

## **Programs for Children**

## Tideland Tykes @ Peter & Mary Muth Center

Thursdays from 10:30am-11:30am (ages 2-8) Join Preserve staff for a fun-filled parent & child experience that may include arts and crafts, storytelling, hands-on activities or outdoor nature walks.

May 8 June 12 Apr. 10 May 15 May 22 Apr. 17 June 19 May 29

### No Class April 24, May 1 and June 26

Come prepared for exciting experiences! Class fee is \$5.00 per child. Space is limited and pre-registration is required for all classes. Please phone (949) 923-2275, or e-mail unbic@ocparks.com to register.

# EARTH DAY 2014 @ Peter & Mary Muth Center

Saturday April 26, 10:00am - 3:00pm

**Special** 

Event!

Come and join us in our 24th Annual Earth Day Celebration at the Bay presented by Newport Bay Conservancy in partnership with OC Parks. Free admission. Fun for all the family!

Environmental exhibitors

- Live entertainment
- Face painting
- Children's scavenger hunt with prizes,
- Birds of prey
- Science discovery & craft booths
- Opportunity drawing with great prizes
- Newport Beach Film Festival environmental films.

Food available for purchase from the Burnt Truck, Tamarindo and Front Porch Pops.

Visit www.newportbay.org for more information.

# Wild Tales @ Peter & Mary Muth Center

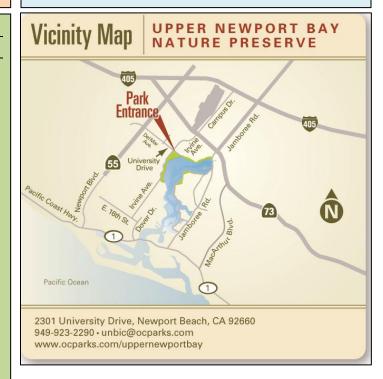
Fridays from 10:30am-11:30am (ages 2-8)

Visit with Preserve staff for story-telling fun! After a story, learn more about the natural history of the Bay through crafts, hands-on activities and nature walks.

Apr. 4	May 2	June 6
Apr. 11	May 9	June 13
Apr. 18	May 16	June 20
	May 23	
	May 30	

#### No class April 25 and June 27

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# Special Event!



# First Annual BUGS, BLOOMS & BUTTERFLIES

Saturday, May 10, 10:00am - 2:00pm

Spring is in the air! Join us for a fun-filled day discovering life in the garden with Bugs, Blooms and Butterflies! Explore educational stations, informative exhibits and live arthropod friends. Butterfly, Plant and Insect experts will be on-site to provide educational information and answer questions.

# Special Guests:

Dr. Sue The Bug Lady Western Monarch Guardians Mimi The Monarch Butterfly

## Activities include:

Live Butterfly Enclosure **Native Plant Sales** Face Painting **Kids Crafts** Story Telling **Giant Coloring Mural** 

Live butterfly release at 2pm!

Parking & Event are Free! Additional Information: unbic@ocparks.com

### **Activities Around The Bay**

## **Big Canyon Bird Walk**

Last Sunday of every month starting at 8:00am

For those of you who are interested in a more intense bird watching experience and the possibility of seeing something rare, one of our bird experts offers a 2 -3 hour outing at Big Canyon.

April 27 May 25 June 29

Bring sun protection and binoculars if you have them to each walk in Big Canyon. There is no charge for these programs, but reservations are requested. RSVP to 949-923-2269. Meet at Big Canyon parking lot.

#### **Kayak Tours**

Saturdays & Sundays from 10:00am-12:00pm Join an experienced naturalist for a guided kayak tour of the Back Bay! \$25/person, ages 8 & up. Be prepared to get wet! Call (949) 923-2269 for reservations. (Meet at the Newport Aquatic Center)





### **Back Bay Drive Nature Walks**

1st Saturday of the month 9:00am-11:00am

Join a Naturalist at Shellmaker Island for a morning walk along Bay Back Drive to observe birds and plants. A side channel of the estuary runs adjacent to the multi-purpose road and there are great opportunities to view shorebirds, waterfowl and other birds. Bring sun protection and binoculars if you have them. There is no charge for the program, but reservations are requested. Please call 949-923-2269 for more info and to RSVP.

April 5 May 3 June 7

## Big Canyon Bird & Plant Program

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month 9:00am-11:00am

**Expert Newport Bay Conservancy Naturalists conduct** highly informative nature programs at Big Canyon. These interpretive programs, involve a short walk in an area where several habitats meet. They provide a great introduction to birds and plants of the Bay. If a particular theme is not stated, the Naturalist will discuss items of special interest encountered by the group along the way.

May 17 April 19

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# **Shellmaker Discovery Tour**

One Saturday each month 9:00am-11:00am

Join a Naturalist to learn about Shellmaker Island and Back Bay Science Center. Discover unusual and endangered plants, birds and crab habitats. Bring binoculars if you have them. No latecomers. The program is free. Reservations are required. Please call 949-640-9956 for more information and to RSVP.

April 12 May 10 June 14

# Back Bay Science Center (BBSC) Community Day

Sundays from 10:00am-2:00pm

Come explore the buildings and surroundings of the BBSC! Talk to the City of Newport Beach staff and volunteers about ongoing research, education, & restoration projects. Get your fingers wet in our tide pool touch tank, tour the teaching lab and aquarium tanks, and do some bird watching.

The Science Center is located just off of Back Bay Drive on Shellmaker Island (600 Shellmaker Rd). This program is free and no reservations are required.

## ESTUARY AWARENESS DAY! Saturday, June 7, 10:00am – 3:00pm **Back Bay Science Center**

Bring the family along to Back Bay Science Center to learn the importance of estuaries through unique hands on activities. Lots to do! Discover things you can do to protect estuaries, visit our tidepool touch tanks, learn about coastal water analysis, observe plankton and other cool things under the microscope. Enjoy a trip on the Upper Newport Bay on a pontoon boat tour or take a guided nature walk on Shellmaker Island.

This is a great opportunity to tour the Science Center which is normally only open to those taking part in scheduled activities. It is a state of the art research-based facility operated by the California Department of Fish & Wildlife in partnership with the City of Newport Beach, Orange County Health Care Agency and University of California, Irvine.

Special Event!

#### **Get Involved & Other Activities!**

#### **California Coastal Commission - ROOTS**

4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month 9:00am to noon

These habitat restoration events take place at various locations at UNB. All ages are welcome. Under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Service learning hours are available.

> Jan. 25 Feb. 22 Mar. 22

For information or to reserve your place, please contact Matt Yurko, Restoration Education Program Management at (949) 640-0286 or email him at myurko@coastal.ca.gov.

A signed waiver is needed for each participant. For those under 18, this must be signed by a parent or guardian. To help us, please download, complete, and sign the CCC Waiver and bring to the event.

# **Second Sunday Restoration Program**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month from 9:00am to noon

Join Preserve staff and other volunteers in enhancing the Bay's habitat for local wildlife. Activities may include nonnative plant removal, planting natives, watering, trash cleanup and Butterfly Garden maintenance. No experience is necessary; water, snacks and tools are provided. Space is limited. Please phone (949) 923-2275, or e-mail unbic@ocparks.com to register or receive monthly email notifications. Minors aged 16 and younger must have legal guardian present at all times Rain cancels.

April 13 May 11 June 8