



A Newsletter for Crest

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It's Fall and We Love Crest!



What a busy time it has been for Crest since our last edition. There were so many worthwhile activities to attend. The 2003 Cedar Fire was on our minds and many folks stepped up to provide valuable information to help us be better prepared in the future. Noah's Wish provided the community with a presentation for small animal evacuation and how they can help our community. The San Miguel Crest Fire Department opened their doors and welcomed the community to see their newly renovated station and provided important fire safe information. The CCA sponsored a 10 year Cedar Fire Commemoration at the Crest Clubhouse with a tree planting ceremony and artwork display by our Crest kids. All these events help remind us of the importance of being vigilant when living in our beautiful mountain top community.

Did you happen to attend Crest School's Halloween Carnival or its annual Spaghetti Dinner? How about Crest Church's Harvest Festival or rummage sale, St Louise's swap meet, or CCA's music night and community

dinners? Crest Library held its Centennial Celebration, while the Kiwanis cooked us a terrific breakfast, and Crestridge Reserve treated us to another native plant sale. Did you happen to attend a Marie's Painter's class or a Kiwanis, CCA, or Garden Club monthly meeting? Whew! It's pretty hard to be bored in Crest.

With the upcoming holidays, events will be scaled down a bit, but there are still plenty of activities to attend. ***Have you signed up for the Ladies Tea and Lunch on November 2 at the Clubhouse?*** It's going to be a great event. You can still attend by calling in your RSVP to Cathy and paying at the door. See page 6 for more information.

Don't forget to attend the CCA monthly dinner on Wednesday, November 6. Watch the blackboard for the menu. The Kiwanis will be having breakfast at the clubhouse on December 14th and Santa will be attending this gala event.

Dianne Jacob will once again be meeting with the Crest community for coffee on Friday, January 31st from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the clubhouse.

As 2013 is coming to a close, the Crest Community Association is looking for new Board Members for the 2014 year. There are several Board openings and we are looking to the community to fill these vacancies. Remember, without a Board and active community participation, we run the real risk of losing our clubhouse. A love of your community is the main criteria for this position.





@ CREST LIBRARY NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2013 CALENDAR

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Pre-school Story-time Friday's at 10:30am

TEEN PROGRAMS

Video Game Fun! PlayStation & Wii, Afterschool **Teen Crafts** Fridays

Family Movie Friday's at 3:00 pm

ADULT PROGRAMS

BASIC COMPUTER CLASSES SATURDAYS FROM 12:00-1:00 PM

Call 619-442-7083 for an appointment

Adult Book Club

November book of the Month: **The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini**

December book of the Month: **Skipping Christmas by John Grisham**

Submit your comments on the book at the Library or online

At: <http://crestlibrarymysterybookclub.blogspot.com>

CLUB DE LECTURA

Participa comunicando tú opinión en nuestro blog acerca del libro

Noviembre: **Cometas en el Cielo por Khaled Hosseini**

Diciembre: **Una Navidad Diferente por John Grisham**

Family Crafts Saturdays at 11am

11/2 Card making, 11/9 Origami, 11/16 Wire Sculpting, 11/23 Knitting 11/30 Shrinky Dink

12/7/ Knitting, 12/14 Scrapbooking, 12/21 Ribbon Jewelry, 12/28 Pot Holder Looms

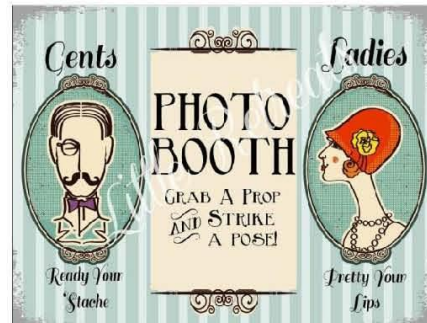
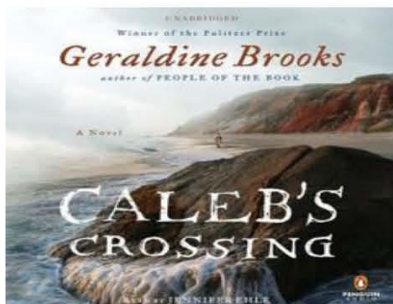
Used Book Sale Tuesday 11/5 and 11/19 1:00 to 4:30 pm

