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VALLEY VIBES
a family-friendly fundraiser

EXPERIENCE THE SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY VIBES

FOOD - BEER/WINE - LIVE MUSIC

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE A GUIDED HIKE AROUND THE SAN DIEGUITO LAAGOON, YOGA, ART WORKSHOP, AND EDUCATION TABLES

**Sunday, June 2nd
8:30am - 2:30pm
Coastal Ranger Station**

Join Us Tomorrow for Valley Vibes

The party of the summer starts at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, June 2, at the Coastal Ranger Station in Del Mar.

Valley Vibes is designed with affordable ticket prices for a come-one-come-all, family-friendly event.

Enjoy food, drink, hiking, live music, yoga and hands-on art stations while providing direct support for conservation programs.

Lunch, beer, wine and the band Prairie Sky begin at 11:30 a.m. but guests can drop in as early as 8:30 a.m. A guided hike and yoga class begin at 10. Educational booths open at 10 a.m. Art programming runs from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

See you tomorrow at Valley Vibes!



Impactful Experiences During 2023-24 ESP Program

By Ilene Klein

On May 4, 25 nature enthusiasts celebrated the conclusion of their impactful 2023-24 experience with the "Exploring Our Sense of Place" program. The day began with a presentation by Drs. Rachel Smith and Kat Beheshti from UC Santa Barbara's Marine Science Institute. Delivered at the Del Mar Civic Center, their talk offered invaluable insights into the intricacies, challenges and achievements of the ongoing San Dieguito Lagoon Restoration Project. ESP explorers later embarked on a scenic hike from the lagoon boardwalk to the Old Grand Avenue Bridge, gaining firsthand insights into the tangible outcomes of these scientist's collective efforts.

Viewpoint Brewing Co.'s panoramic views of the San Dieguito Lagoon provided a picturesque setting for our graduation luncheon and ceremony. Participants received well-deserved graduation certificates and heartfelt congratulations, with special recognition for five explorers who completed all seven monthly excursions. Wrapping up the day, many explorers ventured on a brief hike along RiverPath Del Mar, where ESP co-administrator Jim Smith shared plans for trail expansion on both river banks.

As the program's photographer, I've enjoyed capturing each hike's essence. Yet, when explorers pause after lunch to contemplate a quote carefully chosen for the day, that half-hour of quiet reflection resonates most deeply. These moments foster a sense of unity with nature and each other, forging lasting bonds among this year's group. In fact, this year's graduates are already organizing future hikes, continuing the friendships begun through the ESP experience.

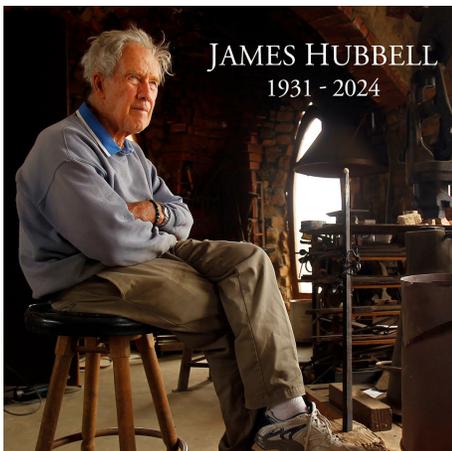
In a colorful presentation, Klein shares images and recollections from this season's ESP outings.



Three Cheers for Volunteers

Volunteers for the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy and San Dieguito River Park JPA got the appreciation they deserve during an appreciation party May 19 at the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead.

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Farewell, James Hubbell

The San Dieguito River Park JPA has lost a great friend. James T. Hubbell, a generous and creative talent and an extraordinary man, died peacefully in Chula Vista May 17 with wife Anne and family members by his side. He was 92.

James Hubbell designed and built a gateway to the San Dieguito River Park at the Volcan Mountain trailhead, fondly referred to as the Hubbell Gates. In 1990, a San Diego Foundation grant provided the funds to purchase materials to build the gateway to the new Volcan Mountain Wilderness Preserve at the entrance to the hiking trail off Farmer Road. Brennan Hubbell created the tall metal sculptures as you pass through the gates.

The interconnection with all life is not a random thought. To me it is a fact. To say that we are more alike than different is true, as human life was formed from stardust, the explosion of stars to form supernovas that create and cast all the

elements of the planets and all life in the universe.

It gives me comfort to know that life has this continuity. We are born containing these starburst elements, and these particles and energy remain, even after death.

—James Hubbell

The JPA has been working with son Drew Hubbell on a western gateway designed by Drew and his father that will be placed along a new trail near the river inlet in Del Mar. The gateway also will honor the artistic and architectural contributions of the senior Hubbell.

