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JUNE 2022



Sikes Adobe Turns 150



You must not miss festivities to mark the 150th anniversary of Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 5 at 12655 Sunset Drive, Escondido.

The Friends of Sikes Adobe are hosting an open house and program that includes tours, activities and refreshments. We can't wait to see you!

[More Information](#)



An undated photo of Sikes ranch shows the southeast sides of the house and barn. Photo courtesy of Brian Luscomb, descendant of Zenas and Eliza Sikes.

Welcome Aboard, Cheryl Goddard!

We are delighted to announce that Cheryl Goddard is officially on board as our Executive Director. Her first day was May 25. She replaces Trish Boaz.

Earlier in May, Goddard bid farewell to the Development Services Department at the City of Chula Vista, where she had worked since 2016, most recently in the position of Senior Planner.

"Cheryl checked every box, and then some," said conservancy President Jim Smith. "Beyond her impressive, technical expertise is a genuine passion for the environment and the mission of SDRVC"



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School's Out, Nature's In



Did you know that SDRVC offers free, online classes for kids?

The offerings include San Diego Wildlife, Climate Change, and You!; Pollinator's Paradise; Thru the Lens, and the five-part Watershed Explorers series. The classes get kids excited about nature and also align with state standards. That means public school teachers can fold the curriculum into their lesson plans to satisfy requirements for science and other subject areas. Our offerings cover kindergarten through 12th grades.

We are excited to groom our next generation of environmental stewards!

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[Wild Art](#)



Visiting researchers led field training in May to identify and treat the shot hole borer, an invasive beetle which, in combination with a symbiotic fungus, infects and kills a wide range of plants and trees. The San Diego Management and Monitoring Program hosted the program at the San Elijo Lagoon Nature Center.

Volunteering at San Dieguito Lagoon



Del Mar Mayor Dwight Worden and Associate Conservation Manager Joseph Rivera grip and grin during a work party to plant native plants at San Dieguito Lagoon. The Conservancy is working in partnership

with WILDCOAST and the Del Mar Lagoon Committee to draw attention to the lagoon's value as a source of blue carbon.

[Watch Video](#)

SDG&E Community Tree Rebate Program



SDG&E's Community Tree Rebate Program enables qualifying residential customers to receive \$35 rebates for planting trees and other plants. Customers can apply for up to five rebates annually and don't need a yard to qualify, as trees or other plants species can live in containers on balconies and patios.

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Nov. 6: Save the Date for 2022 Gala

November will be here in no time and we would hate for you to miss River Valley Fest for 2022.

November 6 is the date. Del Mar Hilton is the place.

We'll have more details soon. For now, mark those calendars for November 6!



Coast to Crest Trail Challenge



Jann, Sheri, Bryan and Emily Mayer and Luna

Coming soon: The Year Six, Best of C2C Challenge Series

In May, nearly 90 people responded to our Coast to Crest Trail Challenge survey to identify their five favorite hikes from the past five years.

We can't wait to roll out your top picks for the Year Six, Best of C2C Challenge Series. The Year six challenge begins July 1.

As Year 5 draws to a close, we received a whopping batch of nearly 50 selfie submissions for May. That's a record!

If you haven't completed the 2021-22 challenge, time grows short, so lace up those boots and hit the trail!



How cool is the 2022-23 patch? It comes courtesy of Canyon Crest Academy student Joyce Lee. Great job, Joyce!

