

Friends of Tecolote Canyon



Baskets & Botany is back for its 18th year!



Jane Dumas

In 1978, the City of San Diego acquired 900 acres of the local habitat known today as Tecolote Canyon and designated it a dedicated Open Space Park.

For Eloise Battle and the many citizens of Clairemont who fought to save this habitat from development, protecting Tecolote Canyon was vital. "When we destroy native habitats that have evolved here over the millennia, something priceless is forever removed and our quality of life is greatly diminished. This is what makes Tecolote Canyon and other open space parks beyond price, and places to be treasured."

In 1997, soon after the construction of the Tecolote Nature Center and installation of

the Native Plant Garden, Kumeyaay Elder, Jane Dumas approached Eloise Battle with a generous proposal. Jane offered a partnership between Tecolote Natural Park and the Kumeyaay. The outcome of this relationship is Baskets & Botany, the annual family event which celebrates the traditions of the Southern California Native Americans, their connections to the land, and the unique Tecolote Canyon environment.

"Although our ancestors may not be here today, their spirits are with us." So said Kumeyaay Tribal Elder Jane Dumas at the dedication ceremony held at the first Baskets & Botany event in Tecolote Canyon. Elder Jane Dumas finished her dedication declaring "If we have sensitive caring people to hold onto this place, all will be well."

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Friends of Tecolote Canyon is a non-profit community organization committed to sponsoring nature education and restoration activities in Tecolote Canyon Natural Park. Our education program, supported by SDGE's "Environmental Champions Initiative", is dedicated to bringing children into Tecolote Canyon and fostering connection through enjoyable, memorable, and meaningful experiences in our unique and precious local habitat.

Baskets and Botany— A Free Family Event!
Saturday, October 14th, 2017—10am—3pm
5180 Tecolote Rd. San Diego, CA 92110

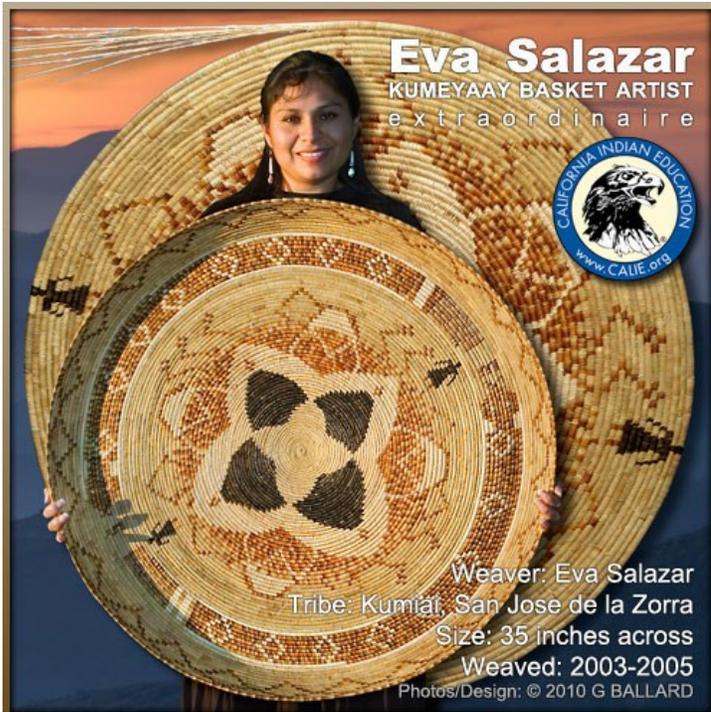
"Jane was a incredible person", says Battle. "I remember one of my first walks with her in Tecolote Canyon. Jane recognized dozens of native plants and knew their traditional medicinal uses. "

For over 12,000 years, the Southern California Native People lived all along the coast and canyons of San Diego. The Friends of Tecolote Canyon and Tecolote Nature Center are privileged to partner with them for the 18th annual Baskets and Botany event. Visitors will have an opportunity to learn about the traditions, arts, uses of native plants, and respect for the natural world that have been passed down through the generations of native people to their descendants.



Jane Dumas—A true San Diego Native

Jane's Kumeyaay Indian ancestors have occupied the greater San Diego area for some 600 generations, 12,000 years (according to historical accounts and hard archeological evidence gleaned from many hundreds of local ancient indigenous sites that have been academically scrutinized and opined by scholars and scientists over the past 250 years or so).



Eva Salazar Carillo

Friends of Tecolote Canyon welcome Eva Salazar Carillo to Baskets & Botany 2017. Eva will exhibit her ageless Kumeyaay juncus basket weaving techniques during our Basket & Botany event on October 14 at Tecolote Nature Center.

A world famous, modern, California Indian basket weaver, Eva Salazar Carillo, specializes in creating magnificent juncus basket art. Eva is authorized to collect native Southern California plant materials such as juncus, elderberry stems and leaves, basal juncus, sumac and deer grass to create her beautiful baskets. Her incredible basket art includes splitting and dyeing the native reeds as well as weaving the intricate designs.

