North America's Galápagos: The Historic Channel Islands Biological Survey

with Corinne Heyning Laverty, Wednesday, June 19
Social: 6:45 p.m., Program: 7:00 p.m.

In the years leading up to World War II, a remarkable series of scientific expeditions unfolded across California's eight Channel Islands. These ventures were aimed at unraveling the islands' history and delving into their rich diversity of flora and fauna. Led by a group of explorers and enthusiastic young scientists, sponsored by the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, the expeditions were driven by a shared mission to uncover the human history and biological evolution of these enigmatic islands. Despite encountering both successes and setbacks, the endeavors provided invaluable insights into the ecological significance of the Channel Islands. Their findings laid the groundwork for the islands' eventual designation as a national park, a crucial step in preserving their natural beauty, unique ecosystems, and archaeological treasures for generations to come.

Corinne Heyning Laverty is a bestselling author, TEDx speaker, and conservationist. She authored North America’s Galápagos: The Historic Channel Islands Biological Survey. Laverty is actively involved in various conservation organizations, serving as a board member of the Santa Barbara Natural History Museum; a Research Associate at the Natural History Museum, Los Angeles County; and an Associate of the Santa Cruz Island Foundation. Laverty's work has been featured in publications including Lonely Planet, Western North American Naturalist, and Hippocampus Magazine.

Join us for a virtual field trip to these intriguing islands, located off the coast of California.

Please RSVP to Bob Crowell at bva3ruddyducks@att.net if you would like to join us on Zoom. The Zoom link will be emailed to you on the day of the lecture.
**LET’S GO BIRDING!**

Grab your binoculars and join one or more of our free guided birding tours. New birders are always welcome!

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**EL CORAZON GARRISON CREEK (Oceanside)**
**Wednesday, June 12 — 7:30 a.m.**
Easy flat trail, ~1+ mile.
**Directions:** From the intersection of El Camino Real and Oceanside Blvd., go east on Oceanside Blvd., turn left (north) into the first gate. Park to the left.
**Leader:** Denise Riddle (driddle1855@att.net)

**STEVE BRAD’S BIRDING TRIPS**
Join Steve for these surprise-location offerings that include a good dose of education on bird identification. When and where we go is Steve’s choice! Starting times and days vary, so send Steve an email if you are interested in being on his notification list.
**Leader:** Steve Brad (stevanbrad@gmail.com)

**BIRDING WITH BARBARA**
**Saturday, June 15 — 8:00 a.m.**
Every third Saturday Barbara will guide us to a new area around San Diego County. This month we will explore Los Peñasquitos Canyon West.
**Location:** Park at the Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve parking lot off of Sorrento Valley Blvd.
**Leader:** Barbara Swanson (baswanson100@hotmail.com)

**COASTAL 101 BIRDING (Oceanside)**
**2202 S Coast Highway**
Tom is taking the summer off. See you in September!

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**WHELAN LAKE BIRD SANCTUARY (Oceanside)**
**Saturday, June 1 — 8:00 a.m.**
Join us as we explore various areas around the lake. Easy to moderate 2+ miles, some steep areas.
**Location:** 3850 N River Road.
**Leaders:** Denise Riddle (driddle1855@att.net) and Patti Langen (patti.langenzoo@gmail.com)

**SEEKING NEW BIRDERS!**
**First Saturday of the month — 8:00 a.m.**
Eve Martin is hosting a small, friendly group to introduce newcomers to the world’s best hobby—birding! The class is designed for first-time birders. Binoculars will be available for your use.
To join Eve’s First-time Birders event, sign up on Meetup.com for The San Diego Beginning Birders group.
**Location:** Varies.
**Leader:** Eve Martin (message via Meetup.com)

**RANCHO CARRILLO TRAIL (Carlsbad)**
**Friday, June 7 — 7:30 a.m.**
We will bird along the Rancho Carrillo Trail going west to the bridge and then returning.
**Location:** Park along the trailhead near 2955 Via Conquistador. Easy sloping trail.
**Leaders:** Jane Mygatt, Barbara Swanson and friends (jane.mygatt@gmail.com)

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**Pelagic Birding Schedule**
Visit [this link](#) for complete information on our trips.
Preschool Storytime at the Nature Center
Monday, June 24, 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a nature-themed Storytime for preschoolers. Our theme for June is “Pond Babies.” Come join us for songs and stories about baby ducks, tadpoles, and turtles. We will also do a simple craft and walk the lagoon trail to view pond life.

Questions? Call Sally, 760-525-2351

Check it Out
School is winding down. Time for your personalized summer education! Check out nature-themed books from the Nature Center library. There’s so much to learn!

Jean Booth, BVAS Librarian

Nature Center Garden Crew
Join the Garden Crew every Monday 9-11 a.m. to help out and learn about native plants.

June Gloom may be giving us some extra moisture in the form of fog so the plants last longer. Look for the big "fried egg" blooms of Matalija Poppies.

Joan Bockman, BVAS Garden Crew

Nature Journaling
Sunday, June 23, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Buddy Todd Park

Location: 2800 Mesa Drive, Oceanside. Meet at the picnic table near the south end of the park along Mesa Drive. There will be a short program on watercolor basics.

Contacts: Patti (patti.langenzoo@gmail.com) and Barbara (baswanson100@hotmail.com).
Volunteer Opportunity
BVAS Newsletter Design-Layout

We are looking for a detail-oriented individual who enjoys design layout to create the six full issues, plus four short four-page supplemental issues per year. The current design-layout editor uses Mac’s PAGES. If you have a different program that can do the job more easily, that would be great. Don’t feel confident about editing? No problem. The detailed editing is done by Tina Mitchell. The position requires contact with board members and volunteers for content and to advertise our Birding, Nature Center Programs, and special events. Showcase your creativity! Time commitment varies depending on issue, ~8-10 hours per month. If seriously interested, contact Jane Mygatt (jane.mygatt@gmail.com). Position could begin as soon as possible.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

OUR BIRDHOUSE AUCTION AND ART PARTY RETURNS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH, FROM 4:00-7:00 PM!

- More details will be announced soon.
- Please start creating your own birdhouses, bird feeders, and nature-themed art.
- Birdhouses for decorating are available in limited supply at our nature center for a low cost.
- We will collect the art in October.
- All donations will belong to BVAS; please limit your art contributions to three items per person.

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