Calendar of Upcoming Events 2011

Join us for the 2011 Season at Deer Creek Hills for the following events...

- Sat, April 16 or 30, 9am - 1:00pm Service Project
- Sat, April 23, 9:00am - 1:00pm Service Project
- Sat, May 7, 9:00am - 1:00pm Service Project
- Thurs, May 19, 9:30am - 7:30pm Equestrian Ride
- Sat, May 28, 9:00am - 1:00pm Service Project
- Sun, May 29, 9:00am - 2:00pm Mountain Biking
- Thurs, June 16, 9:30pm - 7:00pm Equestrian Ride
- Sat, June 25, 9:00am - 10:00am Mountain Biking
- Sat, July 23, 9:00am - 10:00am Mountain Biking
- Sat, August 6, 7:00pm - 11:00pm Mountain Biking
- Sat, August 27, 9:00am - 10:00am Mountain Biking
- Sat, September 24, 7:00am - 10:00am Sunset Hike
- Sun, October 2, 10:00am - 2:00pm Equestrian Ride
- Sat, October 8, 7:30pm - 8:00pm History/archeological interests of DCH
- Sat, October 15, 9:00am - 1:00pm Service Project
- Thurs, October 21, 5:30pm - 8:00pm Treasures of the Valley Silent Auction
- Sat, October 22, 7:30am - 10:00am Mountain Biking
- Sun, October 30, 10:00am - 2:00pm Equestrian Ride

Weather is unpredictable, so please bring layers of clothing for all weather types.

Hikers/Riders/Bikers should meet at Latrobe and Stone House Roads (north of Highway 16 or Jackson Rd. and west of Rancho Murieta). Both roads can be routes vary and may include stream or fence crossings and uneven terrain.

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limited, and all vehicles should park on the dirt portion of Latrobe Rd.

Water, light snacks and a hat for warmth and shade are also suggested.

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Three ways to Register

- www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org/calendar.asp (Register On-Line)
- Contact Gina Silvernale, Outreach Coordinator at 916/612-3719 or outreach@sacramentovalleyconservancy.org
- Tour size is limited for your enjoyment.

Generosity Fuels Future of Deer Creek Hills

The Walthall family connects to the mission of Sacramento Valley Conservancy in a very special way: Together, they have visited Deer Creek Hills Preserve for more than 40 years, even though the Preserve was only officially established in 2002! Through their father’s (Randy “Corin”) Walthall relationship with Dick Harry, the founder of Lucky Seven Ranch, their family grew up visiting the creeks, ponds, oaks and wide open spaces at Deer Creek Hills (previously called “the Rock” - short for the name of the previous owner-Roque Miranda, a sheep rancher of Basque descent).

Randi’s oldest son, also named Randall Walthall, vividly recalls fishing, picnicking, hiking, and climbing oaks in this beautiful setting as he grew up. His father, a Sacramento dentist by day and an avid duck hunter and back country enthusiast in his off hours, led the family on many outings in the Valley and the Sierra’s, but they always returned to Deer Creek Hills as their special, local place to enjoy the outdoors.

After serving the Sacramento community with his practice for over 60 years and living close to his children in Bozeman, Montana for the last years of his life, Randy “Corin” Walthall passed away last month. In his memory, the Walthall family generously asked that friends and family remember Mr. Walthall by making memorial donations to Sacramento Valley Conservancy of U.S. Postage PAID Sacramento, CA

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- Please contact Kathy or Wendy at 916-731-8798 for more information, or visit our website at www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org

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Service Days – a Wonderful Way to Feel Good!

You’ve missed some kind of fun if you weren’t present at the October 2010 or January 2011 Service Days. At our REI sponsored Service Day in October, the Roots to Horizons kids looked cute and sporty in their REI t-shirts as they picked up trash and hung signs. What fun to use giant magnets to pluck up spent shot gun shells! Adults looked gang bbo in their blue REI t-shirts as we leveled a large pile of dirt and gravel, and upgraded our hitching posts. Our reward was a deep sense of satisfaction topped off with hot chicken sandwiches!