Photo Booth Tuesday 11/19 at 4:00 pm

Book Discussion: Caleb's Crossing on Tuesday 11/26 at 6:00 pm

Happy Thanksgiving

Merry Christmas



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St Louise Church	Father Burnia	444-3076
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Help Lines		
Child Abuse Hot line	(800)	344-6000
Highway Patrol: Traffic Related	(858)	637-3800
Abandoned Vehicles	(619)	441-4264
Sheriff (non-emergency)	Dispatch (858)	565-5200
Alpine Station	(619)	659-2600
Licensing Division	(858)	974-2020
San Miguel Fire Dst Crest Fire Office Fire Marshal Public Info Officer Fire Chief www.smgfire.org	Business office. Burn Permits Marsha Larsen Leonard Villarreal (website)	670-0500 588-8112 660-5356 660-5359 660-5351
Adult Protective Svs	(800)	510-2020
Child Abuse Hot Line	(800)	344-6000
Animal Control	(760)	438-2312

Auto Repair, Bureau	(800)	952-5210
Border Patrol	(619)	662-7321
CALTRANS	(619)	688-6785
Code Enforcement	(858)	694-2705
Contractor's Board	(Fraud) (800)	321-2752
Crime Stoppers	(619)	531-1547
FBI (telephone scam)	(858)	565-1255
Fish & Game	(951)	443-2944
Illegal Dumping	(858)	495-5143
Noise Abatement (dogs), abandoned vehicles, solid waste complaints	(858)	694-3741
Planning & Land Use	(858)	694-3741
Poison Control	(800)	876-4766
Postal Police (mail)	MailFraud(877)	876-2455
Real Estate fraud/info	(619)	525-4192
Road Conditions	(800)	427-7623
Secret Service -Fraud	Currency/Credit	557-5640
Social Services	(619)	401-6000
SD Regional Center	(858)	576-2938
US Forest Service	(619)	445-6235
Stores and Restaurants		
Crest Foods	Kevin pg. 14	444-8132
Rainbow Farms Mrkt	Mark –pg. 12	444-7504
Advertisers		
Central Heating	Charles –pg.15	444-9955
Fetch Pet Care	pg. 8. www.fetchPetCare.com	
Kathy Kuts	Kathy – pg. 15	447-1945
Knox Reprographics	pg. 17	230-6300
Notary on the Spot	Betty- pg.15	820-3062
Nikki Notary	Nikki - pg 8	600-2572
Marvelous Organizing	Risa – pg. 8	231-1113
Real Estate & Loans SD Homes	Rayna – pg. 16	922-2524
Dog Care	Joe pg. 10	588-6178

Looking to do Something Special for Thanksgiving?

Home Hospitality - Host two marines for Thanksgiving dinner, for Camp Pendleton marines who can't travel home for Thanksgiving. Call early to extend an invitation. Phone number: 760-385-4921.

NOVEMBER 2013						
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Calendar of Events November-December 2013

11/02/13	11-1:30	CCA Wellness Luncheon
11/05/13	1:00 Tuesday	Historical Society Meeting– Crest Library
11/06/13	5-7 pm	CCA Dinner at the Clubhouse – all invited
11/07/13	9-12 pm	Marie’s Painters – CCA Clubhouse
11/11/13	7:00 PM	Sub Regional Planning Group
11/11/13		Crest Garden Club --Call Marsha for Details 440-1167
11/11/13	6:30 pm	Kiwanis Board Meeting – clubhouse
11/13/13	5:30 pm Wed	San Miguel Fire Protection District Board Meeting - 2850 Orange Way – Spring Valley
11/17/13	8-10 am	NS Church Crest- Pancake Breakfast - \$5 Join us for breakfast and stay for church.
11/18/13	6:00 pm	Kiwanis Membership General Meeting @ Clubhouse – All Invited
11/19/13	5:30 - Tues 7:00 pm	CCA Board Meeting CCA General Meeting (Crest Community Association) – Clubhouse
11/21/13	9-12 am	Marie’s Painters – CCA Clubhouse
12/03/13	1:00 pm- TU	Historical Society Mtg – Library
12/05/13	9-12 am	Marie’s Painters – CCA Clubhouse
12/09/13	9:30 – Mon	Crest Garden Club --Call Marsha for Details 440-1167 - Veronica’s House
12/09/13	7:00	Sub Regional Planning Group – Old Ironside
12/09/13	6:30	Kiwanis Board Meeting – CCA Clubhouse
12/11/13	5:30 pm	San Miguel Fire Protection District Board Meeting - 2850 Orange Way – Spring Valley http://www.smgfire.org/ for agenda
12/14/13	8-10:00	Kiwanis Breakfast – Clubhouse – all invited including Santa
12/16/13	6:00 pm	Kiwanis General Membership Meeting – visitors welcome – Clubhouse
12/17/13	5:30 - Tues 7:00 pm	CCA Board Meeting CCA General Meeting (Crest Community Association) – Clubhouse
12/19/13	9-12	Marie’s Painters
01/11/14	7-9:30	Music Night at the Clubhouse
01/31/14	8:30-10:30	Coffee with Dianne Jacob at the Clubhouse

