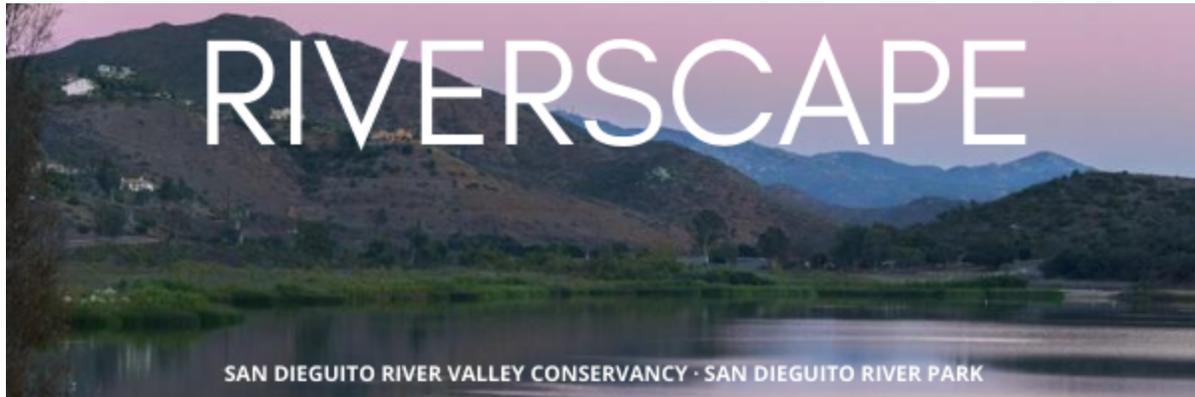


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July 2021



The 2021-22 Coast to Crest Trail Challenge



Santa Fe Valley Trail Extension

The 2021-22 Coast to Crest Challenge is on!

For the fifth anniversary of the five-hike challenge, we have selected: Santa Fe Valley, Black Mountain Summit, Dust Devil Trail, Gonzalez Loop Trail, and Blue Sky Preserve and Lake Poway Trail.

We are also proud to present this year's patch, designed by Canyon Crest Academy student Elizabeth Campbell Budilenko. Great job, Elizabeth!

Send us selfies from all five hikes and we will send you a patch to iron onto your pack. We'll also send a cooling towel showcasing the creations of other finalists in the patch design contest.

For this year's challenge, we enjoyed scouting locations for the selfies. We can't wait to see your smiling faces!



Get details on the challenge and how to submit your selfies on our webpage.

We'll see you on the trail!

[CTC Trail Challenge Webpage](#)



Black Mountain Summit



Dust Devil Trail



Gonzalez Loop Trail



Blue Sky Preserve and Lake Poway Trail

Currents

Next to Nature

NEXT TO NATURE *LIVE STREAM*
JULY 5 • 4:00 PM

Special Guest
Diane Kennedy from the Finch Frolic Garden
 talks about Permaculture

Join the conversation with the link below:
<https://bit.ly/3o8sHLP>

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On July 5, wander through Finch Frolic Garden with Diane Kennedy. The garden is a permaculture-based "food forest" located on 1.68 acres in Fallbrook.

Our chat with Diane is the latest in our Next to Nature series of YouTube live streams. The series explores what we can do to create eco-beneficial landscapes right in our own back yards.

[Link to Webinar](#)

Future episodes

Next to Nature No. 5: Pam Meisner from the Water Conservation Garden

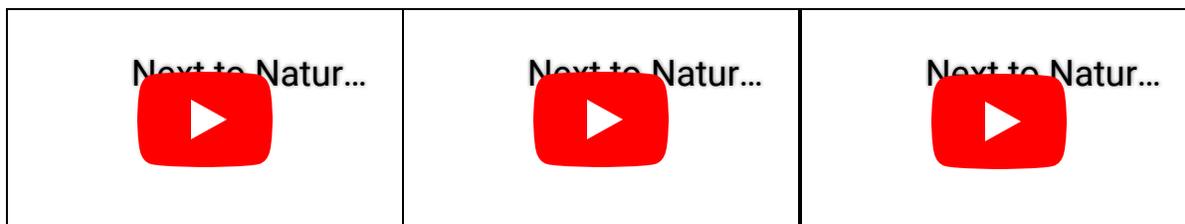
Monday, July 19, 4 p.m.

Next to Nature No. 6: Tom Hamilton from Lumbercycle

Monday, August 2, 4 p.m.

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Past episodes



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Currents



During a celebration of the Conservancy's land purchase at Del Dios, we were delighted to spend time with the sellers, Stuart and Jeanie Donelson. From left: Stuart, SDRVC President Jim Smith, SDRVC Executive Director Trish Boaz, and Jeanie.

Celebrating Del Dios

What a glorious visit we made to our newly-acquired Del Dios property with some of the donors who made the 117-acre acquisition possible.

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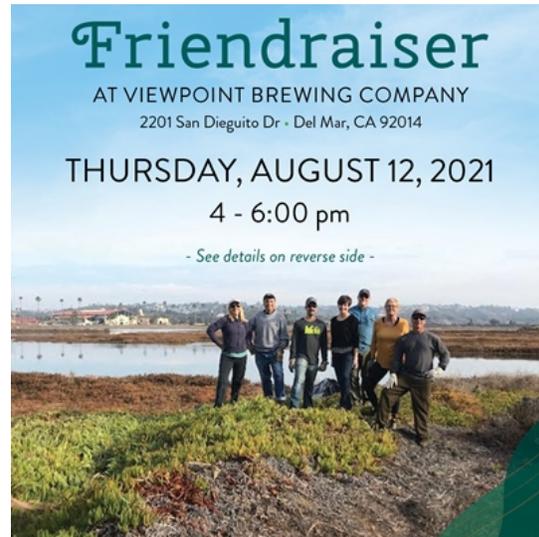


Meet and Greet at Friendraiser

Bring yourself and some friends to Viewpoint Brewing Co. from 4 to 6 p.m. Aug. 12 to meet Team SDRVC: Executive Director Trish Boaz; Conservation Manager Emily Kochert; Associate Conservation Manager Joseph Rivera and members of our Board of Directors.