The January Service Day sparked poetry and prose and great photos. (See “Ode to Garbage Collection” and photo inside.) As we rebuilt our kiosk at the corral, volunteers got into the zone picking up trash, and almost couldn’t be bothered to learn how to hang signs! The Wire Team had their own adventure in the gray fog… The ceiling and bare wire, sitting and rusting in place for years, resisted all efforts to untangle it. Cable cutters were clearly useless. The only solution… (Excerpt from Rusty Wire and Long Dead Beer Cans - read the entire story on our Facebook page)… all while the lasagnes warmed in a nearby oven.

Here’s what the volunteers had to say: A jovial group that worked well together… willingness and enthusiasm… had fun in the process… this event was well organized… we were re-

The Walthall family enjoyed a visit to the Deer Creek Hills Preserve in 2004 as a surprise gift for their father on his 80th birthday.

Photography by Walthall Family

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Conservancy and the Deer Creek Hills Preserve. The family is also planning a memorial gift of their own to support SVC and help care for the Deer Creek Hills Preserve for future generations.

We thank the Walthall family and are proud to have them in the SVC family of donors. Our strong base of local donors allows us to pursue local and regional priorities and accomplish our 21st Century Open Space Vision. Look at our vision at www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org under “What We Do” and find your special place. Your donations make it possible to protect open space, for all of us, and for our future generations.

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warded with a view of garbage-free property and a wonderful, hot lasagne lunch... hot tasty meal for a foggy day...It was amazing how quickly the morning went by as we worked and how quickly the fog rolled in to take away our sunny morning start!

Our next Service Day honors Earth Day and is April 16th (April 30th rain day). Celebrate Earth Day by getting a little dirt under your nails, and do something for the greater good.

What’s on SVC’s Facebook Page Right Now?

View photos from our Service Days including the eerie Ghost Truck, the poem Ode To Garbage Collection and the story Rusty Wire and Long Dead Beer Cans. Go to our home page at www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org and click on the blue Facebook link.

To become a fan of Sacramento Valley Conservancy, sign into your Facebook account and search for “Sacramento Valley Conservancy,” once on our page click the “Like” button and you’re done. It’s that easy. Not on Facebook yet? You can view our page as a non-Facebook user, just click the link on our home page or type “Facebook Sacramento Valley Conservancy” in your browser and our page should come up.

Ode To Garbage Collection (inspired by January 2010 Service Day)

Lita S. Cooper, DVM and SVC Docent

What a lovely and enriching way
To spend a foggy January day.
Laughing and tidying the place
Managed to put a smile on everyone’s face.

‘Cause every pick-up no matter how small
Gave a better look to the place over all.
As the hot food and good conversation
Left everyone with the feeling of
a job well done.

Rosas to Horizon youth celebrate volunteering and having fun outside at SVC’s January Service Day at the Deer Creek Hills Preserve. Photograph by Gina Silvernale.

Get out, Have Fun
Get Fit for Spring with SVC!
Or, for you Foodies – dine at Deer Creek Hills at Sunrise and Sunset!

Come and join us for our many public outings – enjoy a docent-led tour on wildflowers, birds or history. Or, have your own adventure during our staffed public events on our “Check In, Check Out” self-guided trail. A docent or staff person will exchange cell numbers and orient you with a map and check you out of the Preserve prior to 1pm.

Foodie? (And, really, aren’t we all?) Come to our Cowboy Breakfast on Saturday, May 7 or to our Twilight Wine and Cheese on Thursday, May 19. You can enjoy hot coffee, warm pancakes (with healthy blueberries), sizzling bacon, horses and real cowboys at the corral at Deer Creek Hills. Or, you can revel in the green grass, blue oak sky and orange sunset at the proposed Cummings-Stathos addition to the Deer Creek Hills Preserve. Or, both!

Late nighters? Come to our Sunset Hike and Star and Bat Night on Saturday, August 6. See back page for full event schedule. Go to www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org to register. Registration required for each event, see the website.

Donations Form

I want to make a difference and help create a legacy for the future and preserve Sacramento’s beautiful open space, natural habitat and agriculture.

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Thank you.

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