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SANTA ROSA PLATEAU FOUNDATION

Mission Statement : To fund education, research, and preservation of the Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve for the purpose of raising awareness of the unique qualities of the Plateau.

Dates to Remember:

**April 25, 2009 –
Garden Tour**

**May 9, 2009 –
Murrieta Chili
Cook Off**

**May 16, 2009 –
Puma Pas De
Deux**

**May 21, 2009 –
Annual Meeting**

**July 24-25, 2009 –
Cowboy Jubilee**

**July 25, 2009 –
National Day of
the Cowboy**

**August 2009 –
Art Show**

**November 2009 –
2nd Annual
Family Wildlife
Day**



6th Annual Santa Rosa Plateau Garden Tour Saturday, April 25th, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

This unique self-guided tour features 6 estate properties bordering the Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve. New additions this year include a Mediterranean perennial garden, a succulent rock garden, incredible outdoor entertaining areas and a Spanish ranch featuring fire wise plants.

Live musical performances provided by the Musician's Workshop will serenade you while you stroll the gardens dotted with custom art pieces presented by Tina Clippinger Designs.

Ticket prices are \$15 pre-purchased and \$20 the day of the event. Ticket price includes four 30 minutes garden seminars presented at one garden tour location. Seminars topics include: composting, organic gardening, introducing succulents into your garden and gardening with water wise and native plants.

Lunch, provided by a local caterer Linda Smith, will be available at the seminar site for an additional fee of \$10.

Special thanks to this years donors: Tina Clippinger Designs and Scott & Barbara Walker, www.temeculaforsale.com



Springtime Stretch

It's hard to believe, but as we end the month of March, the third grade program is turning the corner and entering the homestretch toward summer! Since commencing in October and continuing through most of June, we will welcome 7,480 students to the plateau this year! Thank you to everyone who has made this another amazing and successful year. Whether you are a donor, docent or parent, you have all played a role in helping thousands of children experience a place and time in their lives that they will likely never forget.

While we only have three months remaining in this year's program, they promise to be the best yet! The flowers are popping, Cole Creek is flowing, and the animals of the reserve are getting more active! "This is the best trip ever!" and "I love this place!" were exclamations heard on the trail just last week.

Even though every day is a good day on the plateau, springtime is definitely the most exciting. Besides the rich greenery and pleasant weather, sightings of slithering snakes, basking western pond turtles and frisky fence lizards doing push-ups usually spike in spring and always add a level of excitement to everyone's visit – especially eight year olds.

Besides the excitement experienced on hikes throughout the year, this year's student excitement was raised by another reserve milestone. Docents began presenting interpretive outreach programs in elementary schools prior to the students' visit.

If the boisterous sounds emanating from the buses upon their arrival from the schools that took part in the outreach program are any measure, the program would have to be viewed as a grand success. But as we are more scientific on an Ecological Reserve, we'll have to go by the evaluations filled out by the participating teachers. And those have been nothing but positive! Comments like, "This was excellent!!! Great preview for trip!" and "Excellent program, the kids were focused at all times and the docents were wonderful", were only two of many glowing comments on the evaluation forms.

So thank you Outreach Docents, and especially Jackie Brown and Nancy Backstrand, for not only bringing the plateau to life in the schools by increasing knowledge and appreciation in students, but also for making our programs on the reserve so much more fun and a little smoother down the homestretch!

Foundation Helps to Raise Research Funds

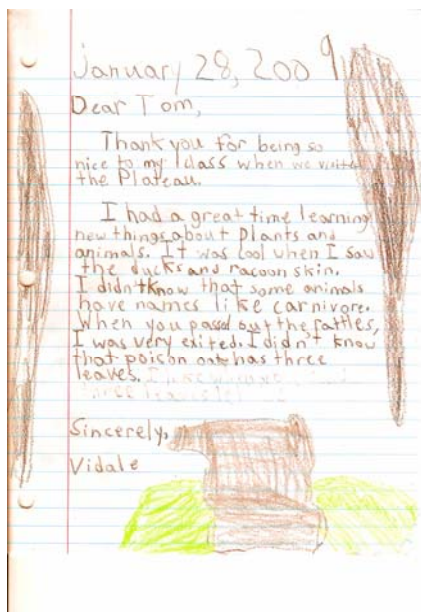
The Santa Rosa Plateau Foundation is pleased to be working with the University of California Davis' Wildlife Center to raise funds for a research project taking place on the Reserve to track the behavior and movements of the California Cougar.

For ticket information about this unique event, call Bobbie Christ at (951) 677-0869.

Third Grade Program – Statistics To Date
7 School Districts
70 Schools
7000+ students/year
Over 35,000 students total

Over \$225,000 given to the County to help continue the program and serve the 3rd Graders in Southwest Riverside County.

