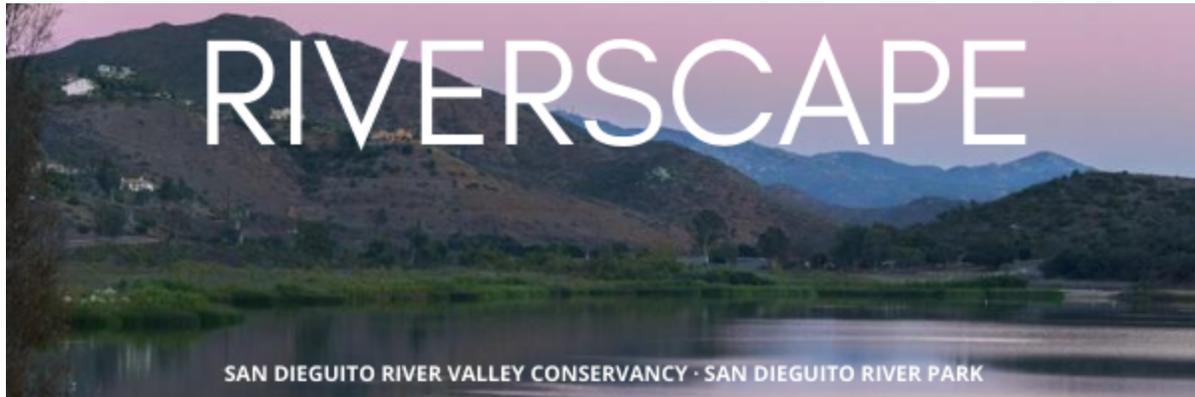


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September 2021



## Ranger Station Open House



Don't miss a full program of fun during the public opening of the Coastal Ranger Station from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 12.

The sleek building at the southeast corner of Via de la Valle and San Andres Drive overlooks the river valley near Del Mar.

The program for the open house includes a bird-watching walk, live music, educational booths, crafts, ranger station tours, speeches, pizza and beer, and an animal ambassador presentation.

We can't[ wait to see you!

**Event Details**

## Farewell

### **Ramona Salisbury Kiltz 1931 - 2021**

It is with great sadness that we bid farewell to Ramona Salisbury Kiltz, a tireless community volunteer, former board member and longtime member of our advisory board.

Ramona — "congenial, intelligent, perceptive, and a delight to be with at meetings and socially," a friend recalled — is a former president of the League of Women Voters of San Diego and was active in civic affairs.

In 2004, the San Diego City Council proclaimed April 29 as [Ramona Salisbury Kiltz Day](#).

She and her late husband, Max, were among the first to understand the vision of the San Dieguito River Park.

In a 25-year anniversary recognition of the park, Ramona said: "This is, without a doubt, the most worthwhile project we have been associated with in our lifetime."



## Currents



## Volcan Mountain Foundation Seeks Applicants for Residency

Attention artists and researchers: Volcan Mountain Foundation invites you to apply for its 2022 residency.

Funded by the Marjorie and Joseph Rubenson Endowment for Art and Science at Volcan Mountain, the residency is designed for the awardee "to create original works of art or engage in scientific research that will enhance the public appreciation of the mountain, its unique beauty and environmental attributes."

Applications are due by Dec. 6.



**Outdoor Ambassadors: Executive directors Eric Jones of the Volcan Mountain Foundation and Trish Boaz of the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy.**

### Residency Details



## Busy Hands at Restoration Site

It was great to join forces in Gonzales Canyon with WILDCOAST and students from the BEWISE program at the Fleet Science Center. As they tended the restoration site on Sword Way, students learned about careers in the environmental field.



## All I Wanna Do Is Zoom-a-Zoom-Zoom-Zoom

### Birds of the San Dieguito Lagoon Website Tour

Join us on Zoom 6 p.m. Sept. 23 to tour a new website dedicated to birding in the San Dieguito Lagoon.

Ed and Hal Mirsky created the website.

