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### **Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy Presents Film Series Highlighting Personal Adventure on Five Different Continents**

PALOS VERDES PENINSULA, April 11, 2016— Join the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy for our third annual film series, *The Beauty of Nature* for **Out of Africa**, 4 pm on April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Warner Grand Theatre in San Pedro. This year's *The Beauty of Nature* series brings outdoor enthusiasts together to celebrate the beauty in our natural surroundings. This year, each film uniquely highlights how nature inspires personal adventures that transform the lives of those brave enough to take the journey.

**Out of Africa** (Africa, 1985: 201 min) is a classic movie about a daring woman who is hoping to forge a better life on the African continent. After Denmark native Karen Blixen (Meryl Streep) enters into a marriage of convenience with a womanizing baron and moves to Nairobi, she falls in love with a free-spirited hunter (Robert Redford) who can't be tied down. Director Sydney Pollack's lush period drama earned seven Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Screenplay and Best Cinematography.

The Beauty of Nature in 2014 and 2015 was attended by over 2,000 patrons who enjoy experiencing adventures and the beauty of the outdoors. Executive Director Andrea Vona describes *"Each of the films this year highlights the stunning unique natural beauty of a different continent. These personal stories of immigration, trekking, extreme mountaineering or horseback riding, allow audience members to see how tremendous natural beauty makes a lasting impact on humans through these challenges."* The films are \$10 for adults and free for students 18 years and younger. Tickets and reservations available at [www.pvplc.org](http://www.pvplc.org) and select **Events and Activities** or call 310.541.7613.

The series features an amazing raffle for a three-night stay for two at **Rancho de los Caballeros, a historic guest ranch resort and golf club situated on 20,000 acres of spectacular Sonoran Desert**. Family-owned since 1948, the ranch offers activities for the whole family, including horseback riding, nature hikes, desert cookouts, award-winning golf and a full-service spa. Only 400 opportunity tickets will be available for \$20 each (or 3 for \$40). For tickets, please call 310-541-7613 (M-F 9 to 5). Restrictions apply; Value \$1,485. Raffle winner will drawn November 19<sup>th</sup>; winner need not be present!

The film series continues with **Tracks** (Australia, 2013: 112 min), June 19<sup>th</sup> 5 pm at Peninsula High School Theatre with the true story of Robyn Davidson, who made an arduous journey alone across the Australian desert followed by remarks from board member Susan McKenna; **The Way** (Europe, 2010: 123 min) will be held July 17<sup>th</sup> 4 pm at the John Olguin Auditorium about a father who comes to terms with the loss of his son walking the Camino de Santiago followed by remarks from volunteer Peter Shaw; **Touching the Void** (South Africa, 2003; 106 min) will be held September 23, 7 pm at the Hermosa Beach Community Theater with a gripping docudrama of a mountaineering trek gone awry in the Andes (rated R); and **Unbranded** (North America, 2015: 106 min) November 19<sup>th</sup> 4 pm at the Warner Grand Theatre, a documentary featuring a once-in-a-lifetime adventure of four men just out of college, sixteen mustangs and one dream to ride horseback from the border of Mexico to Canada. Tickets for all of these films are available at [www.pvplc.org](http://www.pvplc.org) and select **Events and Activities** or call 310.541.7613.

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