. And a huge thanks to our homeowners for opening their homes!



Aaron Greene designed oceanfront home



Photo credit: Mark Mathieu

Reception at Brouwerij West with furnishings generously donated by Room & Board

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

Taming Tumbleweeds

by Tony Baker, Conservancy Volunteer and Owner of Natural Landscapes

In the midst of a record drought, southern California has not had normal rainfall for years. Still, many hillsides, vacant lots and road edges glow verdant green. From a distance, the lushness seems desirable, until closer examination reveals an invasive pest plant commonly known as tumbleweed, or Russian thistle.

Although the tumbleweed has become an icon of the Old West, it was not part of U.S. landscape until the late 1800s, when immigrants from the plant's native Eurasia accidentally introduced it to the Midwest as they planted crops. Once established on farms and ranchlands, the tumbleweed rolled west, dispersing seeds all the way to the Pacific Ocean.

Tumbleweed is an annual plant whose seeds germinate in early summer. Growing quickly into a dense mound, it produces flowers and seeds through the summer and fall, then dies by winter. One large plant may produce thousands of seeds. It thrives in compacted soil along roadsides and construction

sites, vacant lots and areas cleared by fires. Once dead and brittle, the main stem breaks at its base, allowing the round skeleton to tumble with the wind, dispersing seeds as it rolls. Tumbleweed seeds may remain dormant for many years until growing conditions are favorable.

Because tumbleweeds don't need moisture to germinate, grow, flower or seed, they can survive droughts. Low rainfall, however, has suppressed the growth of other plants and left plenty of open areas for tumbleweeds to take root. Early-season clearing may exacerbate the problem by removing grasses and other weeds that might be able to compete.

Practically the only way to combat tumbleweeds is to uproot them when they are young and green and dispose of them in green waste bins (not compost). They become challenging to deal with as they grow larger. Home gardeners and land stewards can compact them by folding the branches with gloves to protect your hands, making sure to collect and dispose of all fallen seeds.



Try uprooting tumbleweed when they are young rather than large like this!

Naturalist Neil Uelman Earns Masters in Environmental Science

The Conservancy is proud to announce that Naturalist Neil Uelman has earned his M.S. in Environmental Science from California State University Dominguez Hills. His master's research focused on biological soil crust and micro-plants on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. These plant communities are home to a diverse array of organisms. They play an important role in protecting soil and enhancing ecosystem functions such as carbon and nitrogen fixation. Find out more at a presentation Neil is giving on November 26 from 11 am - 12 noon at the White Point Nature Education Center and Preserve in San Pedro. Please RSVP at pvplc.org, "events & activities", White Point Presentations and Activities.



Neil and a student doing a native plant activity during a school visit

Citizen Science Project Informs Cactus Wren Habitat Restoration

The coastal cactus wren represents one of the most threatened wildlife species within the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve and is endemic to our native coastal sage scrub plant community. Historic losses of habitat across southern California have led to various protections, including California Fish and Wildlife Service recognition as a “species of special concern” and inclusion in the Palos Verdes Natural Community Conservation Plan.

The Conservancy recently completed the 2016 Cactus Wren Monitoring program, a volunteer citizen science project documenting the location and breeding activity of wren populations within the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve. Stewardship Associate Josh Weinik who coordinated the project, presented this year’s findings at the White Point Nature Education Center. He described varying numbers of cactus wrens and levels of nesting activity across the preserve. The findings were consistent with



Photo credit: Evi Meyer

A cactus wren displaying its distinctive tail markings

trends seen across most of Southern California, that Coastal cactus wrens are restricting their activity to areas with the highest quality habitat (coastal sage scrub with plentiful cacti). The Conservancy is adapting restoration activities in response to these findings to support the habitat needs of cactus wrens. This monitoring effort is a great example of how the Conservancy’s citizen science programs integrate local community members into research that actively contributes to the stewardship of rare species like the coastal cactus wren.

The next cactus wren monitoring season will begin in spring. There will be a one-day training workshop in March where volunteers will learn about the basic biology of the cactus wren, how to identify the bird in the field and the research methods they will be using. Monitors will gather information twice a month over the four month survey period. If you are interested in becoming a citizen science cactus wren monitoring volunteer, please contact bgoldsmith@pvplc.org or call (310) 541-7613 x215.



