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# THE WAVE *At Crystal Cove*



Crystal Cove Alliance is the non-profit, cooperating association dedicated to education, restoration, and conservation within Crystal Cove State Park



## {spotlight}

### **SPECIAL PLEIN AIR ART EXHIBITION IN COTTAGE #46 TO CELEBRATES THE CCA ART COUNCIL'S 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

Throughout October, the Crystal Cove Alliance Art Council will be celebrating its 10 year anniversary of promoting plein air art in Crystal Cove State Park with a special gallery exhibition and artists' demo in Cottage #46!

Established to continue the 100+ year-old tradition of "En Plein Air" painting in Crystal Cove, the Art Council has grown from a small grass-roots effort to become a well-recognized group of art lovers and organizers working to engage local artists, produce art shows, teach beginning and intermediate courses, and organize special events and exhibitions. For Art Council Chair, Maggie Jamison, the experience of working with the council has been nothing short of remarkable. During the past 10 years, the Art Council has been made up of dedicated staff members and volunteers who established goals and crafted workable guidelines for a "meaningful art program," she says. "It has been my honor to work alongside the most gifted and generous group of people."



CCA's Art Council (L) to (R): Patti Ohslund, Charli Baker, and Margaret Jamison

Beginning on October 1<sup>st</sup>, a gallery exhibition showcasing Crystal Cove's tradition of plein air painting will be on display in Cottage #46, including (reproductions of) six prominent works on loan from the Irvine Museum. On select days, some of CCA's premier artists will also be doing a live demonstration. As a special treat for all of Crystal Cove's art lovers, the Fine Art Gallery and Interpretive Park Store will be offering 10% off all art pieces throughout the month of October. Be sure to swing by Cottage #46 this month to see the exhibition!

## {from the field}

### **CRYSTAL COVE'S RESIDENT RAVENS**

Crystal Cove is home to one of the smartest and friendliest bird species—the raven. According to Rick Boufford, who has been documenting the ravens of the Cove for the past 12 years, there are currently 6 mated pairs living within specific regions along the coastline. As juveniles, ravens are kicked out of their nests by their parents and form bands with other displaced ravens until it's time to search for a mate. Once paired off, ravens are mated for life and settle down in an area permanently. Ravens are extremely territorial and will chase away predators and other trespassing ravens.

Of the 6 families Rick has documented living along the Cove's coastline, Harold and Maude are the monogamous pair living in the most heavily trafficked part of Crystal Cove, the Historic District. "While waiting for lunch at the Beachcomber, take a peek behind the restaurant and watch for Harold and Maude who are usually perched over telephone poles," Rick recommends. For more information, please visit [The Raven Diaries](#) for a detailed guide on Crystal Cove's resident ravens.



Harold and Maude basking in the sun.

## {making a difference}

### CCA LAUNCHES A NEW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO HELP SUSTAIN OUR STUDENTS (S.O.S.)

Help Crystal Cove Alliance invest in tomorrow's environmental stewards by supporting our new Sustain Our Students (S.O.S.) scholarship program. The program is designed to give back to our generous donors with letters from participating students, pictures from field trips, a chance participate in planning workshops, and a seat at CCA's very first Environmental Congress at UCI in Spring 2016.

Most of the students (over 60%) who participated in CCA's education programs this past year came from underserved areas with under-resourced schools. For many, their visit to Crystal Cove is their first opportunity to experience California's coast. During the 2014-2015 school year, over 75% of classes were from Title I schools, and about 12% of students had never been on a boat before.

One such school, Segerstrom High School in Santa Ana, has participated in CCA's Marine Protected Area Citizen Science Cruises for the past four years. Student Katelyn Carbajal, who participated in the cruise last year, said her experience onboard "blew my mind," and convinced her to pursue marine biology in college.

The Sustain Our Students scholarship program aims to give every student the same inspiration by helping them take part in CCA's STEM (Science, Engineering, Technology, and Mathematics) field trips. Potential donors can choose from 4 levels of commitment:

- **Explorer** (\$1000) – Supports an entire class on a CCA field expedition, which also includes a photo from the class the donation is supporting.
- **Navigator** (\$2,500) – Underwrites two classrooms and includes photos from the trip and handwritten thank-you notes.
- **Wayfarer** (\$5,000) – Supports up to 150 students in the field and on the water, as well as an opportunity to join some of the students during the expedition.
- **Beacon** (\$10,000) – Joins the founding council for CCA's new Field Science Initiative. Up to five Visionaries will comprise the council, which will support the launch of the new program and bring together the most promising students to create the very first Environmental Congress that will evaluate the health of Crystal Cove State Park.

This is an exciting time to become a part of CCA's education team. For more information or to become a sponsor, please visit the [S.O.S.](#) homepage.



## {then and now}

### COME CELEBRATE CRYSTAL COVE ALLIANCE'S SWEET 16!

Join us this month as we celebrate Crystal Cove Alliance's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday! Originally known as the Alliance to Rescue Crystal Cove, CCA was launched in 1999 in an effort to preserve the historic cottages and prevent them from being converted into a luxury resort.

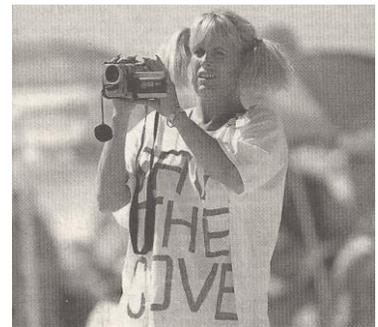
Plans for the new resort along the Crystal Cove shoreline served as the perfect wake up call for Laura Davick, a third generation Coveite and CCA's Founder and Director of External Affairs. "I started the Alliance to ultimately preserve Crystal Cove," she says. "I wanted to raise awareness for what we were about to lose."

During a 2001 meeting at Lincoln Elementary School, waves of people came out to voice their opposition. It was a shift in the tides as an entire community banded together to stop the development of a luxury resort that would forever change the historic cottages at Crystal Cove.

With the resort essentially halted, the California Coastal Conservancy provided \$2 million to terminate the developer's rights. State Parks then began a public planning process, in which Laura Davick and other environmental stakeholder groups participated in to determine the best plan for Crystal Cove. Through that process, the California State Park and Recreation Commission and the California Coastal Commission approved the Preservation and Public Use Plan (PPUP).

In 2003, the Alliance to Rescue Crystal Cove transitioned into its modern day iteration as Crystal Cove Alliance, shifting its mission from rescue to restoration, education, and conservation. Today, CCA leads the way as a model for what can be achieved through public-private partnerships.

With 29 of the 46 historic cottages already restored, CCA and State Parks are currently working on the permitting plans for the last 17 cottages. Once completed this project will be self sustaining for all future education and conservation initiatives here within the Park.



Laura Davick on her mission to "Save the Cove"

## {membership}

### Become a member of Crystal Cove Alliance!

Our partners are all in this together! For as little as \$50, you can become a member of Crystal Cove Alliance.

Our new program includes benefits such as discounts at the Park Interpretive Store, invitations to special events, a one-day parking pass, up to four shuttle passes, the CCA monthly newsletter and lots more.

Don't miss out – [sign up](#) today as a new member to be entered into a drawing for a two-night stay for two in a Crystal Cove Cottage.



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