Community Worship in Crest

<p>New Season’s Church- Crest 2198 Suncrest Blvd, Phone: (619)-442-3736 Pastor Tony Lambert</p> <p>Prayer time: 9:00 AM Worship Service: 10:45 AM Monday Evenings: Ladies Bible Study @ 6:30 PM Tuesday Evenings: Men's Bible Study @ 6:30 PM Thursday Evening: Home Fellowship in Santee 6:30 Friday Evening: Home Fellowship in Crest 6:30 PM</p>	<p>St Louise de Marillac Catholic Church 2005 Crest Drive – Phone: (619) 444-3076, Fax: (619) 440-1325 Fr. Burnia</p> <p>Saturday..... 5:30 PM Sunday..... 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Daily Mass: 8:00 AM (Monday-Saturday)</p>
<p>Nov 17 – Pancake Breakfast(\$5) 8-10a.m. Stay for Church-NSCrest</p>	



Crest Community Association

Interested in being a CCA Board member for the 2014 year?

Call one of the following Board Members for more information:

Linda Hjelle – 440-8540

Lori Johnson – 588-8806

Jackie Grace – 442-1018

Rent the Clubhouse?

Go to www.thecrestsun.com and click on Rent the Clubhouse, email ljjcarentals@gmail.com

Or call 44-CREST and leave a message, and your call will be returned.

Attend the Next CCA Dinner – Everyone in Crest is invited and proceeds help to support our clubhouse. The next dinner is Wednesday, November 6 from 5-7 pm .Too tired to stay? Get it to go.

New to Crest?

E-mail Jen at cmksmommy@gmail.com with your information or that of a new neighbor. CCA wants to drop by a welcome basket including tickets to our next CCA dinner plus information on Crest happenings. It's just a friendly and neighborly thing to do.

Do you have a great idea for a fundraiser for the CCA?

The CCA, which consists of Crest residents, has an obligation to pay for the upkeep of our wonderful clubhouse. We need some, (or even just one) great fundraising idea that can keep us in the “black”. We know we have an incredibly clever and wise community. Can you help us out? Email ideas to editor@thecrestsun.com

A Ladies' Tea of Refreshment – November 2 at the Crest Clubhouse

Would you like to participate in a relaxing, informative and refreshing afternoon tea and lunch in our very own Crest? Join us on November 2 at the Crest Clubhouse. **Guest speaker will be Karen Clark- MA, marriage and family therapist intern. Karen will speak on “The Well-Being of our Relationships, Healthy or Toxic?”**



1. Obtain healthy tips on yoga and nutrition
2. Meet local area vendors, plus others sharing their well-being expertise.
 - o I&E HOLISTIC THERAPEDIC BODYWORKS - LY SCELIA H.H.P, L.MT, DOULA
 - o MYSTIC CANYON MASSAGE - BARBARA KNIGHT, Holistic Health Practitioner, Nutritional Counselor

When: November 2, 2013 from 11 to 1:30 pm

Where: Crest Clubhouse – 113 North Park Drive, El Cajon, 92021

Cost: \$15 – includes light lunch and tea – RSVP to Kathy at 588-0869 and pay at door.

JOIN THE CREST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Renew your membership for the 2013-14 year.

Make your check out to the Crest Community Clubhouse, mail it or bring it to the next CCA dinner. Mailing address: CCA 113 N Park Dr, El Cajon, CA 92021

Name _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip _____

Email: _____ Membership Level:

____ Lifetime \$500 ____ Business \$50 ____ Family \$35 ____ Individual ____ \$25 Senior \$12 (65+)
I'd be interested in helping the CCA out by: ____ CCA dinners ____ Music Nights ____ Clubhouse
maintenance ____ CCA Board ____ July 4th ____ Let's talk



Crest Tidbits:

Want to welcome a new neighbor to Crest? Is there a new baby in the family, a 50th wedding anniversary or recent retirement? If you have a line or two to share with and about Crest residents, send it to editor@thecrestsun.com or leave a message at 517-9838. Comments will be printed and edited at the editor's discretion.