Volunteers surveying cactus wren nesting site in the Alta Vicente Reserve

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can then also spread to landscapes when infected nursery plants are unintentionally transplanted.

To reduce use of chemical disinfectants and save time and water, we solarized nursery pots in the greenhouse. Greenhouse solarization sterilizes pots sustainably by allowing solar energy to reach high temperatures for long enough to kill pathogens. Testing with an infrared thermometer helped guarantee nursery pots reached and maintained temperatures above the minimum required for sterilization. Because of the high amount of energy needed, solar pot sterilization can only occur in summer. The Conservancy’s supply of solar-sterilized pots is expected to last until next summer. This successful, sustainable sterilization technique is now one of the Conservancy’s best management practices. Nursery staff members are looking forward to sharing this technique at collaborative workshops with other nurseries.



Volunteer implementing best management practices at the Conservancy’s native plant nursery



Room & Board Recycles Shipping Pallets for Conservancy Nursery

Torrance Leadership Associate Scot Liptak from Room & Board created a “win-win” for both the Conservancy and Room & Board, by proposing a unique pallet recycling program. Room & Board’s Torrance Facility now donates used pallets to the Conservancy’s nursery.

The pallets allow the nursery to store plants above ground, reducing the possible spread of pathogens. Room & Board assembles the pallets and delivers them to the nursery along with a few gallons of sealant. This extends the pallets’ useful life as plant protectors and also keeps them out of the garbage. Win-win.

Thank you, Room & Board!

Volunteer Profile: Conservancy Inspires Students to Environmental Action

The following was excerpted from Austin and Brandon Nash's presentation at a Conservancy special event.

We have always enjoyed the outdoors, visiting local tidepools, hiking Palos Verdes' trails and taking vacations to national parks. Our first awareness of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy was a sign in the preserves, and we immediately explored volunteer opportunities because we thought working in nature wouldn't feel like work to us at all. Our first volunteer day was at the White Point Nature Preserve with our Los Hermanos volunteer group. The coordinators were friendly and easygoing. We have since attended many different volunteer days and our favorite is Adopt-a-Plot. In this program, our group independently takes care of a small portion of the Lunada Canyon. When we started, the area was overgrown with such non-native plants as fennel, ox tongue and dandelions. We replaced them with native plants, including lemonade berry, sage and mulefat. We love seeing the rabbits, lizards and cactus wrens that call the area home. We happily share the space with a hive for the bees that pollinate the flowers! We take pride seeing how the work makes a difference over time. By joining the Team Leader program, we continue to gain valuable leadership skills. On National Public Lands Day, we led 20 volunteers. It felt great to be able to volunteer with such high impact.



Volunteering for the Conservancy has inspired us to pursue further study in biology, environmental science and business. Thank you for giving us the volunteer opportunity of a lifetime!

Visionaries Contribute to George F Canyon Land Purchase

Many thanks to the visionaries who contributed to purchasing 15 acres of land adjacent to the George F Canyon Nature Preserve. The donors, whose names will appear on a plaque at the site, include Virginia Cicoria, Rebekah M Cool, Jacqueline Glass, Reed and Nan Harman, Richard and Melanie Lundquist and John Vansickle. We also received generous gifts from Bill and Barb Ailor, Scott Ammons, Diana Bailey, Bruce Biesman-Simons and Hale Field, Bob and Kathy Ford, Amy Friend, Randy Harwood, Cassie Jones and Lewis Enstedt, Rob and Danise Kautz, Mike Kilroy, Allen and Dottie Lay, Susan and Dick McKenna, Noel Park, John Spielman and Kathy Christie, Betty Strauss, Ken Swenson and Eva Cicoria, Rick and Grace Wallace, and Yvette Williams. The Conservancy would be pleased to include your gift in the land purchase for the remaining balance of \$19,000. Please call Susan Wilcox if you are interested in participating.



