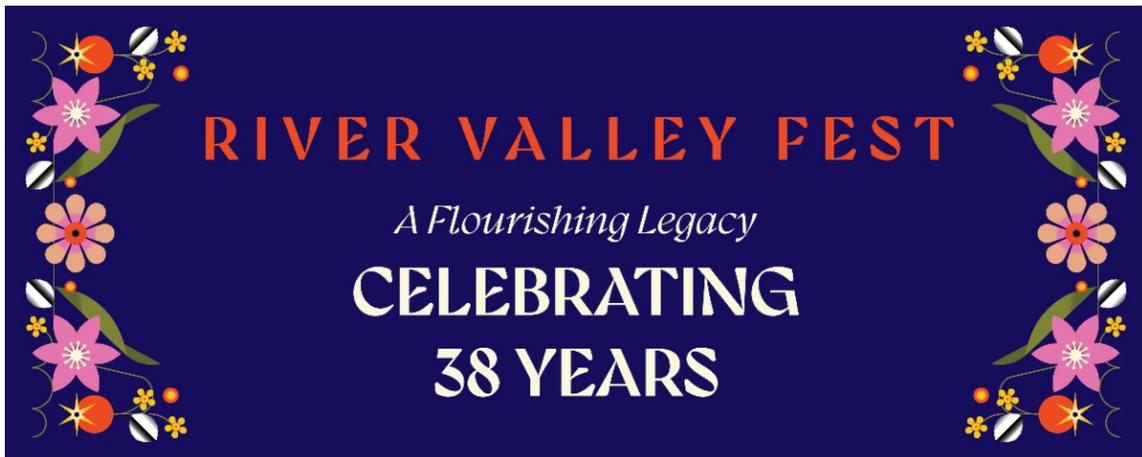


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SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY CONSERVANCY | SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK JPA

## Top Stories



### One week from Sunday: River Valley Fest!

We have 38 years' worth of stewardship to celebrate at River Valley Fest from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 13 at Hilton San Diego Del Mar.

This year's theme, *A Flourishing Legacy*, honors the dedicated supporters who have done so much to protect the river valley for wildlife and people.

The Rolf Olsen Jazz Quartet will perform. We will screen videos that showcase our work.

Enjoy a small-plate buffet offering dinner-sized portions, encouraging you to come back for more as you mingle and chat with new and old friends. Pair your meal with selections from our open beer and wine bar for a perfect evening.

As our most-important fundraiser, River Valley Fest includes a silent auction.

With your attendance, you are contributing to conservation, education and recreation programming to ensure our river valley will flourish for generations to come. Thank you!

We can't wait to see you!

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## Snipping the Ribbon on Wetlands Restoration

The San Dieguito River Park JPA joined SANDAG, Caltrans and state and local elected officials Sept. 30 to celebrate completion of an 84-acre wetland restoration project at San Dieguito Lagoon.

The project east of Interstate 5 includes a new, one-mile path—the Tidal Trail—which parallels El Camino Real and overlooks the newly-restored tidal wetlands from the existing Dust Devil Nature Trail and the future connection to the Coast to Crest Trail.

The Chair of the JPA Board, San Diego Councilmember Joe LaCava, credited the strong partnership between local and state agencies for adding new wetlands and public access as mitigation for the region's North Coast Corridor program.



## Kids are Captivated by Lagoon Visit

During a visit to the San Dieguito Lagoon, second graders from Captivate Academy learned about the watershed and the plants and animals that call it home.



## High Tech Recognitions and Lessons

At 13 years, San Dieguito River Park JPA is the longest-standing partner of High Tech High North County, Director Shelley Glenn Lee announced during a Community Connections event attended by Senior Interpretive Ranger Leana Bulay and Interpretive Ranger Calei Heaslet.

Elsewhere, at High Tech Elementary North County, the rangers got kids excited about nature during an in-class lesson and an outing to deploy camera traps—motion-activated cameras that track wildlife movement.

Students will analyze data from the cameras and display their findings in a kiosk.



## Thank you, Dwight Worden!

San Dieguito River Park JPA Executive Director Shawna Anderson presented a proclamation Sept. 23 to outgoing Del Mar City Councilmember Dwight Worden.

Worden represented Del Mar on the River Park JPA's Board of Directors and, during the early 1980s, was the agency's first attorney.

Citing health concerns, Worden resigned from the City Council Sept. 24.