Third Grade Program - Participating School Districts
Murrieta Valley Unified
Hemet Unified
San Jacinto Unified
Temecula Valley Unified
Lake Elsinore
Romoland Elementary
Menifee Union



The Santa Rosa Plateau Foundation presents:

PUMA PAS DE DEUX

AT PLATEAU VINEYARDS

A benefit for mountain lion research on the Santa Rosa Plateau

May 16 2009
2:00 PM - 6:00PM

Plateau Vineyards
20170 Sierra Soto
Murrieta, CA 92562

Mountain Lions
in Southern California
a presentation by:
Dr. Walter Boyce, Dr. Winston Vickers
& Wildlife Biologist, Mike Puzzo

\$25

Ticket includes:
• Entrance to the Fundraiser
• Two glasses of wine
• Hors d'oeuvres

Make checks payable to the Santa Rosa Plateau Foundation
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Ticket#

A Word from the President

The SRPF's mission is to fund education, research, and preservation of the Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve for the purpose of raising awareness of the unique qualities of the Plateau. With that in mind, we embark on another exciting year of fundraising at the Foundation to ensure our commitment to Riverside County and the 3rd Grade Program continues.

SRPF is committed to contribute \$45,000 annually to help support the 3rd Grade Program at the Santa Rosa Plateau. This commitment helps ensure that this program continues even during this tough economic time and most importantly that the children are able to participate in this wonderful program.

SRPF produces, supports, and benefits from several events throughout the year. From the annual Garden Tour that takes place in April, to the Cowboy Jubilee in July, to Family Wildlife Day in the fall, there is something for everyone. We could not produce these events without the wonderful and dedicated support of our volunteers. Without them, we could not do what we do and we thank you all.

This year's events are even better than ever. The Garden Tour, which is always spectacular, has a great additional treat. Included in your tour of the beautiful gardens are fabulous seminars where you can learn about different gardening tips from experts. The Cowboy Jubilee is even more exciting this year due in part to our new partners, The City of Murrieta and the Murrieta Chamber of Commerce. This year's event has been expanded and includes a Family Day on Saturday, a guided tour of the Adobes on the Plateau on Friday morning, and a barn dance Friday night. And do not forget to come to our annual Art Show opening on August 8th at the Visitor's Center. This year's focus is on the geology of the Plateau and there will be a special event that will include a book signing on opening night. Look for more information on this wonderful art show and book focusing on the plants of the Plateau.

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**SAVE THE DATES:
JULY 24-25, 2009**

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**COWBOY
JUBILEE**

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MURRIETA, CA

A Celebration of the Ranching
and Cowboy Way of Life

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Jubilee Hotline: 1-800-369-4620



Music Roundup at the Ranch - Dinner and Concert
Barn Dance - Show and Supper
National Day of the Cowboy - Trail Ride
Cowboy and Ranching Street Festival
Walk to Adobe Ranch Site



In photo: Celia Cudiamat, Vice President, Grant Programs, The Community Foundation and Veronica Burgess, President, Santa Rosa Plateau Foundation.

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I eagerly support the Santa Rosa Plateau Foundation and its Vision. Enclosed is my/our check or money order (made payable to Santa Rosa Plateau Foundation) for my annual membership. You can also become a member through our website: www.srpf.org.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Silver Oak | \$75/yr per person | <input type="checkbox"/> Golden Bear | \$150/yr per person |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plateau Patron | \$1,000/yr per person | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Membership | \$10,000 |

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Spring 2009

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A Word from the President continued:

I am also excited to report to you that the Foundation has embarked on the development and implementation of other projects that broaden its mission to other segments of our community to include families, older students and the research educators. SRPF inaugurated a Family Wildlife Day in 2008, bringing families up to the Reserve to learn about and to have hands on experiences with the animals of the Reserve and similar environments. This year, the Foundation entered into a collaborative partnership with our neighbors in Tenaja and the University of California Davis' Wildlife Research Center to help raise funds for the "cougar research project" that is tracking the behaviors and movements of the Cougar on the Reserve and the Plateau.

Another exciting grant awarded to SRPF was the Desert Legacy Grant from *The Community Foundation Serving Riverside and San Bernardino Counties*. **This \$5,000 grant is awarded to programs, which promote the awareness and conservation of desert parks in Riverside, San Bernardino, Inyo, and Imperial Counties.** The grant will be used by the Foundation to ensure our mission continues while matching the Desert Legacy Funds mission.

Another project currently under development and for which a grant request has been submitted to the Verizon Foundation, is a pilot project...."Camp OAKS" (Outdoor Activity for KidS) which is a one-week day-camp event for middle school at-risk students. If funded, the project will be implemented sometime in July of this year.

We thank The Community Foundation, The City of Murrieta, The Murrieta Chamber of Commerce, as well as all our contributors, sponsors, donors, and volunteers for helping us with our mission. We look forward to 2009 and everyone's continued support.

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