In addition to meeting, greeting and eating, we will have plenty of details to discuss about our programs and initiatives.

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Leaving Things a Little Better



This holiday weekend, we invite you to join us for a virtual "Leave things a little better" trash pickup event. Whether you're at a park, on a hike, at the beach, or at a neighborhood barbecue, consider taking a moment to pick up some trash. Think of it as leaving things a little better.

Email Conservation Manager Emily Kochert (emily@sdrvc.org) a photo your amazing work. Tell us where you were and estimate how many pounds you were able to pick up.

At the end of the weekend, we'll tally the totals to see how big of a difference we were able to make together.

Video Vault

Teens Hit the Trail for Peer to Peer Videos

We're all for anything that connects teens to nature. And if the project creates a video (or six) that we can share, all the better. Check out these creations by teens from the National Charity League's San Dieguito Chapter.





Coast to Crest Trail Challenge



Colin Jemmott and MJ

The 2020-21 Coast to Crest Trail Challenge closed with a flurry of finishers.

We are delighted to publish photos of their fabulous faces. Congratulations to all of our participants.

Looking ahead, the 2021-22 Challenge is good to go and we can't wait to see you on the trail!

[CTC 2020-21 Details](#)





Jane Lea and Jim Smith



Juan Gaytan and Esmeralda Izquierdo



Rachel Sfiligoi and Kristopher Mamer



Archana, Veeraiah, Bhavesh, and Srinesh Gorantla; Elizabeth Douglass; Kathy Clark and Bob Spindler and friends; Stephanie Prolong.



Wray Grimaldi; Andrea Cornelius and Cameron White; Curtis Rands and family; Dave Hatch.



Jill Flyckt and Patti McCord; John and Lynn O'Halloran; Kathy Forsythe-Brandon; Laura Dick.



Martina Schimitschek; Melinda Walker, Phoebe Katsell and Kristi Wisbach; Rebeca Elliott, Marie Elliott, Charles Singhanet and Sarah Chavez.



Mandi Orr; Shanna, Keith, Ryson, and Sage Van Wagner; Shell Peritt; Susan and Dean Kernus.



Sylvia Pierce; Donna Uyeno and Brenda Harai; Jeanie and Ted Huebner; Laura Corral; Lisa Burgert and Sharon Chaix.



Mike Kropp; Tim and Larissa Parrott; Tommy Zounes; Adrienne Heinzelman.



Alejandro Rubio Rosas; Becca Cheesman; Chris and Annette Nelson; David, Blair and Sophie Keene.



Deanna Gomez; Jesse Fojo; Larry McDaniel; Liz Grask and Mike Mooney.



Marcos Mata; Maria Cofer and friends; Merri Kelley; Michael McGinnis.



Neil Cadwallader and Don Crittenden; Norma Candelaria; Rhianna Steins; Rhiannon and Trevor Moeller.



Sandy Buxton; Shelley Britton; Slader Buck; Thomas Chung and son Timothy.



Tim Shell; Ulrike Chapo; Vicki Monaco and Rob Weisgrau; Wayne Norman.



Dan and Mary Weston; Elizabeth Sparks and friends; Peter Cabunoc and friends; Dan Bass.



Teri Lee; Steve McElroy and friends; Bruce and Jackie Dain; Marie Avery.



Emily Carron; Bryan Heard; Rachael Tarshes; Sarah, Adelaide and Schaeffer Illman.



Rick Olson; Vicki Ausen; Ryan Farrar; Nina Ewert.

River Park News



Save Our Owls Project

High Tech Elementary North County partnered with the San Dieguito River Park to investigate owls in the Park. The 1st grade students dissected owl pellets, built an owl box for the park and presented their projects during an exhibition.

Volunteer Training

The volunteer program is back and we're excited to invite you to train as an Interpretive volunteer and Sikes Adobe docent.

A training session is set for 9 a.m. to noon July 25.

Join us to learn about volunteer opportunities, educational materials and to tour the farmstead and nearby trails. Refreshments will be provided. Reservations are required.

For reservations and more information, email Interpretive Ranger Blanca: blanca@sdrp.org.



Scorpion Ridge-Rancho Santa Fe Valley Connector Trail Opens

The Coast to Crest Trail is one mile longer and much better connected with the completion of the Scorpion Ridge-Rancho Santa Fe Valley Connector Trail. The connection links the River Park's trail system with that of the Lusardi Preserve.

The Coast to Crest Trail used to end at the top of a series of switchbacks as you make your way west to the coast.

Now, from the top of the switchbacks, you can take trail through the Rancho Santa Fe Arroyo Preserve onto the new Scorpion Ridge Trail, so named for the many scorpions we encountered during construction. From here, you can continue along the ridge before dropping into the floodplain. This unique area is home to various wildlife and wildflowers in the spring and throughout the year.

Having this link in place gives the park and its users access to San Dieguito Road and brings us that much closer to a connection all the way to the coast.

There are no staging areas to gain access directly to the trail but a hike in from the Santa Fe Valley staging area will be greatly rewarded.



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