Her baskets were featured in the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian in the "Our Lives" exhibition in Washington, D.C. Her 35-inch, gigantic, juncus basket is a modern masterpiece of contemporary Native American art and a rare tribal treasure. FTC is honored to have Eva join our annual celebration of Kumeyaay culture at Baskets and Botany.

- Schedule of Events -

Schedule is tentative and subject to change



9:00 a.m. Ethnobotany Walk
with Cynthia Dillon (M.A. Anthropology) and the Tecolote Canyon Interpretive Group
Learn about Kumeyaay culture and discover which plants are used for food, medicine, and daily life
(Large groups please call ahead)



10:15 a.m. Opening Ceremony
A few words from the Friends of Tecolote Canyon and Councilmember Lorie Zapf

10:30 Luiseno Storyteller
Listen and learn from Cathleen Chilcote Wallace,
Bay Park local and author of The Gift Basket

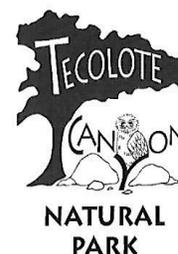


10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Project Wildlife Info Booth
Meet KwaPai - a beautiful live Red-shouldered Hawk



12:00 p.m. Soaring Eagles
Inter-Tribal Native American Youth and Adult Dancers

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Sky Hunters Raptor Education
Learn about our local owls and hawks - see them live and up close



1:30 Luiseno Storyteller
Listen and learn from Cathleen Chilcote Wallace,
Bay Park local and author of The Gift Basket

2:15 p.m. Snakes of Tecolote and Beyond
See live snakes and maybe even touch one if you're brave enough. Learn why snakes are the good guys

All Day Free Activities Include:

Visit the Kumeyaay information table from the Museum of Man * Make a variety of Native American crafts in the Children's Craft Area * Tour the Native Plant Garden and Kumeyaay Indian Village * Enjoy juncus basket weaving from Eva Salazar Carillo * Create a sand painting with Paleontologist, Richard Cerutti * Meet some snakes * Take a hike * Play in the children's library * Enjoy flute music from Piper Bob * Explore your nature center and have fun!



Many Thanks to our Generous Contributors:

City of San Diego Park & Recreation Department, Friends of Tecolote Canyon, Anonymous Community Members, Tecolote Canyon Citizens' Advisory Committee, University of San Diego, BARONA, JAMUL INDIAN VILLAGE, SYCUAN



Special thanks to:

Chris O'Connell from the Clairemont Times for his continued support of our events and to the Clairemont Town Council for their specific donation to Baskets and Botany.



In Our Backyard and Yours ~ The Widows

Pictures courtesy of neighbors of Tecolote Canyon
 Information from www.spiders.ucr.edu & <https://www.livescience.com/>



The Brown Widow

You will most likely see brown widow egg sacs before you see them. Their favorite hiding places are in the nooks and crannies of patio furniture, trash cans, and outdoor toys, however, they can just as easily nest in the corner of your patio.

Brown widow spiders are not as aggressive as black widows but are much more prolific since establishing themselves in San Diego in the early 2000's. They will bite if they or their eggs sacs are threatened. However, according to UC Riverside researchers, their bites hurt but are relatively harmless.

Brown widows are identified by an orange hourglass shape on the underside of their abdomen, brown body and black segments on their legs.



Tamara Dolan



Lyndsy Hassett

Above: A brown widow wrapping a baby lizard. **Right:** Brown widow egg sacs. **Below:** A brown widow wrapping a new born lizard.

Did you know ?

*Tarantulas are just big, sometimes hairy, spiders and their venom is weaker than a bee's. Other than a painful bite—they are harmless to humans. * Spiders are arachnids, not insects. Spiders have eight legs, insects have six; insects have antennae, spiders do not*

The Black Widow



Barb Graham

Black widow spiders nest in dark, hidden, places, such as woodpiles, low shrubs, attics, closets and behind furniture.

The native black widow is the most venomous spider in North America, however, only the female is poisonous and her bite requires medical attention. Females are shiny black, with long legs, and a red hourglass on their underside. They can measure up to two inches across. Males are lighter in color and half the size of females.

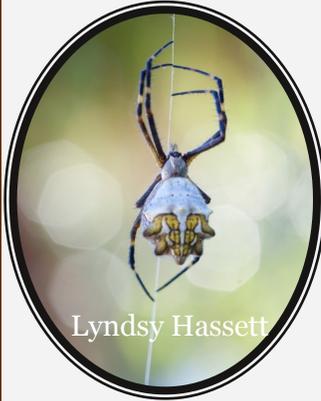
Black widows produce the strongest of all silk when spinning their thick, jumbled webs. Their prey include beetles, moths, grasshoppers and other spiders.