Crest Library Anniversary Celebration



Crest Library celebrated its 100th anniversary on September 24th. The Historical Society and the Library gave a presentation on the History of Crest and the San Diego County Library system. It was great to have our longest residing Crest residents present including Dot Miller and Bill and Dewey Jenkins with well over 200 years of Crest history between the three of them.



Congratulations

Cathryn Beeks, Crest resident, on her 10 year anniversary of ListenLocalSD.com. All of Crest was invited to her gala celebration at her home. The music was fabulous! Cathryn is the host of the Homegrown Hour 102.1 KPRI fm. She has made a huge impact

on the San Diego music scene. Thanks for being the visionary encouraging artists to keep working on their craft. Cathryn and her husband Jonny deserve additional kudos for their support to our Crest community.



Did you attend the Swap Meet at St Louise's Church on October 19th? Between this event and New Seasons Crest Church's rummage sale in September, bargains abounded in Crest.



Sonora's Restaurant Opening Soon

Keep watching for the opening of the Sonora Restaurant scheduled to open soon. Stop by and welcome Roney and his family, new owners to Crest. The new Sonora Restaurant will feature Mexican food, pizza, pasta, gyros and subs.

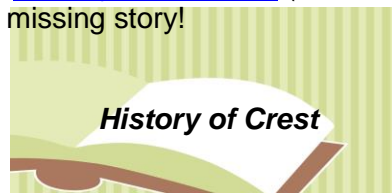


Ready to get in the Christmas spirit? One of our Crest favorites, Don Halte, will be singing Christmas songs at Mamma Rosa's Italian Restaurant on the first two Wednesdays in December at 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Crest History in Print

Did you know the Crest Historical Society is actively working on a book about the history of Crest over the past 100 years? Dot Miller, Linda Hjelle, and Kathy Fiedor have been diligently researching and sorting through the historical society archives to provide the community with not only Crest's history but some great recollections from our early residents.

Do you think we might have left anything out? If you have some tidbits, stories or photos you would like to contribute to the historical society, contact Lindahielle@cox.net (440-8540). You may have a missing story!



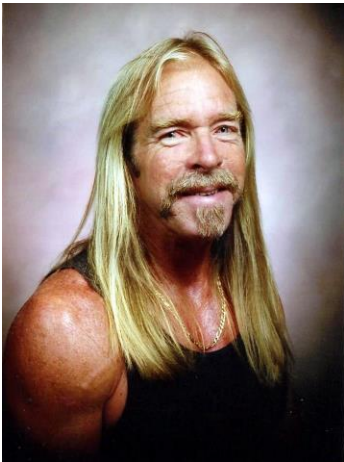
Remembering our Crest Friends

Milton Norman Stubblefield

May 29, 1941 – August 10, 2013

Milton Stubblefield, known as “Stub” to all, move up the hill from Mollison in El Cajon in 1962. He was in the Navy for seven years. Stub was married to his wife, Ann for 47 years and was raising his two sons Andrew, 16 and Jesse, age 10 when he passed at age 72. Stub had a passion for cars and had just finished building and painting a 1931 Woody.

Stub is also survived by his mother Mae H Lee, who is 93 years old. Stub leaves a daughter Karla. and husband, Bob, and six grandkids: Daniel, Andrew, Aaron, Jesse, Erica, and Anthony. Stub will be missed by his family and his many, many, many friends.



Troy Hollinger

September 22, 1955 - September 08, 2013

Troy Hollinger was a “Navy Brat” who lived in many places including Japan, Ocean Beach, Florida and then on to Santee. In 1982 Troy finally landed and became a resident of Crest when he purchased his first home on Beech Street. Troy enjoyed a colorful life filled with a lot of friends, and his family whom he treasured.

Troy was admired by many for his hard work and dedication in the construction field. In 2000 he became a licensed contractor and *All Christian Construction* was born.

In 2005 Troy returned to Crest where he met and married Kathy who owns and operates Kathy Kuts.

Sadly, Troy lost his battle for life on September 8, 2013, where he was surrounded by his family and friends. Troy is survived by his four children, Adam, Troy III, Troy Alden, and Jennie Marie.

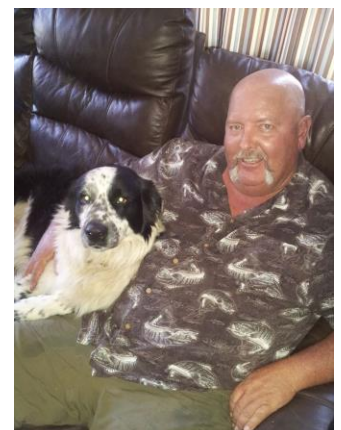
Troy will be missed by all who loved him.

