

The Watermark



Discover This!

Meet Lina. Her mom, Rebecca, is a teacher here at the Discovery Center for the third grade Environmental Stewardship program. Lina has adopted the Discovery Center as her home away from home. Happy by nature, happy in nature, one person described Lina as the “Mayor of all little people.” I thought, “ what an interesting description for such a young person”, until I experienced Lina at play, sharing and caring for perfect strangers and making them feel welcome and included. At the Discovery Center’s first movie night, Lina came with her family. One other little boy came too and she immediately offered him popcorn, showed him around the center and shared in her giving way throughout the evening.



Fast forward to February 11th, it's Lina's birthday. Lina wanted to help others out on her birthday. She had just received a bunch of gifts over the holidays and she really didn't need any more toys. Her mother liked the idea and asked Lina to choose which charity she wanted to embrace. She had quite an extensive list of choices. Her mom asked her to narrow it down and the Discovery Center was one of the final two she chose.



You see, she really loved the night at the movies here at the Discovery Center, and she wanted to duplicate that for all her friends. At first glance it appeared to be a typical 6 year old birthday party at a beautiful venue with a movie & popcorn. Lina's request from her friends was unique. She asked them to bring a can of food, or a monetary donation for the Discovery Center in lieu of a gift.

WOW, what a BIG giver! 72 people experienced the Discovery Center that evening through the vision created by a 6 year old. She collectively gathered 65 cans of food for Interfaith Church's food bank and \$225 for the Discovery Center. When she returned last Friday, she was beaming with excitement! “Miss Lisa, now you can afford to buy real binoculars because only two of the three pairs actually work.” Her vision is to have more children able to experience the power of looking at nature with binoculars. **Thank you Lina, you truly are the Mayor of all little people, and we hope they come and enjoy the center... especially now that there will be more binoculars thanks to you!**



Lisa Rodman
Executive Director



Calendar of



MARCH



Saturday, March 12 – 8:30 – noon

WATERSHED CLEAN UP

A pile of trash is not an attractive sight, but trash can do worse than spoil the natural beauty of a place. Pollutants leaching from trash can enter your drinking water, and garbage can cause injuries and harm wildlife. So pitch in to help clean up our Carlsbad Watershed and volunteer at the **Lake Calavera Clean Up Day**. Join "Team Discovery Center" and lend a hand in helping keep our watershed debris free! Park at Calavera Hills Elementary School and meet at the dam spillway, accessed by Tamarack entrance trail. Hike with guides who will talk about the volcano, watershed and habitat! **RSVP to us at 760-804-1969.**

Sunday, March 13 - 8:30 am

BIRDING WALK



Meet at the Discovery Center at 8:30 am for an informative birding walk. Bring some binoculars, and be prepared for a leisurely walk.

Wednesday, March 16 – 7 pm

LECTURE: ENERGY CONSERVATION



Everyone is looking for ways to increase energy efficiency. Join us for a presentation by SDG &E on how to utilize the new smart meter tools to reduce your own energy consumption.

Saturday, March 26 – 11 am – 4 pm

WORLD WATER DAY FESTIVAL!



Join us at the Lagoon Discovery Center for our **biggest and best** festival of the year! The World Water Day festival is a family-friendly event is designed to bring awareness to local and global water issues. Fun and educational exhibits, children's craft, live animals and more!

Events

APRIL

Saturday, April 16 – 8:30 am

MONTHLY BIRD WALK

Meet at the Discovery Center at 8:30 am for an informative birding walk. You'll learn interesting facts about the birds native to our area. Bring some binoculars, and be prepared for a leisurely walk.



Wednesday, April 20 – 7 pm

PRESENTATION: "FILMING THE WILDS OF SAN DIEGO"

Photographer/filmmaker, Jim Karnik, will give a presentation on filming San Diego's incredible natural diversity for a new high definition habitat series. Accompanied by sample video clips from the new series, Jim will give an overview of San Diego's major natural habitats and unique qualities. Free



Saturday, April 23 – 12-4

EARTH DAY PROJECT EXHIBIT

Join us at the Discovery Center to view our Earth Day Science Exhibit contest projects. The student with the winning project will receive a prize, and the exhibit will be on display at the Discovery Center for one year. For more details on entering, contact us today at 760-804-1969.

Thursday, April 28 – 7 pm

EARTH MEDITATION & SOUND CONCERT A Practice Soothing to the Soul



The use of Tibetan Bowls & Gongs during meditation create a wave of sound which can be felt all throughout the body. The gong is tuned to the sound frequency of the Planet Earth, thus a grounding effect on the listener. Tibetan singing bowls are used for healing, and to induce deep states of meditation. Sound has been used as a powerful tool for helping to improve health and wellbeing for thousands of years. Celebrate Earth Day, connecting with Mother Earth in these harmonic sounds. Meditation provided by **Laurie Mort of Inner Strength Yoga & Healing Center**. Suggested \$10 donation.

