

A quarterly newsletter publication by the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation

Spring 2021

As springtime & approaches,

the weather warms up and the sun sets later, allowing for the plants and flowers to begin to bloom.

At the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation, plants are not the only thing in bloom. The future lagoon stewards' minds are blooming with environmental educational opportunities! In February, we held our first Presidents' Day Camp, where our 16 lagoon stewards became biologists exploring animals that "Crawl, Creep and Slither", and "Mythbusters", proving myths to be fact or fiction! During our Spring Break Camp, held April 5th-9th, the campers blossomed into Earth Explorers and adventured through activities about the earth around them. These camps were blooming with fun activities, nature hikes, and environmental interaction. (continued on page 2)





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This summer, don't miss our Discovery Summer Camps!

Camps are open to children ages kindergarten through fourth grade and each week will be filled with enriching environmental activities, in small groups limited to twelve kids.

Currently, we are offering five weeks of Summer Camp programming.

Families can sign up for Sweet Summer Week, June 14th- 18th, Time Travelers Week, June 21st-25th, Summer Safari, June 28th- July 2nd, The Amazing Race, July 6th-9th and Science Superstars, July 12th-16th.

During Sweet Summer, campers will learn about the plants and pollinators that make summer bloom. Campers will go back in time during **Time Travelers week**, and explore the people and places of the past. Summer Safari will take the campers on a trek through the Animal Kingdom, where campers can interact with our Discovery Center Animal Ambassadors. The Amazing Race, in this case, will cover the evolutionary race that caused animals to become faster, stronger or smarter to survive! During the week of Science Superstars, campers will become scientists exploring astronomy, biology and much more.

Our Summer Camps will be held from 9:00am-3:00pm, and they are held entirely outside in our outdoor educational nodes, that provide seats and shade. Registration is open online at our website: https://www.aguahedionda.org/discovery-camp.



Come bloom with us at the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation!



We are exploring options for additional camps, stay tuned!





By Emily Bonds, Director of Education







Conce upon a time, at a far away lagoon, a tiny village was built for all of the fairies in the land to come and live. The village, called Fairyland, was built by Sir Chris Crespo of Carlsbad and his men on the grounds of Learning Island at the AHLF Discovery Center. Tiny fairy homes were displayed around the village, with doors of all shapes, sizes and colors that were beautifully crafted by the Carlsbad Village Fairies. The Succulent Café provided an

array of succulents that brought this enchanted land to life, and created a sense of purity for all to enjoy.

Once Fairyland was finished, pixies and sprites from all around made themselves comfortable in their new homes. On March 4th, 100 townspeople came to the Discovery Center in celebration of Fairyland, and Piper the Pig's 5th birthday. What a magical Thursday it was! There was rock painting, wand making, and special treats to go around! Some even say they may have spotted a fairy through her living room window. Shhh...

Minds are in bloom here at the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation, as environmental stewards come from near and far and experience all of the magic we have to offer. When you visit the Discovery Center, we guarantee you'll be leaving saying, "I do believe in fairies!"

By Montana Bailey, Office Manager

VIRTUAL Opportunities	DESCRIPTION	FIND OUT MORE ON OUR WEBSITE
AGUA APPRENTICES	An online lesson and activity guide of environmental and science lessons to complete in your own space.	https://www.aguahedionda.org/agua -apprentices Website: Virtual Tab
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BIRTHDAY PARTIES	We will bring the "interaction" to you through ZOOM, where you will meet our animal ambassadors and more!	https:// www.aguahedionda.org/virtual- birthday-party Website : Virtual Tab
COVID-19 COMMUNITY NATURE COLLECTIVE	We have compiled a list of nature and environmental collections across the community and beyond, to help you feel connected and provide valuable resources during this virtual time.	https://www.aguahedionda.org/ covid-19-community-nature-collectio Website: Virtual Tab
GRAND PELICAN PROGRAM	Bring your Petite Pelican (grandchild) on a fun filled 30-minute zoom adventure full of creative crafts and collective wisdom led by the Grand Pelican, (grandparent), in your family as you bond together!	https://www.aguahedionda.org/ grand-pelicans-program Website : Virtual Tab
NATURE ALL AROUND ME PODCAST	Nature all Around Me invites persons of all ages and backgrounds to ground themselves in the environment. Listen in on these approximately 20-30 minute episodes.	https://www.aguahedionda.org/ nature-all-around-me-podcast Website: Virtual Tab
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LIVE WEB CAM	The Discovery Center Patio features a live webcam adjustable to view the lagoon at sunset, or the American Cliff Swallows building their nests in the eaves of the roof.	https://www.aguahedionda.org/live- web-cam Website: Connect Tab



By Cierra Russo, Director of Virtual Programming

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A Message from the C.E.O.

By Lisa Rodman, Chief Executive Officer

When our team first came up with the theme "Minds in Bloom"



for the Newsletter, I was elated

for the unique and different ways the theme could be utilized to tell our story.