Donald W. Bowen

September 23, 1960 - October 9, 2013

The Crest Community is sad to hear of the passing of long-time Crest resident Donald W. Bowen on October 9th, 2013. Our condolences go to his wife Christie and children, Caroline, Amber, and Aaron, his parents Bill and Dottie Bowen, and brothers, Reggie and Billy.

Donald was an employee of Pinnick, Inc. for approximately 30 years. He loved spending his summers at the river with his family and his winters at the desert. He will be missed by all.



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Crest Fire Safe Council News



One Call Now – Emergency Alert System – Have you updated your numbers?

If you didn't receive the recent "One Call Now" fire alert phone calls, it's possible we have an outdated cell, home or work # for you, or you have not yet set up your cell phone voice mail box. It's important that we have your latest, correct #'s in the system. Please notify us by leaving a message on the Clubhouse answering machine- 44crest (619-442-7378) when you make any changes. We'll be happy to return your call to verify your changes or to answer any questions. Or, if you'd like to sign up for the free Crest reverse 911 notification "One Call Now" system for the first time, leave your name and # on the above 44crest answering machine, and we'll call you back within a few days to get your complete info.

Also, regarding any emergency situation, please continue to use the resources available to us all-AM 600, TV news updates, or Cal Fire website. Remember we in the Crest Fire Safe Council are volunteers and do our very best to get you confirmed Cal Fire information about an imminent emergency as soon as we can. The cost to make a "One Call Now" is over \$100, so when a fire is under control or not threatening to Crest, it is best to get your preliminary info from these other resources.

Be Prepared

Crest Fire Safe Council suggests you set your calendar to do one thing a week to get prepared for disaster: Ideas might be: Decide what is going to be your "To Go Bag", then gather your important papers. Do they need to be in a bank safe deposit box, or a safe in your house, or all in one place where they are easy to grab and go? Next check out the "Before the Threat cd that was handed out to the community, and enter data about your home and belongings. Walk around your house with a camera and take pictures of every room in your house and garage. Next set aside 30 minutes to view the DVD and let it give your ideas of what to do next. You could next get a list of what to pack for your "to go" bag from the Red Cross site. Use these ideas to get started to be ready for anything; think about what you would take if you only had a five hour window or even a 30 minute window. If you are a rim home, you might want to think about a fire protection gel to spray on your house. And as always, contact your CFSC with email changes, and phone changes. Reach out to the new neighbor and let them know about our services.

Noah's Wish

Crest Fire Safe Council (CFSC) would like to thank Noah's Wish for coming to Crest and giving us a great presentation for small animal evacuation and how they can help our community. CFSC will utilize them and will work with and coordinate with them in the future as they will be a great resource. It was a one day seminar and worth every minute for everyone. CFSC will invite them again to Crest and will work on presenting a community disaster workshop setting up a command center and intake of animals. We are so excited to be working with this amazing volunteer group!

Fire Department Open House

Congratulations to the Fire department on a successful open house. Over 70 visitors enjoyed tours, candy and cookies and had a chance to see the new renovations at the Crest Fire Station. Crest wants to give our heartfelt thanks for their support during the recent fires.



FireTaxProtest.org

A PROJECT OF THE HOWARD JARVIS TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION

Did you send in your check for the Fire Prevention Fee assessment which is due 11/1/13?

You may need to take further actions to secure your opportunity for a refund for this controversial assessment. As you know, the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association is in the process of suing the state, asking the court to order refunds of what we believe to be an illegal tax.

We have been urging those paying the tax (the state calls it a "fee") to appeal the fee by filing a Petition for Redetermination. If HJTA is victorious in court, it will be easier to secure refunds for those who have filed the Petition for Redetermination.

Until now, we have been advising those who filed the Petition after receiving last year's bill that it would not be necessary to file again when paying this year's bill. While we believe our recommendation to be correct, a Cal Fire Public Relations Representative is saying that people should send in a Petition for Redetermination for this year's bill, even if they filed previously.

In the interest of caution, then, we are now telling property owners that they should protest every billing by filing a new Petition for Redetermination each time. If you need more information, copies of the forms to be submitted and **the addresses** to which they should be mailed, please go to <http://firetaxprotest.org>.