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Writer Explores the Value of Undeveloped Land

What's the value of our favorite places in nature? Priceless. We are pleased to share an essay by Mikaela Hazer on "cultural ecosystem services" and the value of undeveloped land.

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Upstream

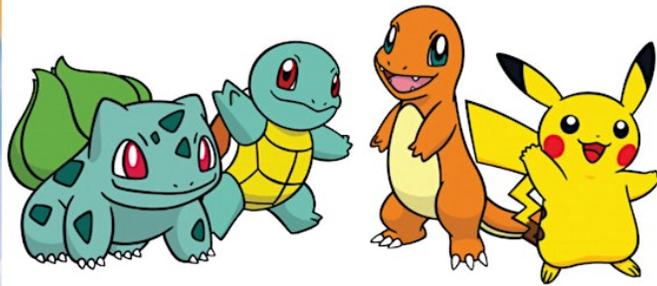
THURSDAY



June 13: Walk N Talk at San Dieguito Lagoon

We're walkin and talkin at San Dieguito Lagoon 9 a.m. June 13. Join members of the Conservancy's staff and board to chit, chat and learn something new.

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San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy

JOIN SDRVC AT KIT CARSON PARK, ESCONDIDO

FOR THE 2024 GLOBAL POKÉMON GO FEST!

10AM - 12PM COME 'CATCH 'EM ALL!'

July 13: Pokeman GO Fest at Kit Carson Park

Join us to catch 'em all during the Pokemon GO Fest 2024 from 10 a.m. to noon July 13 Kit Carson Park, 3333 Bear Valley Parkway, Escondido.

The exciting event will be filled with fun challenges, rare Pokemon sightings and awesome rewards. Participants can explore virtual PokeStops, participate in raids with other trainers and compete in thrilling battles.

Whether you're a seasoned trainer or just starting your Pokemon journey, there's something for everyone at Pokemon GO Fest 2024!

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Downstream



Speaker Gives ABCs on Non-native Bees

As part of our "Connecting Creatures, Climate, and Communities" series, Dr. Josh Kohn on May 1 discussed how super-abundant, non-native honey bees affect plants, pollinators and other wildlife.



Kids Wide-eyed by Creekside Critters



Creekside Critters had the kids wide-eyed May 4 during a hands-on session at the San Elijo Lagoon Nature Center. Thanks so much to our friends at Living Coast Discovery Center for their help.



Ride with San Diego Mountain Biking Association

Nothing beats a ride with the San Diego Mountain Biking Association. That's who we rolled with May 16 after meeting at Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead.



Drawing is Seeing

Artist Sue Britt is a master of observation, focus and detail—skills she taught during an outdoor class May 18 near Piedras Pintadas.



DMCC Trailblazers Visit San Dieguito Lagoon

Members of Del Mar Community Connections launched the DMCC Trailblazers program with a hike at San Dieguito Lagoon.

Coast to Crest Trail Challenge



Megan and Matthew Dunnivant



Year 7 Coast to Crest Trail Challenge

For the Year 7 Coast to Crest Trail Challenge, you can hike with the group, go solo, with spouses, sweethearts, besties, kids, dogs or any combination of the above.

**Year 7 C2C Challenge
Webpage**



Julie and John Perry



Jeff Jallo



Brent McDonald



Anna McGrath and James T. Determan



Skip and Alyssa Good



Ruth and Wayne Norman



Nick Pitcherella and Lynn Beveridge



Mary-Lou Kiley



Mark and Tanya Crooks and Carol and Rik Floyd

Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead



Sikes Farmhouse Kitchen Dry Sink

By Anita Hissem

The rustic wooden dry sink on display in the original adobe kitchen at the Sikes Historic Farmstead gives visitors an idea of the workings of a 19th century home prior to the advent of internal plumbing. While no evidence has been uncovered to date to describe the daily kitchen activities of Eliza Sikes, having a dry sink in the kitchen would have been

expected.

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Volunteer Opportunities



Monthly Trail Maintenance

9 a.m. to noon June 9 Contact

Leana: leana@sdrp.org

Work with rangers to improve the trails and restore native habitats from 9 a.m. to noon June 9 in Escondido. Meet at the Ysabel Creek Staging Area, 20817-20893 Ysabel Creek Road, Escondido. We'll provide tools, training and work gloves. Please bring drinking water, sun protection and wear sturdy, closed-toed shoes. We can't wait to see you!



Gardening at Sikes Adobe

**Every Month on the 1st and 3rd
Sunday and the 2nd and 4th
Monday from 9 to 11 a.m.**

Work with our dedicated Friends of Sikes Gardeners to preserve and promote the heritage and beauty of the gardens at the Historic Sikes Adobe.

Email Calei@sdrp.org for details.

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