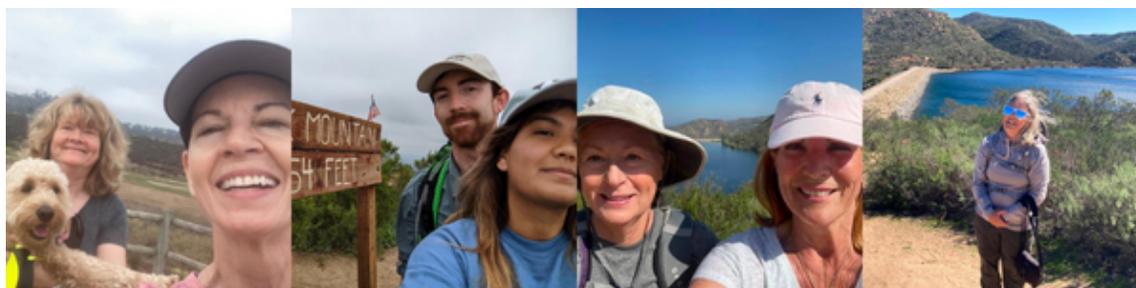
CTC 2021-22 Details



Lauren Wong, Michael Adsit and Willow

Paul, Lisa, Ian and Lachlan Saam and Ginger

Andrew, Amy, Jake and Becca Lane



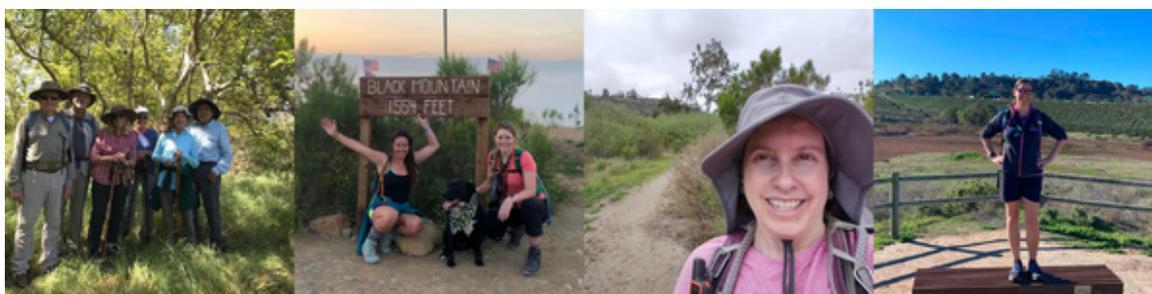
L-R: Ann Regan and friends; Annalisa Guerrero and Joe Trent; Carol Tarka and Gloria Gallagher; Cathy Pautz.



L-R: Chris and Jamie Nastav; Curtis Rands; David Dohren; Denyse and Andy Prouty.



L-R: Dorothy Honda, Mich S and Ruri Kusumoto; Frances Walters and Kathy Raymond; Gary and Sharon Yagade; Greg Cobb and John Marsh.



L-R: Janice Johnson, Rod Kelley, Lynn Mitchell, Duane Jensen, Jane Jensen, Victor and Judy Botello; Jessica DeWitt, Jenny Vandevelde and Shadow; Jessica Godlin; Julie Perry.



L-R: Kelly Mamer; Larry McDaniel; Laura Dick; Lisa Karkone and Claudine Thies.



L-R: Martina Schimitschek; Merri Kasubakelley; Michael and Katie Militello; Paige deCino, Kathy Parker and Mary Hassing.



L-R: Sarah Snider; Scott, Sera and Cindy Fadick; Sheila Speirs; Sofia and Alicia Davis and E.J. Spain.



L-R: Terri Lee; Tim and Larissa Parrott; Wayne and Ruth Norman; Melody, Tyler and Emily Downey.



Slader Buck



Marvin and Cynthia Davis



Chelsey Grassfield and Patrick Stone

River Park News

Welcome, New Rangers!

Jose Cruz

Jose and Anthony joined the San Dieguito River Park team in May 2022. Jose is a San Diego native that previously worked for the Escondido Ranger Division for two years. He is studying Criminal Justice for a career as a National Park Ranger. He's excited to be a part of the team and excited to learn about conservation, habitat restoration, and the wildlife. He enjoys hiking, camping, kayaking, and skateboarding. He travels frequently and plans to visit all the National Parks. His favorite animals are the capybara and the red panda.



Anthony Jauregui

Anthony grew up in rural San Diego County and has a love and passion for nature and conservation. In 2017 Anthony joined the California Conservation Corps in Mendocino County where he gained foundational knowledge in trail work, salmon habitat restoration, and wildland firefighting. Anthony would later move back to rural San Diego County and join the CalFire Fuels Reduction Crew of San Diego for nearly 3 years. While with the CalFire Fuels Reduction Crew, Anthony would clear brush to build fire breaks for neighborhoods, help with control/prescribed burns, and fight wildfires in San Diego County. Now with San Dieguito River Park Anthony's goals are to help park users learn more about San Diego's Chaparral and restore the heavy affected oak trees. Anthony enjoys hiking, camping, running.



Join the Team!

The San Dieguito River Park and San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy are teaming up for a Volunteer Orientation. Join us at the San Dieguito River Park Coastal Ranger Station on June 25 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for an information session, trail walk, and meet and greet with other volunteers. Learn how your time and skills can support the ongoing efforts to preserve and protect the river valley for generations to come. In addition to the incredible work they contribute, park volunteers are invited to monthly volunteer enrichments. Last month a group of volunteers and staff visited the Elfin Forest Interpretive Center and got a guided hike around their preserve. To join our volunteers or check us out at the orientation RSVP email Interpretive Ranger Blanca at blanca@sdrp.org.



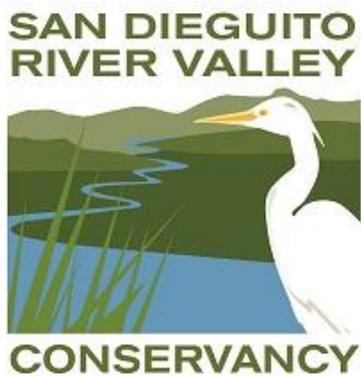
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