Crest Crime Report 9/15/13 TO 10/20/13

Obtained from www.crimemapping.com website

Grand Theft	200 Block Mt View Rd	9/12/13	6:00 pm
Fraud	1600 BI Vista De Montemar	10/4/13	12:00 pm
Other Sex Crime	Eucalyptus & Holly	10/20/13	10:45 am



Music Night at the Clubhouse

January 11th 7:00 pm until 9:30 pm

Join 'Baird & Silva' along with special guests "KM2", who are guitarist Kevin Ronos and cellist Mick Fritzsching, will be performing on January 11. We will have some great 'on the hill' talent as well.

As always, there is a \$2 donation to the CCA at the door, a box to donate for snacks & drinks we bring for you, and the musicians play for tips with a 3 song rotation. Please B.Y.O.S.W. (Bring Your Own Sensible Whatever) and have a wonderful time...you know...the usual.

Do You Have a Loved Pet That May Need a Home?

I live in Crest and have room for another dog in my home if he is compatible with my two dogs. I walk my dogs daily and give them lots of love. I would ask for help with future food and vet bills. For more information, please call Joe at 588-6174 or email artisticglassman@cox.net



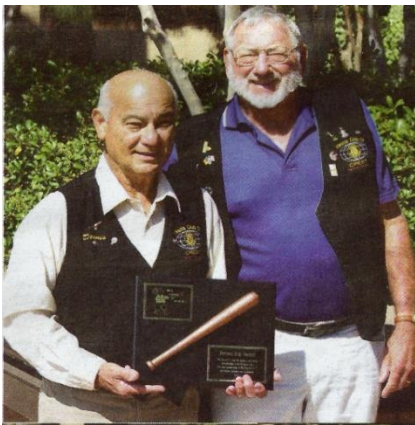


CREST KIWANIS

Crest Kiwanis' Installation of Officers and Awards Dinner was held on September 30th in the clubhouse. Officers are: **Jim Weselis**, President; **Andy Knutson**, Vice President; **Karen Nelson**, Secretary; **Barbara Halte**, Treasurer. Kiwanis Board members include, **Sally Bruner**, **Mary McClellan**, **Suzanne Mullins**, **Barbara Weselis**.

Jenny Finnegan was recognized for her service to Greenfield's Builders Club. Special recognition was bestowed upon **Sharon Keffer**, for her dedication of more than 25 years to children.

Crest's Kiwanian of the Year Award was given to not one, but two members. Noted for their exemplary and enormous efforts this year were Dennis Plunkett and Barbara Halte. Dennis has proven to be a leader as President for the past two years and has attended most all Kiwanis and School/Community activities. Barbara's attention to detail, bookkeeping expertise, and her countless "behind the scenes" hours of participation has insured all of Crest Kiwanis' activities a success.



Tuesday, September 10, **El Cajon's City Council** recognized **Crest Kiwanis** as a major donor and partner to the All For REC campaign which provides youth scholarships for recreation classes and sport leagues through the City's Recreation Department. Not only did Kiwanis contribute \$1,000 but they secured numerous prizes for the raffle, silent auction, live auction, and assisted the day (9/20) of the golf tournament

Pictured left: **Dennis Plunkett** and **Don Halte**

Kiwanians Receive Recognition Awards

Crest Kiwanians Suzanne Mullins, Dennis Plunkett, Don McLellan, and Barb Halte recently received recognition for community service from California Senator Joel Anderson.



Crest School has Terrific Kids

Thoughtful, Enthusiastic, Responsible, Respectful,, Inclusive, Friendly, Inquisitive Capable
Each month teachers select two students who demonstrate the above attributes from their class. Crest Kiwanis recognizes them with a certificate, T Kid magnet, pencil and complimentary breakfast.

Mark your calendar for breakfast at the clubhouse
8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
December 14th
(Santa will be in attendance)



Catch up with Crest and Division 31 Kiwanis Activities

Go to <http://kiwaniscnh31.org>



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619-444-7504

Rainbow Market

Your Neighborhood Store

Serving the Community of Crest Since 1999

Check our Lower Prices and Compare Milk,

Eggs, Cereal, Groceries, Beer, Wine

Hours: 8:00 am to 10:00 pm

We accept EBT, Visa, and ATM

This Month's Specials:



Fireball 750 ml
\$15.99

Absolut Berri Açaí 750 ml
\$19.99

Smirnoff Vodka – 750 ml
\$12.99

Thank you for stopping at Rainbow Farms Market
And shopping on the "Hill"



Greetings from the Earth Discovery Institute at Crestridge Ecological Reserve. EDI and our partners bring people and habitat together for the benefit of both.