## Upstream

**Creekside Critters** Featuring  
**SKY HUNTERS!**  
COME LEARN ABOUT RAPTORS  
AND BIRDS OF PREY

Saturday, October 5th  
11:00am - 12:00pm  
Del Mar branch library  
1309 Camino del Mar

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### Oct. 5: Creekside Critters

Soar on over to Del Mar Library 11 a.m. Oct. 5 for Creekside Critters with Sky Hunters, a nonprofit dedicated to conserving and informing the public about raptors and birds of prey.

[Register](#)



## Oct. 6, 12, 20: Yoga at the Birdwing

Find your triangle pose 10 a.m. Oct. 6, 12 and 20 at the Birdwing Open Air Classroom. Instructors Susan and Mary lead the free sessions. A newly-added class, on the second Saturday of the month, will be led by instructor Anna Dubrovsky. Bring your water bottle and mat!

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## Oct. 19: Native Plant Sale

San Dieguito River Park and the San Diego Chapter of the California Native Plant Society are hosting a native plant sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 19 at Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead. More than just a sale, the event offers nature lovers a chance to compare notes with experts and fellow native plant enthusiasts.

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## Oct. 26: Bat Hike at Bernardo Bay

Don't be spooked! Join our Bat Hike with our friends from Living Coast Discovery Center from 5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 26 at Bernardo Bay. During the twilight hike, we'll find bats in their natural environs and talk about the important role the nocturnal, winged mammals play in our ecosystem.

[Register](#)

## Downstream



## Making Friends at Grape Day Festival

Ranger Elias and one of San Dieguito River Park's animal ambassadors made friends at Grape Day Festival Sept. 14 in Escondido, where the River Park JPA and Conservancy joined forces at an informational booth.



## Walkin and Talkin at Del Dios Gorge

Our Walk N Talk group hike at Del Dios Gorge Sept. 27 focused on wilderness safety, as explained by Colin Macdonald, owner and CEO of Kit Fox Outfitters.



## Coast to Crest Trail Challenge



**Susie Kara**



## Year 8 Challenge is On!

Year 8 of the Coast to Crest Trail Challenge is on!

With the mild climes of fall upon us, there couldn't be a better time to lace up and explore!

**Year 8 Details**



**Kelly Kelsoe and Clint Stoddard**



**Tina Meyer and George Okada**

Become a volunteer for the San Dieguito River Park!

## TRAINING IS ON 11/2/24 AT 9AM-12PM SIKES ADOBE HISTORIC FARMSTEAD

For more information call 858-674-2270 X 20



### Trail Patrol

- Assist Park Rangers in patrolling the park by being a visual presence.
- Hike, bike or equestrian - observe and report!



### Habitat & Trail Restoration

- Work side by side with Park Rangers
- Clearing brush from trails, repairing trail tread, building trails, weeding, mulching, propagating and planting native plants, and more.



### Interpretive

- Participate in our Interpretation and Outreach Programs
- Programs vary from plants, animals, water quality, geology, history, and watershed ecology.



### Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead Docents

- Share the pioneer farm experience
- Lead tours for the public and special events.



### Monthly Trail Maintenance

Work with rangers to improve the trails and restore native habitats from 9 a.m. to noon near Lake Hodges. Meet at the Coast to Crest Trail at Sante Fe Valley and Del Dios Gorge Parking Lot, 8173 Del Dios Road, San Diego

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!

Contact: [calei@sdrp.org](mailto:calei@sdrp.org)



### Weekly Gardening at Sikes Adobe

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

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

Contact: [calei@sdrp.org](mailto:calei@sdrp.org)

Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead



## Keeping the Sikes Parlor and Formal Dining Room Warm

By Anita Hissem

Currently displayed in the parlor and formal dining room of the Sikes Historic Farmstead is a late 19th century/early 20th century wood burning Bridge Beach Company Alamo Model 118.

The Model 118 was the smallest of the Alamo series. It is constructed of cast iron and blue steel. Wood could be added either by the large front opening or through the top. When correctly installed, the flue would have been fed through the ceiling and out through the roof. Because of the need to keep the roof intact, the Alamo heater is displayed with the flue resting on the adobe wall.

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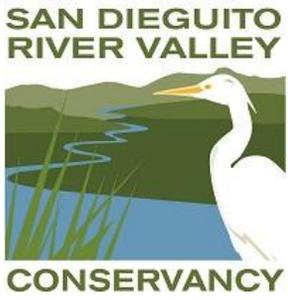
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