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San Elijo Lagoon CONSERVANCY
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**San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy's Biennial Gala, *Birds of a Feather*,
To Benefit Environmental Education**

CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA— San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy announces its biennial gala, ***Birds of a Feather***, will be held on **Saturday, August 17, 2013** from 5:00 to 9:00 pm at Rancho Santa Fe Garden Club. *Birds of a Feather* is a garden-style gala that benefits environmental education in San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve.

This fun-filled evening features natural and organic cuisine, live music and auction opportunities, all with the focus to introduce children to the beauty and wonder of wetlands through guided nature walks and public programs.

As a biennial benefit for environmental education, this gala helps to bridge early childhood connections with Southern California's rare wetland environments. The conservancy's environmental education program annually serves more than 3,800 area students and visitors on public walks. Many field trips are offered free of charge to Title I schools, so that students can bond with nature—necessary for childhood development.

Corporate sponsors and gala auction items are now welcomed for the 2013 *Birds of a Feather* gala. Gala tickets are \$150 per person and are available now by phoning (760) 436-3944 ext. 711, and by online reservation (opens June 1) at SanElijo.org/gala. Tables for 6 or 8 can also be reserved, with discounted incentives until June 30. Seating is limited. Suggested attire is garden cocktail.

San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy is a community-spirited nonprofit land trust formed in 1987 with the mission to protect and enhance the natural resources of San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve and its watershed. The conservancy raises funds through membership and private donations, as well as public and private grants. Funds are used to support programs that directly benefit the health of San Elijo Lagoon, to provide community education, and to enhance native habitat through scientific monitoring, land stewardship and land acquisition.

San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve is one of San Diego's largest remaining wetlands of nearly 1,000 acres, hosting more than 700 species of plants and animals. Eight miles of trails wind through the reserve.

Gala Co-Chairs: Sally Foster and Paul Worthington
Board of Directors for San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy

Rancho Santa Fe Garden Club is located at 17025 Avenida de Acacias in Rancho Santa Fe. Corporate support for *Birds of a Feather* is generously recognized. A comprehensive list of supporters is updated online: SanElijo.org/gala

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About the Conservancy

San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy (SELCO) is a community-spirited nonprofit land trust dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve. For more information, visit the conservancy's website at www.SanElijo.org or call (760) 436-3944.

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