Memorial Benches at the Lagoon

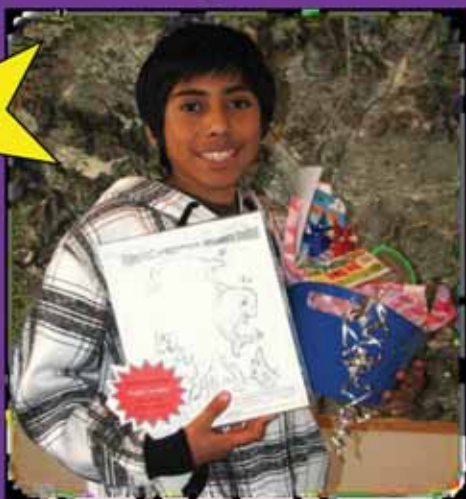
The Moyer Family recently honored their loved one with a beautiful memorial bench overlooking the lagoon on the Hubbs Trail. Pat Moyer passed away on July 17, 2010 surrounded by his devoted family and friends. Pat was born on August 3, 1954, grew up in Livingston, Montana and moved to California when he was 12. There he lived for the rest of his life, meeting and marrying Debbie Peterson Douglass and experiencing the joy of his four children: Michelle, Patrick, Jenna and Carolyn. Pat was a carpenter and contractor who built beautiful custom homes and lived in and around Carlsbad for 38 years. The community that Pat built around him during his final years with Multiple Sclerosis, and his heroic fight for every last drop of movement his body was able to provide, was an inspiration for all who knew and met him.



His passion for life was infectious, and his desire to endure for his family and loved ones was unsurpassed. Pat Moyer's family and friends miss him greatly, and are very thankful for the opportunity to create and visit his memorial bench at the lagoon.

To honor your loved one with a memorial bench situated ideally along the lagoon shore, please contact us at 760-804-1969 or email info@aguahedionda.org.

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Hugo Carreño,
grand prize winner of the
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coloring contest!



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COMING SOON... NEW EXHIBITS!

In addition to our Australian Treefrogs, a native frog **Metamorphosis Exhibit** is coming to the Discovery Center just in time for World Water Day, Saturday, March 26th. Wildlife Biologist



Jordan Ahle will illustrate the natural development of the frog in its different stages. This exhibit will show us that frogs are able to utilize more than one ecological niche during their development, which helps nurture them into members of a strong, viable, and sustainable frog population. Jordan plans on releasing the adults back into their natural habitat. It is a perfect collaboration between Kahoots pet store, as they have generously donated much of the supplies needed to build the habitat, and Jordan Ahle, who has gone out and collected the specimens. Supervisor Horn's County Community Outreach Grant funded the remainder, creating a Metamorphosis Exhibit on the life cycle of the Pacific Treefrog.

Discovery Aquariums!

An exciting and unique new exhibit is coming to the Discovery Center in April 2011! As a result of a collaborative effort put forth by the UCSB's REEF (Research Experience and Education Facility), the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation, and Marine Biologist **Nathan Spindel**, we will be proud to present the all-new Discovery Aquariums exhibit. The Discovery Aquariums will feature a dynamic, state-of-the-art system composed of three

display aquaria that will showcase locally collected marine life. Visitors to the Discovery Center will enjoy the thrill of studying the colorful tank inhabitants and curious behaviors of different, carefully selected representative species of different aspects of the lagoon marine ecosystem. **The Wetlands Tank** will feature a living cross-section of the tidal mudflat habitat, revealing otherwise invisible burrowing sea creatures. The six and a half foot long **Subtidal Tank** will serve as a dramatic focal point to the exhibit, showcasing some of the local denizens of this deeper habitat. Part of the unique experience of visiting the Discovery Aquariums will be exploring the interactive **Touch Tank** during presentations and tours of the facility. The Touch Tank will contain different local species at different times of the year, depending on which animals are featured, so visitors will have the chance to get a closer look at and sometimes even touch some very special marine creatures.

As both an educational tool and a visual treat, the Discovery Aquariums will offer visitors new and different experiences each time they visit the Center. Through their engagement with the marine creatures on display, visitors will gain an intimate appreciation for the importance of conservation of marine resources and the exciting prospects of aquaculture.



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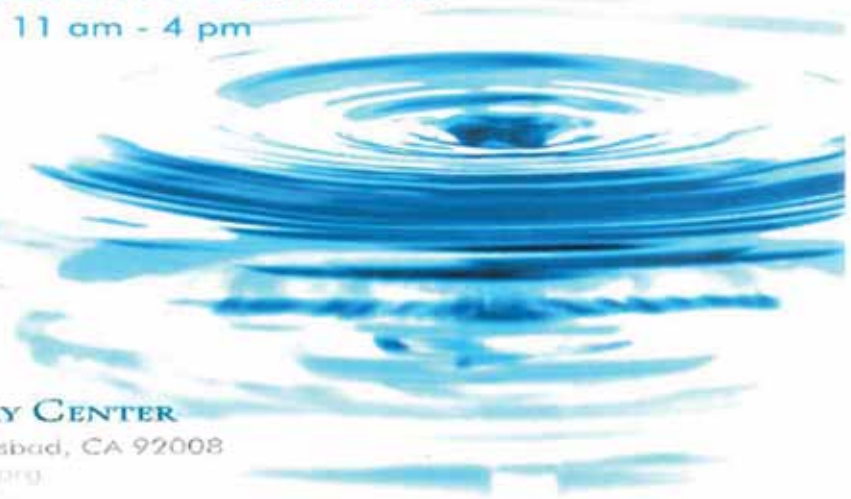
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