



Crystal Cove Conservancy - Turning the Page

Book Signing and The Next Chapter: The North Beach Restoration Project

NEWPORT COAST, CA, February 1, 2018 - Join Crystal Cove Conservancy for a unique program featuring "*Crystal Cove Cottages: Islands in Time on the California Coast*" 2nd Edition book signing with co-author, Laura Davick, Founder and Vice President of The Conservancy on Sunday, February 25 at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. (two presentation times are available). Learn about the rich history of Crystal Cove and about the final capstone North Beach Restoration Project.

"This is more than just a book signing. We are excited to raise awareness for completing the restoration of the final 17 cottages on the North Beach Restoration Project for Crystal Cove State Park and to protect this national jewel for future generations," says Davick. The Sunday program will include a Q&A session, book signing and a 15-minute tour and overview on the sand in front of the North Beach Cottages.

"*Crystal Cove Cottages: Islands in Time on the Coast*" was originally published by Chronicle Books in 2005. The authors share a love story about the families that built the cottages and the spirit that still exists in them today. Meriam Braselle, a former resident of Abalone Point and one of the founding members of Laguna Plein Air Painters; Karen Steen and her family who share deep roots of the tent-camping era at the cove; and Laura Davick who had the good fortune to call historic Cottage #2 her home for 40 years. The launch of this treasured 2nd edition was made possible through the generous support and partnership of Randy Higbee.

“We are elated to shine the light on the North Beach as Crystal Cove Conservancy begins its largest preservation initiative to date,” says Davick. “We invite you to participate in the ongoing effort to protect and preserve this pocket of paradise for all to enjoy.”

Books will be sold at the event and can also be purchased for \$34.95 at The Conservancy’s interpretive store in the park or on the Crystal Cove website www.crystalcove.org.

Event details: Sunday, February 25, 11:00 a.m. and again at 1:00 p.m., Crystal Cove Visitor Center in Cottage #00. Please RSVP by Monday, February 19 at www.crystalcove.org/events. Members receive 10% discount on book purchase. Refreshments will be served. Parking \$5/hr. (max. \$15).

All proceeds from book sales will be donated to support the mission of Crystal Cove Conservancy.

Guests can park at the Los Trancos parking lot on the inland side of Pacific Coast Highway for \$5 per hour or for a maximum of \$15 for the entire day. The Beachcomber shuttle bus will be available from the Los Trancos parking lot for \$1.50 each way.

About Crystal Cove Conservancy

Crystal Cove Conservancy is the nonprofit public benefit partner to Crystal Cove State Park, employing a social enterprise model to fund important preservation, education and conservation initiatives that will cultivate our planet’s next generation of environmental stewards ensuring that Crystal Cove, and places like it, live on for generations. The Conservancy, formerly known as Crystal Cove Alliance, was founded in 1999 by Laura Davick to save Crystal Cove Historic District from being developed into a luxury resort property.

The Conservancy works in partnership with California State Parks to provide stewardship support for Crystal Cove’s nearly 2,800 acres of public lands including: The Crystal Cove Historic District and beach cottages (a National Register of Historic Places site); 2,400 acres of pristine wilderness habitat and the unspoiled Moro Canyon watershed (a National Natural Landmark site); over three miles of rocky beach coastline and intertidal habitat; 400 acres of coastal bluff habitat; and special underwater and offshore areas including the Crystal Cove State Marine Conservation Area MPA. By being a stewardship partner for this Southern California jewel, the Conservancy has been uniquely positioned to develop a nationally recognized STEM education program that uses authentic field science and monitoring to immerse students and community members in the practice of conservation and open space management. For more information, visit www.crystalcove.org.

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