Help South Lane Park: Later this year, EDI will work with San Diego County Parks to make improvements to South Lane Park. Removal of weeds and addition of native plants will increase fire safety, improve the habitat, and make the area more beautiful for residents.

Watch the chalkboard for work days over the winter, but please sign up now to help water the plants.

We need a crew of about 10 people to adopt 5-10 plants each for watering 1-2X/month, May-October. Please help!

Call us at 619-447-4715 or email us at cathy@earthdiscovery.org to sign up for the watering crew.

Happy Trails, Happy Habitats with the San Diego Mountain Biking Association: Saturday, January 25, 2014

The San Diego Mountain Biking Association (SDMBA) and Earth Discovery Institute (EDI) are partnering to help kids spend more recreational time outdoors with a day of 'Happy Trails, Happy Habitats!' Participants will learn how to build sustainable trails, how best to ride or hike on them to prevent damage and even help trails, preserve habitat, how to identify animal, reptile, and avian species that share their environments through scat samples, tracks, photographs, guidebooks, and how to identify rare and endangered species in the area. Hands-on activities include trail building instruction and planting native species within the Crestridge Ecological Reserve. Kids will take away a great experience and SWAG bags of educational materials, native species seeds for family or school gardens, and a bibliography of related book titles for further reading from the San Diego County Library.

For a Complete List of Upcoming Events, visit the EDI website at www.earthdiscovery.org

TECATE CYPRESS: A RARE NATIVE TREE THAT'S EASY TO GROW

By Mary Duffy

When we think of the big native trees of East County's chaparral and sage-shrub communities, we envision oaks and in the canyons, sycamores, willows and cottonwoods. At higher elevations, lofty conifers are added to the mix. Locally, and below 4,500 feet, there is another evergreen, the rare Tecate cypress (*Hesperocyparis forbesii*). A true cypress, its kin include the largest and tallest of trees, Sequoia and redwood; but the smaller Tecate cypress is relatively unknown. That's because, aside from populations in Northern Baja California, this tree is found in only four locations in North America. According to Trish Smith, ecologist with The Nature Conservancy, "Three of those populations are in San Diego County: Guatay Mountain, Tecate Peak, and the largest population in the world is found on the Bureau of Land Management's Otay Mountain."

Growing in rugged metavolcanic soils, within chaparral-dominated communities, Tecate cypress are adapted to periodic wildfires. The intense heat bursts their small, round cones to disperse seed, allowing for new populations to establish. Unfortunately, our local populations are experiencing fire too frequently, and trees are burning before they have sufficient time to mature, produce cones and promote reestablishment. It can take up to seven years for a tree to reach reproductive maturity, although some have been found to produce cones after only three years.

Of the numerous fires that have burned in East County over the years, the recent fires in 1996, 2003 and 2007 have had the biggest impact on the Otay Mountain population of Tecate cypress. "The Otay Fire of 2003 burned all but about 80 hectares of old-growth Tecate cypress," notes BLM Wildlife Biologist Joyce Schlachter. "Otay Mountain and the surrounding lands were grazed for over 100 years, and non-native, invasive grasses were introduced as forage for the livestock. These invasive plant species pose a threat to the cypress when they dry and become flash-fuels during wildfires, carrying flames up-slope and into the trees."

Tecate cypress must be several decades old to produce enough cones for the replacement of the forest after a fire. According to Dr. Damon Little, Curator of Botany at the New York Botanical Garden, "On a good day, only one of every five seeds produced in a cone will be viable." If the trees are too young, the forest will be reduced in size. Viewing

successive years of aerial photographs, one can see a gradual up-slope recession of Otay Mountain's cypress forest. "In light of these circumstances," states Smith, "we are undertaking a collaborative effort with the Bureau of Land Management and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to create a 'seed bank' for the Tecate cypress in the event of catastrophic wildfires decimating the Otay Mountain population."

A Tecate cypress nursery stand has been planted at the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve (RJER)—known to locals as the old Daley Ranch. The "grove" was designed and planted by the Institute of Conservation Research (the research arm of the San Diego Zoo/Safari Park) from seed collected at Otay Mountain. Established as a back-up seed source for the Otay Mountain cypress population in the event of catastrophic wildfires, the grove was planted at RJER because of compatible soils, availability of water and easy access for seedling care. Tracie Nelson, RJER manager for California Department of Fish and Wildlife, notes that, "The site is also defensible in a wildfire situation."

The Nature Conservancy is funding the project through a grant provided by the San Diego Foundation, plus a small private grant from a Nature Conservancy donor. It is expected that these trees will mature and provide a long-term seed source for our very unique and beautiful Tecate cypress.

