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March 2022



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### Demonstration Event March 13 at Sikes Adobe

Reservations are filling up fast for our Next to Nature demonstration event March 13 at the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead, 12655 Sunset Drive, Escondido. A morning session is full; we have added a second session from noon to 2 p.m.

Next to Nature is all about enhancing natural spaces and creating wildlife connections right in our own back yards.

Last summer, during a series of six YouTube live streams, our experts explored eco-beneficial landscapes from many angles. Here's your chance to meet the experts face to face.

The free event includes presentations and tours of pollinator and produce gardens.

To learn about the certification program and view the complete video series, visit the Next to Nature webpage.

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## Plot-to-Plate Cooking Demo



During the past six weeks, Sartteka Am Ab Nefer of PHATCROPS has coached us on how to make that garden grow.

Now it's time to prepare our bounty.

For her final Zoom workshop, at 6 p.m. March 1, Sartteka welcomes VeVe Eatz for a plot-to-plate cooking demonstration



[Details](#)

## Wild Art



The versatile coyote, which continues to expand into environments modified by humans, finds a generous chunk of nature on the Conservancy's Del Dios property, where it triggered one of our wildlife cameras.

## Coast to Crest Trail Challenge



Justin, Lindsay, Logan and Alexis Grissom

## Ready, Steady, Go!

Are you ready to crush the Coast to Crest Trail Challenge?

You're going to love the five hikes and that sweet, sweet feeling of accomplishment that comes with completing them.

We'll see you on the trail!



### CTC 2021-22 Details

## C2C in Pomerado News

Did you see the glorious article on the Coast to Crest Challenge in the Pomerado News?

[Open Article](#)

## Past Challenges

Can't get enough of the Coast to Crest Trail Challenge? We understand. If you're hankering for a hike, try one (or all) of the treks from years past.

### Past Challenges



Adrienne Heinzelman; Alissa Rose and Luna; Daniel and Michele Monroe; Jolie and Bill Pickett



Justin, Lindsay, Logan and Alexis Grissom; Linda Siler and Veronique Kaplinsky; Mark and Rhodora Neu; Monte and Lisa DeBel



Roxanne Bornowski; Ryan Hoover; Travis Kish and Maggie; Patricia Johnson and Anna Tink

## River Park News

### SDRP Intern Marica di Girolamo - Bio

Marica started her internship at the SDRP in January 2022. She has been taking GIS (Geographic Information Systems) classes at the San Diego Mesa College, and she will earn her Certificate of Achievement by the end of May. She previously earned a Master of Environmental Engineering from the Sapienza University in Rome (Italy). She worked as a junior engineer for a couple of engineering firms in Italy, before moving to San Diego with her husband. In her free time, she enjoys hiking with her dog, and playing with her kids on the beach or at a local park. She is grateful that life brought her to San Diego, where it's possible to spend quality time outdoors all year long. Marica is thrilled to be able to work as an intern at the SDRP, and to give her contribution to the preservation of this unique area.



### Opening the Archives for Sikes' 150<sup>th</sup>

"Zenas Sikes came to Santa Clara county, California in 1850, where he farmed. In December 1868 he bought 2,400 acres of the old San Bernardo Rancho and settled there in 1872. Zenas Sikes' son, Harry, would later write that "My father was a member of the Home Guards [in the Civil War] and may have been Captain, but I do not know." Zenas is pictured above, fourth from the left, in a photograph provided by descendants of the family. The soldiers are dressed in fatigue uniforms and wearing the 1861 model Forage cap, known as a 'bummer.' The guns appear to be Springfield Model 1861s. The unit was probably the Santa Clara Guard, also known as Company H, 5th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, California Militia. Note the CM on the tent above. The Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead in Escondido is open for tours most Sundays, 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Visit [www.sdrp.org/events](http://www.sdrp.org/events) for tour dates



In celebration of 150 years, join the Friends of Sikes Adobe on March 27, 2022 for an open house and docent led tour of the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead. Learn the history of the house and the story of the Sikes family who settled there in 1872. The house will be open from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

After the tour, please stay and enjoy a cup of tea and cookies in the spirit of hospitality for which Eliza Sikes was famous.

Be advised that the house includes some stairs. A \$5 donation is suggested.

Friends of Sikes Adobe is a Section 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established for the general purpose of interpreting for public education the history of the Sikes Family, their farmstead, and the cultural history of north San Diego County in the late 1800's.



Join Rangers to help improve our trails.  
Trail Maintenance at Sante Fe Staging Area  
March 13th  
9am  
Trail Maintenance at San Dieguito Lagoon  
March 19th

Newly installed bell boxes at Sunset trail head, Del Dios Community Park and San Andreas trail head at the San Dieguito Lagoon.



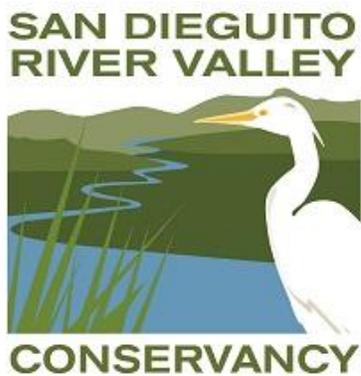
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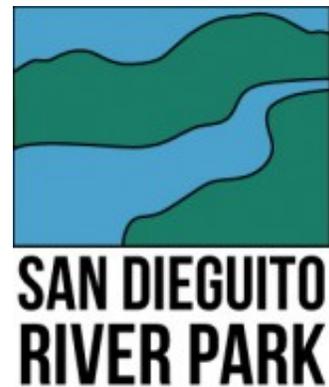
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