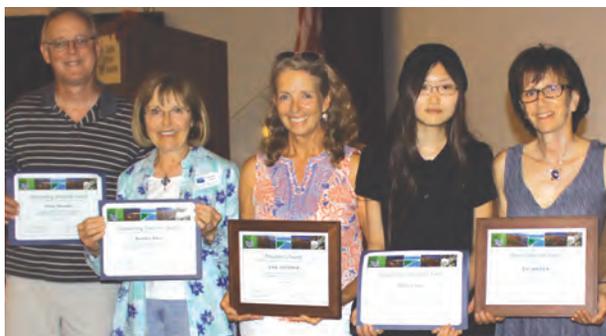
Parcel of newly acquired land for preservation in Rancho Palos Verdes

Docents Needed – We Need You!

Now is your chance to share your love of nature and learn more about the Peninsula's unique geographic and historical features. We are now recruiting volunteer docents to help educate our visitors at White Point Nature Center in San Pedro and George F Canyon Nature Center in Rolling Hills Estates. These centers host almost 3,500 elementary school children annually for fieldtrips, as well as thousands of people who visit for workshops, garden volunteer days, plant sales, birding, scout badges or recreation.

The nature centers will each offer one-day training sessions: George F Canyon, February 11th 9 a.m. to noon, and White Point, February 18th 9 a.m. to noon. To sign up for either session, please visit the volunteer website at: <http://pvplc.volunteerhub.com>. For more information please contact Volunteer Program Manager Brittany Goldsmith at BGoldsmith@pvplc.org or call (310) 541-7613 x215.





(L to R) Peter Niemiec, Barb Ailor, Eva Cicoria, Connie Lao and Evi Meyer receiving awards

joined the Team Leader Program.

- Noel Park has been a dedicated Conservancy volunteer for more than 15 years. He now volunteers many hours every week battling invasive fennel as a leader of the Adopt-A-Plot program in Agua Amarga.
- Barb Ailor helped to create the Volunteer Trail Watch Program and served as its co-chair
- Eva Cicoria earned this year's President Award for her years of dedication as a KEEPER, Team Leader and co-coordinator of the Volunteer Trail Watch. Eva spends dozens of hours every week walking the preserve and talking to visitors to educate them about the importance of staying on the trails to preserve



Evi Meyer with her name added to the Awardee sign at the White Point Nature Education Center

our fragile and unique coastal sage scrub habitat.

- Evi Meyer earned the Deena Sheridan Education Award for her work enriching the lives of hundreds of school children through her years of service to the Third Grade Naturalist Program. A longtime member of the Citizen Science Cactus Wren Monitoring program, Evi wrote a book about the wrens, A Bravo for Charlie, which the Conservancy published this year.

Volunteer Program Manager Brittany Goldsmith says, "We are fortunate to have such an amazingly strong and supportive group of volunteers who strive day in and day out to achieve the Conservancy's mission."

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Volunteer planting at Portuguese Bend Reserve restoration site

garden apprentices and docents will plant trees and native shrubs in White Point Nature Preserve's demonstration garden. Thanks to generous support from the Harbor Community Benefit Foundation and the California Native Plant Society, we will continue to offer enriching public programs that engage the community in the beautification and care of this preserve.

Support native wildlife and conserve water by planting endemic species around your home garden. Several fragrant and showy native plant species are available for sale the fourth Saturday of each month, from noon to 2 p.m. at White Point Nature Center. Naturalists and docents are always available to answer questions and provide tips on selection and planting.



PV blue butterfly on a deerweed plant

Join the Volunteer Trail Watch

Like to hike, ride your bike or horse? Want to help protect the Preserve, its habitat and wildlife? Become a Trail Watch Volunteer and make a difference on the trails!

Similar to a Neighborhood Watch program, Volunteer Trail Watch or "VTW" volunteers provide assistance to the Conservancy as additional eyes and ears on the Preserve. These reports help the Conservancy address issues on the land. Volunteers also help educate users about the Preserve's rules and unique features.

