

April 2021: Conservancy Updates & Events

Dear Members and all Supporters,

We hope you get to celebrate our beautiful planet today by spending time outdoors and at the Reserve.

If you want to support the preservation and conservation of the Reserve, [please consider a donation today](#). Another way to celebrate is by joining one of our next speaker events. We promise they are educational and fun!

TPC's Speaker Series got off to a great start with Barbara Wallach's fabulous talk about the little gems worth discovering. In case you missed it, you can (and should!) watch it below.

All the "little gems" Barbara shared with the audience can also be found in Margaret Fillius' book. Check out the TPC Boutique for a copy of Margaret's book if you missed her talk last Saturday. You will find other great Torrey Pines-related reads in our store.

Speaking of great reads, Ed, a state lifeguard, will read from "Stories From Sea Level" on May 1st. You don't want to miss this!

Good news! The Beach Trail Stairs have been installed and are ready for your next hike!

Happy Earth Day!

Sincerely,
Torrey Pines Conservancy

Whump. Whump. Whump.

The quietude of Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve was broken recently by the sound of a helicopter flying shockingly close to the parking lot and bluffs' edge. Rather than being a rescue in progress, as is sometimes the case down the coast at Black's, this helicopter engaged in an airlift of trail-repair materials for state maintenance crews. Torrey Pines Conservancy financed the operation based on the supervising ranger's analysis that a chopper lift would save a great many trips on foot back and forth on the trail, not to mention the difficulty of wrestling heaving wheelbarrows or powered wagons over uneven and steep terrain.

Of course the sooner trails get rebuilt, the sooner we all can get hiking again. A win-win, we think.



TPC's Virtual Speaker Series: "Birds of the Reserve"



Spend a fun hour with Marty Hales and learn about the birds of the Reserve including their songs and calls. You will walk away from this talk knowing where and when in the Reserve you can best see and hear our most reclusive or short-term avian residents.

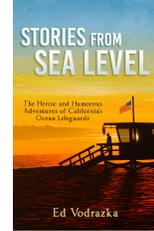
Saturday, April 24th at 10 am [RSVP here](#)

TPC's Virtual Speaker Series: "Stories from Sea Level" by Ed Vodrazka

All who attended our fireside chats have already gotten a good taste of some of Ed's stories. Now his book "Stories from Sea Level" is out. It is a hand-picked collection of

stories of daring rescues and comical interactions between 1969 and 2019. The lifeguards featured in the stories work for various agencies between San Diego and the Sonoma Coast. The lifeguards provided Ed with the details and specifics to immortalize these remarkable events.

Saturday, May 1st at 11 am [RSVP here](#). Ed's book will be on sale at our TPC Boutique shortly.



The Little Gems Worth Knowing



There was no need to bring a magnifying glass! Barbara's macro zooms gave her attentive audience a clear picture of the little gems of the Reserve. From Bird's Beaks to Weed's mariposa and all the gems in between--view a recording on our [website](#).

Zoom Bloom

Margaret Fillius took us on a beautiful virtual hike along the trails of the Reserve. We came across fascinating flowers, and a wide variety of insects. View a recording of Margaret's talk [on our website](#).

[Buy a copy of Margaret's book here](#)



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For questions, please call Susanne at (858) 437-7371 (7 am to noon, Monday- Saturday).