All except for the area in which I write about, and that is when I got stuck. I visualized the restaurant Outback and relating the theme to the Bloomin' Onion appetizer. Wrong! I then shifted my thoughts to how many different things we do here at the center and considered writing about our minds being blown apart by all the amazing and complicated topics we tackle daily. Consider the bitmoji on your I-phone Great visual but not really relatable to the topic. When I finally sat down to scribe for the Watermark this quarter I decided to google the verbiage and it was then I found what truly inspired me to write todays piece.

Carol Dweck, set out to research children coping with failure and what she realized is some people

find it to be the end of the world while others actually are stimulated by the exciting opportunities that arise from failures. In a deeper dive reading the article "How Companies Can Profit from a Growth Mindset" by Carol Dweck, I found Team Agua. The part that is so completely inspiring to me every day, is how hard everyone here works. How each of them is manager material. How each of them comes with 100% game day effort always and in every way. The blockages that appear become hurdles they face and minor setbacks occur before they reset and tackle the issue. Next thing I realize they are off and conquering new exciting opportunities for the nature center that continues to improve and explore learning all about nature, in nature.

They truly are blowing my mind with their talents, their dedication and their fortitude to carry on when they aren't even sure of the clear path.

In the nonprofit world, financial gains are not the only measure of work, it is what you are able to provide to your community filling a need that otherwise might not exist. Measuring your impact and then delivering on the promise to build a better world is typical of the 501C3 mantra. Creating a path for exploration that is both safe and discovering for future lagoon stewards. Each of the team does this in their own unique perfect ways. My position is to not get in their way while they are finding their path and instead guide them to their strengths so that they feel energized to continue this great effort. Do I make mistakes, oh yes definitely every day in fact and yet we continue to outpace even the highest of our own expectations.

So, my article is dedicated to the amazing people who achieve greatness at Agua. Samantha Richter ~COO; Cierra Russo ~Director of Virtual Programming; Emily Bonds~ Director of Education; Montana Bailey ~Office Manager; Emily Watts~ Program Lead; Andy Putnam ~Assistant Director of the Discovery Center; Grace Keefe and Julia Duffey ~Directors of First Impression ~Julie Soto, Bonnie DiBacco, Wendy Leeman, Valerie Lynch, Lauren Mewshaw & Ali Martin ~Teachers and all the awesome volunteers!

What our team has that syncs perfectly with Dweck's research is our people love challenges, want to grow, and want to collaborate. They do it as part of their general habit. It is refreshing to work with such a talented pool of people that are inspired to create mind bloomin' fun for kids of all ages. If you haven't been by lately please do stop in, discover all the new exhibits and please take a minute to thank the people behind the magic that well, blows my mind.





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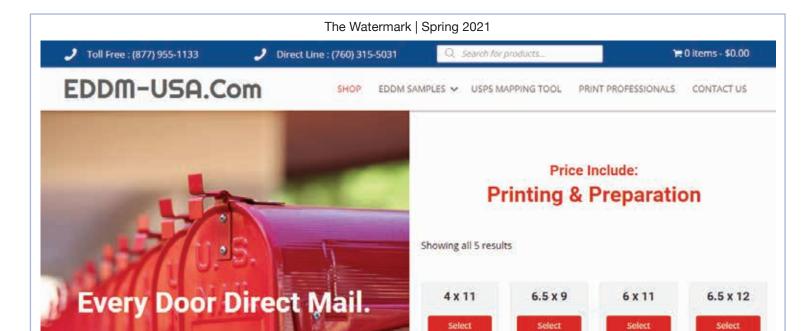


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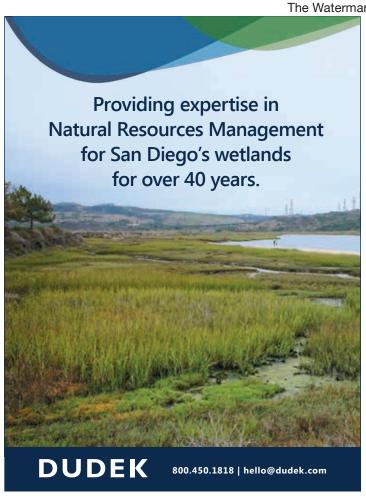
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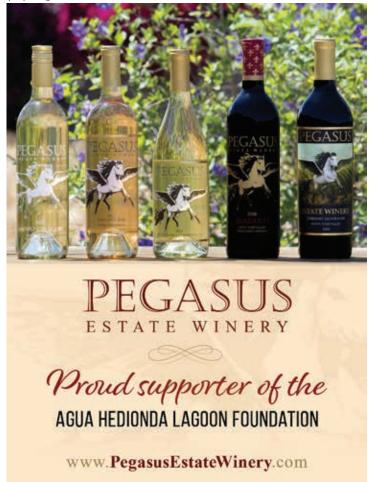
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Virtual Tip Top Run & Ride for Raptors Poseidon Resources Channelside

Spring has sprung here at the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation, and our Virtual Tip Top Run & Ride for Raptors soared beyond the new blooms.

