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## **Celebrating Butterflies, Birds and other Pollinators at the 2021 Palos Verdes Pastoral Garden-to-Table Dining Experience**

**PALOS VERDES PENINSULA** – Imagine over 200 dinner guests seated at long tables in an stunning coastal setting... linen tablecloths with exquisite natural décor and wine glasses sparkling in the sunlight... the sounds of the ocean and a gentle breeze inspiring the feeling of standing in a field of coastal grasslands. The first of multiple courses is served and an evening of fine wine, beautiful food and dining as sunset begins. Hosted by the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy in partnership with Terranea Resort, the “*Palos Verdes Pastoral: Garden-to-Table Dining Experience*” will be held Sunday, October 3, 2021.

This year Pastoral will highlight the importance of butterflies, birds and other pollinators and the ways in which we can help to reverse the dramatic decline in populations by creating new places with native plants and wildflowers and restoring others that will enable them to survive. “*We have created a one-of-a-kind event based on the concept of local food, nature and community*” explains Pastoral Chair Diana Heffernan-Schrader. “*It is a special evening where old friends and new enjoy a local and sustainable dining experience around a theme that enables us to understand the importance of the rare biodiversity of the lands we are lucky enough to call home for pollinators and other wildlife.*”

Acclaimed Chef de Cuisine Andrew Vaughan will present the event’s garden-to-table menu using the finest local sustainable seafood, grass-fed meats and the freshest ingredients and flavors to create delicious and thoughtful *Low Carbon Footprint* courses paired with an inspired selection of wines. The meal will also celebrate the debt we owe to nature for the food cycle, featuring seasonal local resources that Terranea and surrounding areas have to offer such as fresh herbs, honey, salts, vegetables and fruits.

Pastoral will be a truly memorable garden-to-table experience that embraces the timeless beauty and taste of the Peninsula. “*We are delighted to be a Presenting Partner for the Palos Verdes Pastoral event,*” says Terri A. Haack, President of Terranea Resort and member of the Land Conservancy’s President’s Advisory Council. “*Preserving the natural landscape of the peninsula is paramount for Terranea and we are pleased to support the community and the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy with this culinary experience.*”

“*The intimate setting dining al fresco on the Ocean Terrance Lawn under a pink, orange and yellow early autumn sunset sky is the perfect location to offer a rich experience for guests, one that fosters meaningful conversation over a meal celebrating nature.*” says Conservancy Executive Director Adrienne Mohan

This event takes place entirely outdoors. Safety protocols for COVID-19 at the time of the event will be in place to ensure the safety of guests and staff. Space is limited for tickets to Pastoral; the event sells out quickly each year. For information on Sponsorship Benefits please call (310) 541-7613 ext. 210. Sponsorship and tickets are available at: **[pvplc.org](http://pvplc.org)**.

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