



# MEADOWLARK

## Summer Solstice Photo Gallery (Email only) Update

412 South McClelland, P O Box 5254, Santa Maria, CA 93456

*Getting ready to re-open the Museum. Come visit us beginning July 15, 2021.*

*"Open wide, Good Bear!"*



*Our  
Bird Hall  
duster*



*Virginia S. cleaning the Elk.*



*Dave S. is sucking up cobwebs with  
his nifty little vacuum.*





***We are so happy to say we will be re-opening on July 15, 2021. Our limited days/hours will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 11 to 4pm, (if you find the museum closed it is because we are looking for more docents.) We will be having a grand opening with full days Wed. through Sat. in October 2021.***

### ***The Garden Committee of the NHM***



1. Nancy H. working hard.
2. Cynthia L. and Nancy H. proud of the Toyon.
3. President Judy G. talks to the gardeners.
4. Gardeners Field Trip to San Luis Obispo Botanical Gardens. Cork tree education by Ken.





2020 Winner, Nancy W. "Tortoise with grandson's hand."  
2021 Winner, Randall R. "Whales in Avila Beach"

**In NHM Garden, is it a Bushtit or a Nuthatch?**



Our Nature Advisor, David Kisner, tells us . . . The Bushtits (*Psaltirparus minimus*) are a nondescript gray on gray and are one of the smallest birds to be found on the Central Coast, but they make up for their drab color and small size with gusto! During the breeding season the bushtits will weave a hanging nest made of oak tassels, lichens, moss, grass, and flowers held together with spider silk. They will often raise two broods of five to seven chicks using a new nest each time. During the non-breeding season, they form tight flocks of about 10 (but sometimes up to 50) birds and flit and flow between shrubs and trees with an insistent chirping. The calls are a way of staying in communication with one another; if one of them sees a predator the call changes and everyone starts to thrill loudly until the danger has passed. The bushtits will often be found hanging upside down looking under leaves or flowers for small bugs. These flocks make me think of a school of fish flying through our backyards and neighborhood parks.

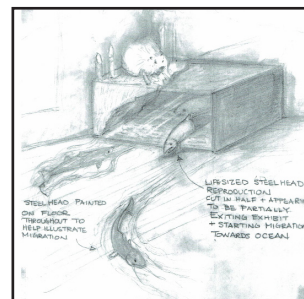
**Kiwanis Poker Run**



Kiwanis Monarch ladies used our facilities for their Poker Run and left us a nice donation.

**We are so proud to receive the C.R.E.F. Grant**

Please come in and see the drawings of the NHM projects on a story board that will show you what this grant will do for the museum! The projects will be accomplished by the end of next year. We are so excited. Thank you Virginia for the work you have done on this. More news about this in our Fall Newsletter



**Thank you for looking at our Photo Gallery.**  
**Please visit our website regularly.**  
[www.smnaturalhistory.org](http://www.smnaturalhistory.org)  
**We hope to see you soon. Your NHM Board**