By Samantha Rich









This year's event, a virtual hybrid to our typical 5K/10K fun run, launched Saturday March 12th and ended on Friday March 19th - just in time to welcome spring on the 20th of March. Presented by Poseidon Resources Channelside, contributing sponsors included Brubaker & Associates, The Gemological Institute of America (GIA), Grand Pacific Resorts, New Urban West, and Wiegand Realty.

The event offered a run or bike ride of the participant's choice along one of four identified routes of different lengths around the Agua Hedionda Lagoon. Because the event was virtual, many registrants participated from afar, including residents in the states of Hawaii, Idaho, Massachusetts, Maine, New Jersey, and New York. Two Coloradan supporters even went cross country skiing as their activity of choice and we had one participant from Ontario, Canada. Each member received a SWAG BAG sponsored by Lynnell Talone Honda of the Silva Group, Berkshire Hathaway and goodies inside provided by Develop Your Team, Grand Pacific Resorts, Hospice of the North Coast, Intesa Communications, Museum of Making Music, Oceanside

Turkey Trot, Stifel Carlsbad Gary Endres, Tri-City Medical Center and WWM Financial. The event's namesake TIP TOP MEATS provided a to-go lunch or dinner coupon to be used during the week at the dining establishment.





Just as spring welcomes new blooms, we welcomed many new participants to this event in large thanks to our corporate sponsor GIA. Of the 292 individuals who participated in this year's event, 106 were GIA employees and 12 family members who joined along with them. This is GIA's 8th year reigning as the largest team. Due to the virtual nature of this run, there wasn't a team awarded "The Fastest". However, we look forward to 2022 when the event can once again be in person and teams can compete to cross the finish line at the Discovery Center - mark your calendars for March 12th, 2022!

In addition to welcoming new participants, on the tail end of this event from March 22nd through March 28th, "minds were blooming" with all of the fun facts about World Water Day. Presented by Leucadia Wastewater District in memory of Dave Kulchin, we launched a series of virtual and in-person activities to help people celebrate and get involved in World Water Day 2021 with the goal to understand the true value of water, and what it means to everyone.







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This quarter, we recognize Shazeebo as our Donor of the Quarter. During the Summer of 2019, Shazeebo donated and installed a new shade sail completing one of our outdoor educational classrooms just in time for Discovery Summer Camp. This Winter, Shazeebo came back and redid our largest outdoor educational nature node with new posts, hardware, and shade sails. Going above and beyond, the Shazeebo team led by Patrick Howe also installed lights, a curtain, and whiteboard features. This upgraded and completed nature node now provides greater opportunities for more "minds in bloom" to utilize this space. Thank you, Shazeebo, for your team spirit and generosity to help us thrive.





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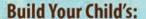
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individuals as our Volunteers of the Quarter. Al, Andy and Jesus, have dedicated countless hours to bettering and growing the Foundation and Discovery Center. Most recently, each of them has poured their sweat, talents, and hard work in building and finishing Sanders Pond. This new exhibit is an outdoor pond and habitat home to animal ambassadors Sandy Grand Baker and **Goonie, both Red-Eared Slider Turtles. The pond** features a beautiful bamboo covering to protect Sandy and Goonie at night, which was hand crafted by Andy Hughes, and opens during the day allowing guests "minds to bloom" as they sit, observe, and visit. Together AI and Jesus built out the exhibit, constructed the beautiful seating area and surrounding décor. Sanders Pond is named after the Sanders Tech Ed Foundation for their contribution to this exhibit.



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Blooming with the Western Monarch Butterflies

We are currently facing a decline in Western Monarch Butterfly populations, which could lead to the eventual loss of these critical pollinators here in California.

The main cause of this decline is milkweed habitat loss. As most of us know, milkweed is the only plant that Monarch butterflies will lay their eggs on and the only plant that Monarch caterpillars will eat. Monarch butterflies are also being affected by pesticide use and wildfires. Last year, in 2020 there were no Monarchs spotted in Pacific Grove, also known as Butterfly Town USA because of the fires in that area. In 2020, the annual Monarch Butterfly count revealed only 2,000 Monarchs in the entire state. This is a significant decline from the 30,000 documented in 2019 and the millions reported in the 1980s. Currently, Monarchs are not listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act in an effort to save space for

"higher priority" species. However, early conservation efforts can sometimes eliminate the need for listing

There are things that we can all do to help the Western Monarch Butterflies, like creating mini-habitats for them in our own backyards. We can also avoid using harmful chemicals like herbicides and pesticides in our yards and gardens. Garden Milkweed plants have about a 2-5 year longevity, and will not grow back on

their third year. Here at the Discovery Center, our Milkweed plants in our Pollinator Garden are in their third year. Thanks to a group of volunteers from The North Coast Cavalry Church, additional milkweed plants were planed in our Pollinator Garden. These plants will provide habitats for any monarchs that choose to fly our way this spring and bloom with us.

Emily Watts, Programs Lead





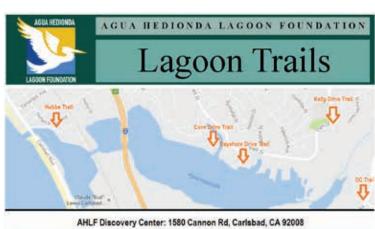
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