

SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY CONSERVANCY • SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK

# RIVERSCAPE

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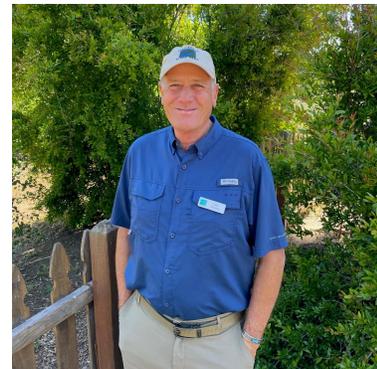


### Thanks All Around

We've had a lot to be thankful for this month.

We were surprised and delighted to learn that state Sen. Catherine Blakespear named the Conservancy as her district's Nonprofit of the Year.

"The San Dieguito River Valley is a tremendous natural resource enjoyed, and appreciated, by thousands of Southern Californians each year," the Senator said. "We have the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy to thank for its bold vision and many years of work to preserve the valley and educate others about it. I am delighted to honor the conservancy as District 38's Nonprofit of the Year."



Gary Welch

Also this month, Blakespear and San Diego City Council Members Joe LaCava and Marni von Wilpert joined us in recognizing more than 120 volunteers during an appreciation ceremony at the Coastal Ranger Station.

From all of us at the Conservancy and the River Park JPA, one thousand thanks to our volunteers.

The Conservancy's award recipients included: Ilene Klein, Girl Scout Troop 3219, Robert Byrnes, Chuck and Judy Wheatley, Arne Johanson, Geoff Robinson and Verna Haas.

River Park JPA award recipients included Marica di Girolamo, Cindy and Victor Uyeji, Steve Scarano, Gary Welch, Steve and Anita Hissem, Carol Carr, Janet Malacane, Paul Courtright and Gerry Hardes.



**Cindy Outlaw**

A joint award from the Conservancy and River Park JPA went to Cindy Outlaw.

Thanks so much to our outstanding volunteers!

And thank you to our donors. Your generosity drives our mission and vision.

To every supporter, thank you for encouraging your family and friends to become members.



**Ilene Klein**

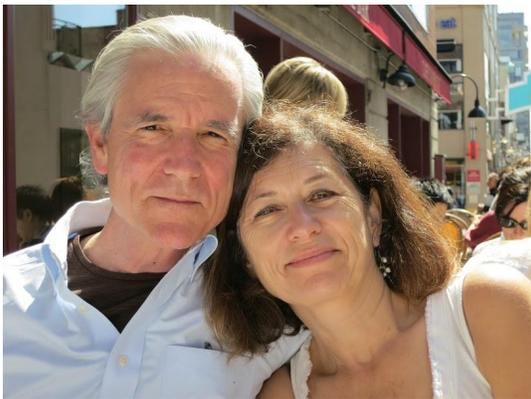
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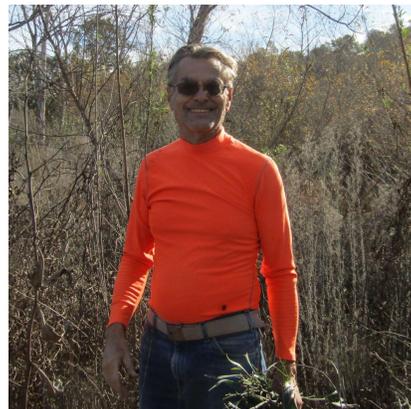
**Troop 3219**



**Robert Byrnes**



**Geoff Robinson and Verna Haas**



**Arne Johanson**



**Sen. Blakespear praises volunteers**



**River Park JPA rangers**



**Marica di Girolamo**



**Mike and Mary Wloch**



**Steve and Anita Hissem**



**Steve Scarano, Cindy and Victor Uyeji, Janet Malacane and Carol Carr**



**Paul Courtright**



**Gerry Hardes**





## Mark Your Calendars for River Valley Fest Oct. 15

Mark your calendars! Our largest annual fundraising event, River Valley Fest, is set for 4 to 7 p.m. Oct. 15 at Morgan Run Club and Resort.

We will hoist a glass to celebrate raising \$2 million for our campaign to complete all 71 miles of the Coast to Crest Trail.

The program includes hosted wine and beer, music by guitarist Bill Fleming and live auction items including a Salk Institute Lab Tour and a Morgan Run Round of Golf for 4.

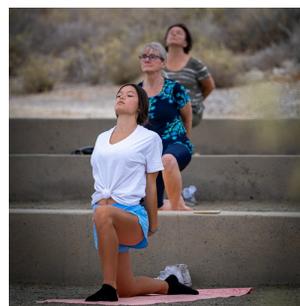
Invitations are on their way!

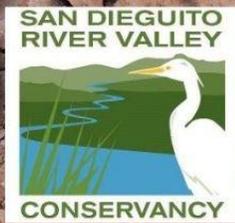
## Upstream

### What's upstream? See events page

Yoga, bike rides, social gatherings, walking, talking...we're always adding events and activities to the calendar. Stay up to speed by visiting our Events page.

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# June Walk N Talk

SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY CONSERVANCY  
PARTNERING WITH THE  
SAN DIEGO TRACKING TEAM



Scan the QR code  
or visit:

[tinyurl.com/junewalkntalk](https://tinyurl.com/junewalkntalk)

Tuesday  
June 13th  
9AM-12PM

## June 13: Walk N Talk in Escondido

Paws, prints and scat, oh my!