Volunteers commit at least 4 hours per month for at least one year after participating in an eight-hour training program over 2 separate days. Our next training is coming up! Join us Saturday January 28th and Saturday February 4th from 9am to 1pm at Ladera Linda Community Center. Please sign up for this training at: <http://pvplc.volunteerhub.com>. If you have any questions please contact Volunteer Program Manager Brittany Goldsmith at BGoldsmith@pvplc.org or (310) 541-7613.



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Nov 12 nature walk

Portuguese Bend Reserve 2 pm Walk through an area of beautiful coastal sage scrub habitat refreshed by the seasonal rain. Sign up at pvplc.org.

Nov 19 uses for native plants hands-on workshop

White Point Nature Preserve 10 am to 12 noon Craig Torres will show you how plants are used in traditional and modern ways. Bring your re-usable coffee mug! \$20 per person. RSVP at pvplc.org, "events & activities".

Nov 19 the beauty of nature film series – "Unbranded"

Warner Grand Theatre 4 pm Gripping documentary of four young men, sixteen mustangs and one dream to ride horseback from the border of Mexico to Canada. Tickets \$10 at pvplc.org, Youth Free.

Nov 25 #OptOutside on black friday with REI

George F Canyon 10 am - 4 pm Skip the mall and get outdoors! Check out a naturalist back pack and take it to explore the beautiful canyon trails.

Nov 26 microplants on the peninsula presentation

White Point Nature Preserve 11 am - 12 noon Naturalist Neil Uelman will share his Master's research on biological soil crust and bryophytes.

Dec 10 NEW nature walk

Filiorum Reserve 9 am Walk on this 191-acre property linking Three Sisters and Portuguese Bend Reserves. Sign up at pvplc.org.

Dec 17 native garden care hands-on workshop

White Point Nature Preserve 10 am to 12 noon Get tips on making your native plant garden bloom with Tony Baker. RSVP at pvplc.org, "events & activities".

Jan 14 nature walk

Vicente Bluffs Reserve 9 am Follow the bluff top from Point Vicente to Oceanfront Estates, an area containing high quality coastal bluff scrub habitat. Great for sighting whales. Sign up at pvplc.org.

Jan 16 martin luther king, jr. day of service

White Point Nature Preserve 9 am - 2 pm Join in this community effort to beautify the nature preserve. Sign up to volunteer at pvplc.org.

Jan 22 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

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

Jan 28 and Feb 4 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 on the trails! sign up at pvplc.org.

Jan 28 farming in the south bay then and now presentation

White Point Nature Preserve 10 am to 12 noon Join author Judi Gerber to discover the rich history of the area's local family farmers that dates from late 1700s. Free. RSVP at pvplc.org, "events & activities".

Feb 4 one book/one peninsula

South Coast Botanic Gardens 2 pm Presentation and Q&A with New York Times bestselling author of "Queen Sugar" Natalie Baszile.

Feb 4 annual plant sale

South Coast Botanic Garden 9 am - 4 pm Featuring plants from the Conservancy.

Feb 11 george f canyon docent training

George F Canyon 9 am - 12 noon This charming Nature Center needs docent assistance to staff the center during open hours and help with special events. Sign up to volunteer at pvplc.org.

Feb 12 wild & scenic film festival

Hermosa Beach Community Center 4 pm An exciting selection of adventurous and inspirational films about nature. Tickets \$15 at the door, \$10 at pvplc.org

Feb 18 white point docent training

White Point Nature Preserve 9 am - 12 noon Help run our dynamic White Point Nature Center! From school programs to plants sales, we need assistance running a variety of events. Sign up to volunteer at pvplc.org.

Feb 25 el segundo blue butterfly presentation

White Point Nature Preserve 11 am to 12 noon Find out about the rare butterflies recovery efforts and status. Free. RSVP at pvplc.org, "events & activities".

Mar 3 nature & me storytime

George F Canyon Preserve 9:30 am Share the joy of reading with your children and introduce them to nature. For 2-5 years. For more information, contact Marisa Perley at (310) 377-9584 x 238 or email mperley@pvplc.org.

Mar 25 SLIME project - snails and slugs presentation

White Point Nature Preserve 11 am to 12 noon Join Natural History Museum's Jann Vendetti to become a snail and slug citizen scientist. RSVP at pvplc.org.