



The Flyer



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New Exhibit at The Neal Taylor Nature Center

“Vic” the Vulture

Hey Everyone!

Join us at the Nature Center to welcome Vic the Vulture.

Vic is a massive papier mache sculpture that measures approximately 3 feet by 4 feet by 5.5 feet tall. His large belly is filled with some of the results of our throw-away society. This impressive sculpture is the creation of extraordinary artist and designer Keith Puccinelli. Vic is on loan to the Nature Center by Nancy Henderson for our visitor’s enlightenment and enjoyment. The custom exhibit enclosure for Vic was designed, built and installed by Nature Center volunteer, Brad Paige.

The enlightenment aspects presented by Vic include:

The history of the ancient Papier Mache art form

Vic will provide the opportunity to discuss questions such as: What did the Han Dynasty use it for in China? How did ancient Egyptians use it? How did the British use it to draw enemy sniper fire during WWII? Where and how is it used today?

Vultures, what they do for our environment and why they are so important

Vic will open discussions on such topics as: How is it that vultures can eat what other animals cannot? Why are vulture’s heads bald? Is trash the greatest threat to vulture’s existence?

The effects of trash and litter on our wildlife and environment

Studies show that in 1960 plastic was found in less than five percent of sea birds. However, by 1980 it jumped to 80 percent. Did you know that plastic water bottles can take 450 years to de-compose, and fishing lines take up to 600 years?

What we as individuals can do to help solve the problem

We have all heard the catch-phrase, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, but what are we doing about it? It is our desire here at NTNC to promote the care of our planet. We plan to include more about litter and trash and what we can do to help in future programs.



About the Artist

Keith Puccinelli was born and raised in San Jose. He attended San Jose State University, receiving a B.A. in Arts degree with an emphasis in sculpture. Following graduation he moved his residence to Santa Barbara, spending the rest of his career in the Santa Barbara and Ventura county areas. He passed away in 2017.

He was one of the most singular and significant artists in Southern California and received national and international recognition for his work as a graphic designer and illustrator. His first solo Santa Barbara exhibit ran from November 2011 to December 2011 at SBCC Atkinson Museum. Many of his designs and branded logos remain in use today.



Keith worked in a broad range of media including drawing, sculpture, printmaking, photography, video, and multi-media installations. His work is included in numerous private collections as well as public collections such as Santa Barbara’s Museum of Art, Westmont Ridley-Tree Museum of Art, Santa Barbara County Arts Commission, SBCC Atkinson College and the Berkus collection.

The Neal Taylor Nature Center at Cachuma Lake

Cordially Invites You to

“Food for Thought” Speakers Series

Presenting a talk on
Saving the Planet’s Vultures

With

Dr. Estelle Sandhaus,

Director of Conservation and Science, Santa Barbara Zoo

- When: Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.
- Where: The Neal Taylor Nature Center at Cachuma Lake
- Meet and greet with light refreshments after the presentation
- **Lecture is Free** with \$10.00 Park Admission per vehicle

Guest speaker Dr. Estelle Sandhaus will be presenting a lecture: Saving the Planet’s Vultures

The Neal Taylor Nature Center’s Food for Thought 2019 series is proud to host Dr. Estelle Sandhaus on Sunday, March 3rd from 2 pm- 4 pm. An alumna of Georgia Tech, Dr. Estelle Sandhaus conducted her MS research at the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding in China and her PhD research on nesting California condors in the southern California backcountry. Estelle oversees the Santa Barbara Zoo’s field conservation programs and collections research, and her favorite animals to work with in the wild are the California condor, island fox, California red-legged frog, and southern sea otter. In her spare time Estelle enjoys the outdoors with her husband Brad and their spirited curly-coated retriever, Nira.

More about an iconic vulture - the California Condor:

The Central Coast is home to the California condor, an iconic vulture that has been pulled back from the brink of extinction through intensive management efforts. The total world population has increased from a low of 22 in the 1980s to over 480 today. However, anthropogenic factors still threaten the recovery of what is still one of the world’s rarest bird species. While captive breeding and reintroduction were ramping up for the California condor, African and Asian vultures experienced precipitous population declines that threaten the very existence of vultures on those continents. Learn more about vultures in crisis across the globe and the measures being taken in the race to save them.



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Much of the trash we “throw away” never truly goes away. In fact, most trash stays on earth for a long time, sometimes even forever! Learn how long it takes everyday items to biodegrade or breakdown in the environment by matching the picture to the time period (One time period per picture).

Fishing Line



2 WEEKS

6 MONTHS

1-5 YEARS

5 YEARS

25-40 YEARS

100 YEARS

250 YEARS

450 YEARS

500 YEARS

600 YEARS

200-1000 YEARS

Never

Styrofoam



Plastic Bag



Glass



Orange Peel



Wool Socks



Plastic Bottle



Milk Carton



Leather Shoes



Paper



Tin Can



Straws



Planet Protector Tip: Plastics cannot actually biodegrade; instead it breaks into tiny pieces that stay in our environment potentially forever. All materials are not created equal. Although tin and glass last a long time, they're also easily recyclable and non-toxic.
91% of U.S. plastic trash isn't recycled!

Answer key: Paper 2 WEEKS, Orange Peel 6 MONTHS, Wool Socks 1-5 YEARS, Milk Carton 5 YEARS, Leather Shoes 25-40 YEARS, Tin Can 100 YEARS, Straw 250 YEARS, Plastic Bottle 450 YEARS, Glass 600 YEARS, Fishing Line 500 YEARS, Plastic Bag 200-1000 YEARS, Styrofoam NEVER.

You can Make a Difference!

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How does Amazon Smile Work?

When first visiting Amazon Smile, customers are prompted to select a charitable organization from over one million eligible organizations in order to browse or shop at Amazon Smile, customers must first select a charitable organization. For NTNC the direct link is: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/77-0233074>. For eligible purchases at Amazon Smile, The Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization.

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So, The Neal Taylor Nature Center invites all volunteers, campers, visitors and friends to visit Amazon Smile enjoy great shopping and have Amazon make a donation to Neal Taylor Nature Center.

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2. Select a Charity: Towards the bottom of the screen enter Neal Taylor Nature Center in the box labeled Pick your own Charitable Organization
3. A window will come up showing: Neal Taylor Nature Center at Cachuma Lake
Press the "Select" button
4. Window will come up displaying:
" Yes, I understand I must always start at smile.amazon.com to support the Neal Taylor Nature Center at Cachuma Lake"
Click on the check box
A "Start Shopping" button will appear
Click on this button to start your shopping.
5. A window will appear allowing you to download the Amazon Assistant app. If you download this it will place an icon on your computers desktop. This will give you future one-click access to amazon.smile.

If you choose not to download this app at this time you can do so any time later by typing "Amazon Assistant Download" into the Amazon search box.

6. If you do not download the app, the next time you wish to shop on amazon, just go to:
<https://smile.amazon.com>

Your computer will automatically credit NTNC with a contribution for any purchases you make.

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24th Annual Fish Derby April 27th and 28th, 2019

Registration \$35.00 by April 13th (\$40 after)
Ages 4-15 - \$10



Attention!!!

There is good news for all types of anglers! This year's Fish Derby will again include prize categories for multiple types of fish such as crappie, bass, catfish, trout and carp. The prize pool dollar amount has been increased which means everyone has a chance to win great cash prizes, fishing gear, and more!

Call the Fishing Derby Hotline

805-693-8381 or email [Julie@clnaturecenter.org](mailto:julie@clnaturecenter.org)