



Conserving the Gaviota Coast IN PICTURES AND STORIES

Presented by: Phil McKenna

Monday, March 4
9:30 a.m. – 12 noon

Bethany Congregational Church
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The Gaviota Coast is the largest intact example of our Southern California Mediterranean coastal environment. Its 200,000 acres span 73 miles of coastline and 43 watersheds. Internationally recognized as a “biological hotspot” for its diversity of plants and animals, it is a mosaic of landscapes—and it harbors many little-known stories: an epic development scheme stretching across 140 years; the largest ranch in Santa Barbara County preserved for restoration and scientific study; a coffee plantation in the foothills; a ranch encompassing an entire watershed being restored through regenerative agriculture. Many photographers have dedicated their time and skills to awaken our interest, and this course will be richly illustrated to display the character, beauty, and conservation challenges facing the Gaviota Coast, at the edge of Southern California.



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Preferred registration deadline*: February 26, 2024

*Early enrollment helps us with our planning; also, those who register by the preferred deadline will be given priority in case of over-enrollment.

Enrollment form: Conserving the Gaviota Coast, in Pictures and Stories

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VISTAS members \$20; non-members \$30

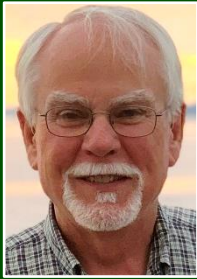
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Number of persons _____ \$ _____ Check # _____

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

It is understood that attendance is limited to those who are fully vaccinated against Covid-19.



Phil McKenna came to Santa Barbara in 1964 to study at UCSB and never left. It's not a unique story, but he feels fortunate to have landed in this community of mountains and seashore. When his youngest child left for college, an opening presented itself; he wanted to add something to the community that had nurtured him. For the past 25 years he has been a coastal advocate for the Gaviota Coast Conservancy. He was a financial consultant, but has retired and discovered that "work," while important, is overrated.

BELOW: PHOTOS BY BILL DEWEY; RICH REID; REED WOOLPERT; RICK SKILLING; RICH REID



IMPORTANT COVID-19 POLICY

The health and safety of our attendees and their families are of utmost importance to us. **Accordingly, we are limiting attendance to those who are fully vaccinated.** Proof of vaccinations and boosters (digital Covid-19 Vaccination Card or a photo of your printed card) must be sent to our business manager via email (vistas@vistaslifelonglearning.org) or text (805-967-6030). This needs to be done only once—your proof of vaccination will remain valid for all VISTAS events. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.



VISTAS Winter/Spring 2024 Calendar

SUBJECT TO CHANGE; for up-to-date information, visit our website (VistasLifelongLearning.org) frequently!

Course / Event	Date(s)	Time	Venue
VISTAS Winter Social	NOTE NEW DATE! Sun. March 3	1:30 pm	The Music Academy
Fiction Book Club	3rd Thursday monthly	10:00 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Monday Nonfiction Book Club	4th Monday monthly	1:30 pm	Via Zoom
The SB Civil Grand Jury: The Public's Watchdog	Mon. Jan. 8 and 15	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Not Just a Pretty Place: Science at SB Botanic Garden	Tues. Jan. 9	1:00 pm	SB Botanic Garden
Legendary Lovers in Opera	Tues. Jan. 23, 30, Wed. Feb. 7	9:30 am	The Music Academy
The Hapsburgs	Thurs. Jan. 25 and Feb. 1	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
The Five Good Emperors	Mon. Feb. 5	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Whose Land Is It, Anyway?	Tues. Feb. 13, 20, 27, Mar. 5	9:30 am	The Music Academy
The Climate Crisis: Where We Are, What We Can Do	Wed. Feb. 21, 28, Mar. 6	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
<i>The Lafayette Escadrille and The Millionaires' Unit</i>	Thurs. Feb. 29, Mar. 7	1:00 pm	Valle Verde Theater
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	Mon. March 4	9:30 am	Bethany Cong. Church
Heroes & Rogues, Series 5	Mon. Mar. 11, 18, 25	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
American Folk Music Revival of the 20th Century	Mon. April 1, 8, 15, 22	1:00 pm	Bethany Congreg. Church
String Quartets in the Vienna in Beethoven's Time	Wed. April 3, 10, 17	9:30 am	The Music Academy
Will China (Still) Eat Our Lunch?	Thurs. April 4	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
<i>Sinkable: Adventures with Shipwrecks</i>	Wed. April 24	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
The Golden Age of the Broadway Musical	Fri. May 3, 10, 17	9:30 am	The Music Academy
Artistic Renderings of Human Body / Women Artists	Mon. May 6	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Short Story Discussion Grp., Sect. 1	NOTE NEW DATES! Tues. May 7, 14, 28, Fri. May 24	1:00 pm	Valle Verde
Short Story Discussion Grp., Sect. 2	NOTE NEW DATES! Thurs. May 9, 16, 23, 30	1:00 pm	Montecito Covenant Church
Celebrating 100 Yrs. of the Granada	NOTE NEW DATE! Tues. May 14	1:00 pm	Granada Theatre
The Magic Behind TV Music	Wed. May 8	1:00 pm	Bethany Congreg. Church
13,000 Years of Local Maritime History / Whales	Mon. May 13	9:30 am	SB Maritime Museum
The Immigration Conundrum	Wed. May 15, 23	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church