Dorothy Clark Schmid, author of *Pioneering in Dulzura*, says that ranchers were growing Tecate cypress in the region at the turn of the twentieth century. In East County, you'll find Tecate Cypress growing on old ranches and on properties of owners who propagate native plants. Tecate cypress are usually available at Tree of Life Nursery in North County. Be aware that sometimes the tree you purchase from a nursery is the more common Cuyamaca or Arizona cypress (they're hard to tell apart when young). These hearty trees only need watering their first year, and once established grow into large, bushy evergreens.

Nurseries that often have Tecate cypress include:

Moosa Creek Nursery; www.moosacreeknursery.com (760) 749-3216

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130050524	ACT	219 Loma Vista Pl	2	1	680	1928	\$195,000 - \$225,000	9/11/2013			
130053318	ACT	119 North Ln	3	1	1501	1960	\$339,000 - \$359,000	10/3/2013			
130055060	ACT	218 Holly Rd	3	3	1656	2005	\$385,000	10/14/2013			
130054785	ACT	261 Lilac Dr	3	2	1169	1987	\$419,900	10/11/2013			
130048592	ACT	137 Scenic Dr	3	3	2096	2005	\$400,000 - \$430,000	9/7/2013			LISTED BY RAYNA MACK
130052694	ACT	486 Alta Ln	3	2	2040	1990	\$599,000	9/20/2013			LISTED BY RAYNA MACK
130052499	ACT	715 Kent Dr	4	4	3448	2000	\$775,000	9/30/2013			
130049205	ACT	494 Sunrise Mountain Rd	5	4	3810	2014	\$699,000 - \$789,000	9/13/2013			
130042314	ACT	209 Scenic Dr	LAND	LISTING	0.17 Acres		\$125,000	8/2/2013			LISTED BY RAYNA MACK
130040192	ACT	2111 Eucalyptus Dr	3	1	1363	1971	\$335,000	7/24/2013			LISTED BY RAYNA MACK
130052494	PEND	103-105 Juanita Ln	2	1	940	1941	\$250,000	9/18/2013			LISTED AND SOLD BY RAYNA MACK
130046892	PEND	2811 Suncrest Blvd	3	3	1649	1945	\$289,876 - \$349,876	8/31/2013			
130052184	PEND	908 La Cresta Blvd	2	2	1178	1972	\$374,900	9/28/2013			
130041876	SOLD	107 Wall Pl	3	2	941	1954	\$279,000	8/6/2013	280,000	9/19/2013	SOLD BY RAYNA MACK
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130018027	SOLD	152 Sierra Vista Dr	4	4	2897	2006	\$600,000	4/10/2013	459,100	9/11/2013	

Let the EXPLORATORIUM Begin

By Suzanne Mullins



On Tuesday, October 8th, four classrooms of **Crest School Primary students** went where no students had ever gone before. This day was the grand opening for the hands on activity lab, **EXPLORATORIUM**. This experience is *unique only to Crest School* and is the brainchild of two retired Crest School teachers, **Claudia Garber** and **Sandy (Brown) Schlom**. It seems, even though retired, you can take the teacher out of the classroom, but you can't take the classroom out of the teachers.

EXPLORATORIUM is located in a former pre-school classroom. Each Tuesday, classes and their teachers, participate in 45 minutes of learning and exploring. Students begin and end their sessions with a movement activity, hear a story, sing a song as a group. How students spend their remaining time is their choice. They explore and experiment with many activities that, at one time, may have been included in the curriculum. These include Building Block Structures, Literacy Games, Magnification, Seasonal Writing, Directed Drawing, Seasonal Art Projects, Read to a Friend Library, Life Skills Play and Storytelling.

EXPLORATORIUM has ignited Crest students' excitement for learning beyond the usual ways. Ms. Garber cited one little boy, playing in the life skills station, "He was cradling what seemed like an infant in one arm and holding a look alike cell phone to his ear, carrying on a very important conversation." Sound like real life?

EXPLORATORIUM has been initially funded by **Ms. Garber and Ms. Schlom** along with a donation from the **Crest PTA**.

Although not prompted by the teachers, I ask that if you would like to donate to this *unique supplemental experience* on behalf of the Community, please bring your donation to the **EXPLORATORIUM** on any Tuesday. Donations of glue, construction paper, marking pens, other art supplies, writing paper and unwanted educational toys would be appreciated. Monetary donations would allow the teachers to purchase additional materials and educational toys. Please make checks payable to either of the teachers or contribute cash.

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