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**Giving Tuesday
November 28th, 2023**

The Friends of Tecolote offer FREE educational field trips with our dedicated naturalists to students throughout the county, to raise awareness and appreciation of the Canyon.

There are two ways to help us with this mission:

“Explore” to (858) 422-0109
to donate to our bus fund
Or

you can donate to FOTC by visiting our website through the address below:

www.ILoveTecoloteCanyon.org

Thank you for your on-going interest and support!



Our first Canyon Coffee event was a success!

Our Park Rangers hosted this event on September 16th, inviting trail users and visitors to enjoy some great coffee from **Acento Coffee Roasters**, learn about Tecolote Canyon, ask questions, and explore the Tecolote Nature Center. We hope to host these events regularly and partner with a different local coffee shop each time. Thanks to volunteers Cynthia, Jim, Anitra, Linda, Anna and Intern Cassidy for participating. A special thanks to our wonderful nonprofit partner, The Friends of Tecolote Canyon for supporting the event



The Tecolote Canyon Citizen's Advisory Committee names Lauriel Adsit as the most outstanding volunteer of 2022 and winner of the annual Grace Peter Sargent Award!



The Tecolote Canyon Citizen's Advisory Committee is a group of concerned citizens that have a stake in the preservation, protection, and enhancement of the Tecolote Canyon Natural Park and Nature Center. We would like to honor Lauriel Adsit with the 2022 Grace Peter Sargent Award for her outstanding effort to better the health of the Tecolote Canyon Natural Park and Nature Center, a hotspot of biodiversity and a natural treasure of our community!



Since 2015, Lauriel Adsit has generously volunteered her time and talents, making a big impact on the betterment of our Tecolote Canyon and Nature Center. In one of her most memorable efforts, Lauriel created a partnership with University High School to bring all of the beautiful artwork to the garden fence and patio (tiles and paintings). She has also been a valuable member of the Tecolote Canyon Interpretive Group, a diverse group of avid naturalists, docents, and trail guides who each share a vision of connecting the local community, on a personal level, with the plants, animals, and natural history of Tecolote Canyon. Lauriel has also helped out on the new mural committee (inside the nature center) where she has shared some great input from the prospective of an artist, canyon user, and as a naturalist for the Friends of Tecolote's education program, as well as Rose Canyon's education program. Lauriel also assists at our special events and information tables. Congratulations on your Grace Peter Sargent Award, and most of all, thank you for all you have done for our Natural Park and community Lauriel Adsit!

Thank you to everyone who stopped by our Clairemont Family Day booth!

And thanks to all of the folks involved with planning and implementing Clairemont Family Day this year. Thanks to the staff at the recreation center for providing shade canopies, tables, and chairs for the Tecolote Nature Center booth! We usually don't get a double booth but we are so happy that we did! We enjoyed meeting the many families and community members came to our booth. Adults and children alike had fun digging through owl pellets, meeting Sycamore, our resident rosy boa, making nature art and coloring snakes and owls to take home.



The event was a big success. We look forward to seeing you all again next year!



Please do not use fake spider webbing

Synthetic spiderwebs, often used as Halloween decorations, may seem harmless, but they pose a significant danger to wildlife. The Halloween season coincides with the migration of many bird species. Birds often forage for materials to build nests, and fake spiderwebbing can easily entangle them. These decorations can prove harmful or even fatal to birds, insects, and other small wildlife. If you must use them, consider placing them inside windows. Other alternatives are any reusable decorations, handmade rope or burlap webs, real cotton webbing, or even better - let the real spiders do the work for you. After all, it is that time of year!



Want to learn how you can improve soil quality, boost your gardens, and save energy, money, and water? Learn all about the benefits of using compost at this workshop.

Guarantee your spot!
Register today:



MIRAMAR GREENERY TO YOU: COMPOST, MULCH & WOOD CHIPS

Saturday, November 4th
10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Tecolote Nature Center,
5180 Tecolote Road, San Diego, CA 92110

Presented by
 Solana Center
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL INNOVATION

Sponsored by
 Environmental
Services

FREE compost samples will
be available to take home
following the workshop!