Above: black widow egg sacs. **Below:** A black widow wrapping a grasshopper

Bill Lynch

~*Argiope auratia* ~

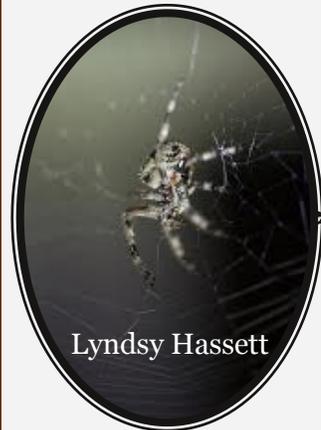
also known as garden spiders & orb weavers



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Those free Halloween decorations popping up in your gardens and in random, unexpected, locations throughout the neighborhood are courtesy of the family of spiders commonly known as orb weavers. The name refers to the round shape of their very large and intricate webs. The spiders pictured here are silver garden spiders (Argiopes) identified by their silver colored abdomen, accented by shades of orange or yellow, a brown underside, and banded legs.

These spiders are harmless to humans, except for the scare you get when you unexpectedly walk into their web. They use venom to immobilize the prey that gets caught in their web, usually flies, bees, and moths.

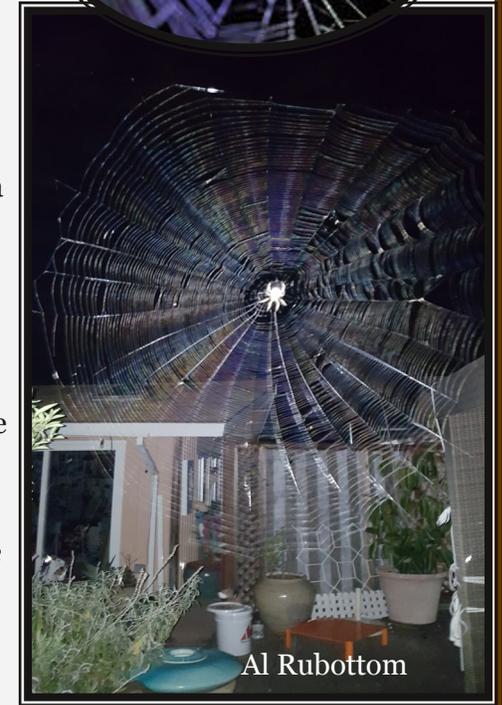
If you look at the web closely you will notice a silver zigzag pattern near the center. This is called a stabilimentum. Though its function is unknown, one idea is that it might alert birds, keeping them from flying through their web, another is it attracts insects by reflecting ultraviolet light. These industrious spiders are known to eat their web each day, or every other, and re-spin it each night.

Pictures are courtesy of our neighbors on the <https://nextdoor.com/> app.

Information from <https://www.nwf.org/>



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FREE WORKSHOP

COMPOSTING & INTRO TO BOKASHI FERMENTATION



Learn how to divert waste,
improve soil, conserve water,
and grow healthy plants!

Saturday, October 28, 2017
10 AM - 12 PM
Tecolote Canyon Nature Center
5180 Tecolote Rd, San Diego, CA 92110
Optional Nature Hike at 8:00 AM

PRE-REGISTER & MORE INFO:
SOLANACENTER.ORG/EVENTS





EVENTS IN THE PARK

Tecolote Nature Center

5180 Tecolote Road San Diego, CA 92110

858-581-9959

Monday – Closed, Tuesday –Saturday 9:00-4:00, Sunday 9:00-2:00

Sunday, October 8th

Nature Hike on the Battle Trail 9:00am

Let by a Tecolote Interpretive Guide ~ meet at the Nature Center

Saturday, October 14th

Ethnobotany Walk and Family Nature Walk s 9:00am at the Nature Center

Baskets and Botany ` 10:00am—3:00pm

Saturday, October 2 1st & November 18th

9:00-11:00 AM – Weed Warriors

Canyon clean up with Ranger Janice

Sunday, October 22 & November 19th

9:00 AM Sunday in the Garden

Volunteer with Park Ranger Steven

Get dirty, have fun, help out your community

Wednesday, October 18th & November 15th

1:30 – 3:00 PM Art & Activities for Kids

Free crafts, nature stories, and activities!

Saturday, October 28th & November 24th

8:00 AM Audubon Society Bird Walk

All skill levels welcome

Saturday, November 18th

Nature hike on the Gardena Trail 9:00am

Let by a Tecolote Interpretive Guide ~ Meet at the trail head at the end of Gardena Street

Updated activities are posted at:

<http://www.meetup.com/Friends-of-Tecolote-Canyon-Natural-Park-and-Nature-Center/>

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

Hours of operation: Tues.-Saturday; 9-4:00, Sunday: 9-2:00, Closed Monday

For information call 858-581-9959



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Activities are free of charge.

**Donations to the “Friends of Tecolote Canyon
are always appreciated!**



*Friends of Tecolote Canyon and the ESCAPE team gratefully
acknowledge a generous grant from **SDGE** supporting
another year of our Escape program.*



*We want to thank **Scott Chambers and Filmetrics** for
their donation, providing 5 years of wifi to the nature center*

Volunteer Opportunities ~ Something for Everyone!

Docents * Interpretive Guides * Art and Crafts

Tecolote Canyon Advisory Committee * Native Plant Garden

Weed Warriors * Park Patrol * Jr Volunteers (community service)

Environmental Stewards Canyon Program (ESCAPE)

If you are interested, come in and speak with any staff member.

SD City Council Community Project and Services

