



San Elijo Lagoon CONSERVANCY

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Birds of a Feather Gala to Benefit Nature and Community

Tickets Announced for San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy's 30th Anniversary Event, October 7

SOLANA BEACH – A volunteer in his 80s gently places a native seedling into the soil. An intern in her collegiate studies learns the latest conservation techniques through the mentorship of conservancy biologists and educators. A student whispers to the naturalist on the trail how exciting it is to see an ocean for the first time. Birds of a Feather gala supports the programs that enhance nature, and provide community conservation throughout North County San Diego.

San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy announces advance tickets are on sale for Birds of a Feather gala, themed *Rooted in Flight*, benefiting nature and community. The signature 30th Anniversary gala will occur on Saturday, October 7 from 5:00-9:00 pm at Lomas Santa Fe Country Club.

“This will be a memorable evening,” said Doug Gibson, conservancy executive director and principal scientist. “We imagine a future where more plants and animals thrive, where community agriculture expands, and where the youth in our field trips today will evolve to be leaders for nature now, and in the next generation. Our sponsors and members have helped us soar for the last three decades into a future that is rooted in flight.”

Longtime Conservancy members, Peter House and Carol Childs, return as Title Sponsors and Honorary Gala Chairs. “Many of us find that we need to take vacations in places of complete or relative wilderness to reconnect with nature,” shared Carol Childs. “With the lagoon, however, we have a beautiful, refreshing and accessible wilderness right in our backyards.”

Returning Gala Co-Chairs and community leaders, Sally Foster and Paul Worthington, will host the evening celebration and are central in garnering philanthropic support for Birds of a Feather. Major gala supporters include: The Sage Garden Project, ACS Habitat Management, Ki's Restaurant, Flatiron-Skanska Stacy and Witbeck, in addition to supporting sponsors and benefactors.

Dave Lewis and Christine Brown are award-winning local pianists who will deliver contemporary and classical elegance to the evening. Guests can enjoy photo opportunities by Nine10 and live bird encounters with Project Wildlife. As the silent auction begins, hosted specialty cocktails and savory tray-passed hors d'oeuvres are presented. A plated full course menu will be paired with wine options (full bar available).



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Professional Auctioneer Chris Aslanian will emcee the silent and live auctions. The celebrated gathering includes North County coastal philanthropists, elected officials, citizen naturalists, and supporters of community and nature. Suggested garden cocktail attire.

Pre-event online auction bidding for destinations and adventures, luxe items, and more will begin September 18.

Online reservations for advance tickets, tables, and continuing gala sponsorships may be secured at www.SanElijo.org/BF17

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San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy is the community-supported nonprofit land trust for San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve, celebrating its 30th Anniversary. The Conservancy's vision is a world where biodiversity is preserved and people act to embrace nature as central to a healthy community. The mission is to protect and restore the resources of the lagoon, its watershed, and related ecosystems for the benefit of current and future generations.

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