Would you like to learn how your home's organic waste is processed into compost at the City's Miramar Greenery? Join us for this workshop, sponsored by the City of San Diego and in partnership with Solana Center for Environmental Innovation, to learn how compost is made, its benefits for your garden and the environment, and how to obtain compost, mulch and wood chips from the Miramar Greenery.

Folks should register ahead of time through the QR code in the graphic.

Join us at the nature center for kids Halloween art and nature activities October 25th -1:30-3:00

Birdwalks

Sunday, OCT 8 · 8:00 AM

Birding Marian Bear Park with
San Diego Beginning Birders

We will be hiking east from the parking lot in search of whatever chaparral and riparian birds we can find. Please bring binoculars and good walking shoes. Please bring a \$1 donation to offset meet-up fees.

Hope to see you there!

Saturday, OCT 14 - 4:30 to 6:30 PM

Guided Bird Walk along Rose Creek

Meet at Mission Bay High School parking lot.



SD
NATIVE PLANT WATERING DAY!
Habitat restoration efforts require regular watering. We will be hosting a volunteer restoration event focusing on removing invasive weeds and watering newly planted native plants!
TECOLOTE NATURE CENTER
PARKING AT THE CORNER OF
CROSS ST AND GARDENA AVE
(FOLLOW THE SIGNS TO THE RESTORATION SITE)
FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH
9AM-11AM
EMAIL ALANE@SANDieGO.GOV WITH ANY QUESTIONS!

Owl Prowl

Saturday, NOV 18th

Approx. 4:45 Call the nature center a few days prior for exact time. (858-581-9944)



RSVP for our monthly volunteer restoration events
with Park Ranger Austin at alane@sandiego.gov

Volunteer Opportunities ~ Something for Everyone!

Jr Volunteers (community service)~ Native Plant Garden ~Tecolote Canyon Advisory Committee ~Weed Warriors
Environmental Stewards Canyon Program (ESCAPE)Docents ~ Interpretive Guides ~ Art & Crafts
Nature Center Hosts ~ Park Patrol

If you are interested in volunteering, we welcome you to come in and speak with any staff member.

Thank you to our sponsors

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City of San Diego
Many generous
neighbor volunteers and
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Please consider joining our Meetup.com group Friends of Tecolote Canyon and Nature Center as another way to stay connected with our events and the events of our nature loving partners. TCCAC meets at 6:30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at the Nature Center. For more information about TCCAC you may contact Darrel Madison at at darrel.madison@outlook.com

Tecolote Nature Center

5180 Tecolote Road
San Diego, CA 92110

Hours of Operation*
Wednesday–Saturday
10:00am–4:00pm
Closed Sunday–Tuesday
Occasionally when
understaffed the
center may close on short
notice
The garden, patio, and
outdoor
restrooms are open
everyday.



CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SALE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023
9 AM - 3 PM

2701 CUSHING RD
LIBERTY STATION ESPLANADE, SAN DIEGO
FIELD "I" ACROSS FROM SEA HIVE

Blue eyed grass
(*Sisyrinchium
bellum*)



All are Welcome!

CNPS Member Discounts & Specials

Volunteer Benefits! Inquire at volunteer@cnpssd.org

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cnpssd.org     [facebook.com/cnpssd/](https://www.facebook.com/cnpssd/)

Proceeds support the California Native Plant Society, a 501(c)3 dedicated to the preservation of native flora

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Sugarbush
(*Rhus ovata*)

California Native Plant Society PROPAGATION COMMITTEE Tecolote Nature Center

The Propagation committee meets twice per month, learning about all the tips and tricks and sharing stories about growing and sometimes not being able to grow California native plants.

Please email propagation@cnpssd.org to join a Committee contact list or ask questions if you are interested in helping out or just learning and enjoying the day alongside our growing group! Check out our calendar for general announcements and dates!

Start plants from seeds, cuttings, & transplanting. Discuss soil mixes, irrigation and watering, nursery layout, best management for health, plant ID, seed collection, & mulch more!