[Webinar Registration](#)



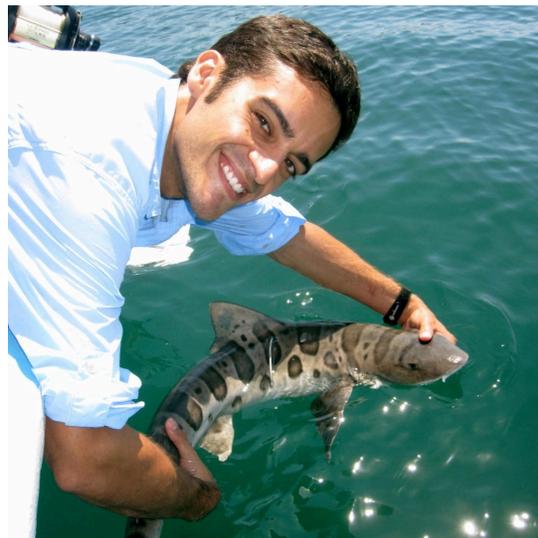
### Leopard Sharks of La Jolla

At 10 a.m. Sept. 18, the Torrey Pines Conservancy is hosting a webinar, "Movement Biology of the Leopard Shark off La Jolla."

Every summer, leopard sharks gather in great numbers near La Jolla Shores. Marine biologist Andrew Nosal will discuss why the harmless sharks return to this spot and the best times to snorkel with them.

When registering, enter the promo code: PARTNERS

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## 2021 River Valley Fest



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**2021 RIVER VALLEY FEST**  
*- A hybrid event -*

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and Announcements

Nov. 7 will be here in no time. We would love to see you face-to-face during the 2021 River Valley Fest but we're also set up for guests to participate online. Mark your calendars!

Reservations

Video Vault



**Watershed Explorers**

You're going to love the five-part video series we've produced for Watershed Explorers.

The videos take you from the San Dieguito Lagoon all the way to the top of the watershed on Volcan Mountain.



### Peer to Peer

Young ladies from the National Charity League's San Dieguito Chapter continue to sparkle in their Peer to Peer hiking videos. Submissions this month came from Sarah and Meghan.



## Coast to Crest Trail Challenge



**Janet and Larry Pollack**

Coast to Crest Challengers continue to wow us with their selfies.

Are you up for the challenge? We know you are! You can do this!

The Coast to Crest Trail Challenge turns five this year. For 2021-22, the five hikes are: Santa Fe Valley, Black Mountain Summit, Dust Devil Trail, Gonzalez Loop Trail, and Blue Sky Preserve and Lake Poway Trail.

Lace up those boots! We'll see you on the trail!



**Chuck Mendenhall**

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**Janet Chenier**



**Jeff Turnage**



**Kurt Culver**



Jay and Prudence Hernandez



Rachael Tarshes and Taramae Estoesta



Tamara Fischer

## River Park News



### Saturdays in October: Watershed Explorers

We are excited to launch our 2021 Watershed Explorers program with visits planned in October to Volcan Mountain, Lake Hodges, San Dieguito Lagoon, San Diego Archaeological Center and Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead. During five straight Saturdays, participants will gain a "sense of place" and an appreciation of the role each of us plays in preserving the natural and cultural resources of the watershed.

### Watershed Explorers Details



### Oct. 10: Volunteer Orientation

Calling all volunteers! Please join us for an orientation meeting 9 a.m. Oct. 10. Register by emailing: blanca@sdrp.org.

Whether its within the rustic environs of the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead, on the trail or within one of our habitat restoration areas, you won't find a more rewarding place to give of your time. Thank you!

### Volunteer Orientation Details

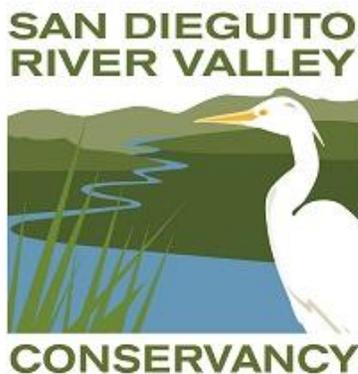
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