We'll be taking it slowly with eyes on the ground as we learn to spot signs of wildlife with expert help from members of the San Diego Tracking Team.

Our guides will identify key indicators of animal activity and highlight how different species interact with their environment. Learn the basics of tracking to build a deeper appreciation for the wildlife that make their home in the river valley.

Meet at 9 a.m. June 13 at the Old Coach Trail, 14225 Highland Valley Road, Escondido.

[Register](#)

Stop by the San Dieguito River Valley Watershed education booth at the 2023 San Diego County Fair!



## June 7-July 4: We're at the San Diego County Fair

Will you be one of the more than 1 million people who visit the San Diego County Fair?

We hope so! The Conservancy and River Park JPA are excited to host a booth in the Theme Exhibit hall right inside the O'Brien Gate. Please drop by!

The theme for this year's fair, "Get Out There," is a call for San Diegans to explore regional parks and outdoor activities. Talk about a perfect fit for everything we do!

We are packing our booth with exciting activities, information, games and giveaways.

The San Diego County Fair begins its 22-day run on June 7 and continues through July 4 with dark days on Monday and Tuesdays except for July 3-4.

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Downstream



## Education: Visit to Ilan-Lael Foundation

Art + Nature converge in a big way at the Ilan-Lael Foundation and Hubbell Studios in Santa Ysabel.





## Recreation: May Walk N Talk at Arroyo Preserve

Our May 9 Walk N Talk took us on a colorful, 2-mile loop through Arroyo Preserve.





## Education: Launch of Speaker Series

To launch our Speaker Series, we hosted a conversation with Dr. Jenni Brandon on microplastics—the ocean's biggest tiny problem.

We're looking at August to bring another environmental expert to our next Speaker Series session.



## Conservation: Sprucing up Gonzales Canyon

Spring cleaning at Gonzales Canyon drew volunteers from WILDCOAST, City of San Diego Parks and Recreation and I Love A Clean San Diego. We planted native plants, fixed a fence

and pulled nearly 700 pounds of weeds from the Sword Way Trail. Thanks to all who helped!



## Coast to Crest Trail Challenge



**Anna Tink and Trish Johnson**



The 2022-23 Coast to Crest Trail Challenge is on the home stretch!

You have one month — one month! — to finish all five hikes and send us your selfies.

Get details online!



**Curtis Rands**

**C2C  
Challenge  
Info**



**Sylvia Pierce and friends**



**Sharon and Jesus Robles**



**Monica Hodes-Smail and Juli Timmerman**



**Fran Wilkinson**



**Tommy Zounes**



**Terri Lee and friends**



**Julie and John Perry**



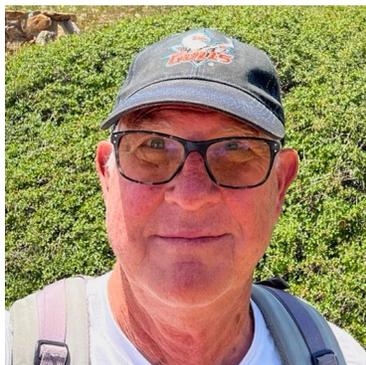
**John Cella, Sam Navidi and Steve Stock**



**Joanna and Forest**



**Alexis White and Kaylen Wilson**



**Bob Bender**



**Howard Maltz and Liz Lancaster**



## Monthly Trail Maintenance

Work with rangers to improve the trails and restore native habitats from 9 a.m. to noon June 11 in Rancho Bernardo.

- From I-15, exit West Bernardo Drive/Pomerado Rd.
- Go west on West Bernardo Drive
- At the top of the hill, turn right at the wooden signs into the staging area, just before the traffic light for Rancho Bernardo Community Park.

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: [leana@sdrp.org](mailto:leana@sdrp.org)



## Sikes Historic Farmstead Organette

Organettes are hand-cranked free reed playing table-top mechanical music instruments that were produced from the late 1870's through the mid 1920's. Produced by the thousands in both the USA and Europe, they were a popular form of musical home entertainment with a large selection of songs available to choose from. They were considered the common man's music box and were less expensive than cylinder or disk music boxes.

Music is produced by passing a ribbon of perforated waxed cardboard over a set of pintles. Whenever a pindle passes through a slot in the ribbon, wind is admitted to a

corresponding reed which at once sounds and the tone continues as long as the pintle is in the slot. It is powered by using a side hand crank to operate the internal bellows which create the necessary wind.

By the late 1890's the phonograph had become more affordable to consumers and soon began replacing the organette in the home.

The Sikes organette is labelled as being from the Gately Automatic Organ Company of Boston. It was purchased by the San Dieguito River Park using funds provided by the County of San Diego as part of the restoration of the adobe after the Witch Creek Fire.

Be sure to admire this fine organette during your visit to the historic Sikes Adobe. Your friendly docent will be happy to crank out a few notes from a popular Victorian Era tune.

## Donate



**Your donations make our programming possible. Thank you!**  
**Photo: Hanna Zhao**

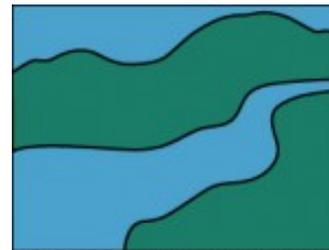
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