



# MEADOWLARK

*Summer 2022 Solstice Photo Gallery  
(Email only) Update for our Members & Friends*

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Here are some photos from our very successful, fun Earth Day Celebration on April 24, 2022. SM Rec & Parks closed the street



in front of the museum for us. All the docents, board & garden committee got busy and set up for over 100 NHM friends.



Bob Isip from SM Methodist Church gave the opening invocation & president Judy Garrett did the introductions & we were off and running for a great day!



The SM Library Bookmobile was there

**One of the highlights of the day was Zoo To You. We learned about some very exciting live animals that interacted with us. It was a great show! Just some of the animals are shown below.**



A cute, gentle gray Fox, a Porcupine, and "Julius Squeezer", the Python snake! A Cockatoo named "Handsome" did his performance and then flew to a tree in the back for the remainder of the show!

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Our Nature consultant David Kisner gave us a great talk on how to make an Earth Day pledge to transform your yard. His points/instructions are still up by the front door of the museum. Great information for converting your yard with native/drought resistant plants.



Los Flores Ranch Nature exhibit was there, they brought "Little Bear, the smallest horse in CA."



Even T-rex came by, this is the museum's treasurer hugging T-rex Kelsie.

Photos by John Fuhring & Randy de la Pena

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We had many different tables in our back garden. This is a wonderful garden that you can visit anytime, have a picnic lunch, relax here and read a good book that you may have gotten out of our free library house in the front of the museum.

Above is a couple of darling girls making Pinecone bird feeders with peanut butter. SM Times Photo.



The NHM Garden Committee had a table with free CA native/drought resistant plants & information.

**“The TNHM Conservsation Award”**  
was presented to  
**Susan Tuttle of Los Flores Ranch**  
by Virginia Souza.  
Look close to see the beautiful blue globe in her hand.

Our longtime docent, Bill Decker showing and telling about the free Western Bluebird houses one can have in their rural area for the Western Bluebird. There is only one left!



*Also. . .*

- a table where we had free spring garden vegetable starts donated to us by Plantel Nursery.
- a table with bee watering information.
- a table about composting information and **GLORIA SOTO'S** home composting demonstration.

And. . . A Mexican Food Truck with delicious food!



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Our first docent/volunteer Field Trip was on June 16, 2022 and we had a very exciting trip to the



From left to right, Judy Garrett, Brennan Simpson, Annie Lawrence, Alexandar Jacob, Bill Decker, Virginia Souza, Suzanne Hajnik, Stacey Otte-Demangate and Randall Rich, missing in photo is John Fuhring.



*wild-ling: a wild plant, flower, or animal*

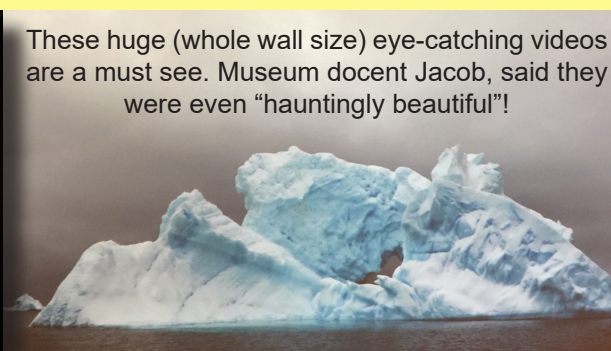
The Wildling Museum uses art exhibitions and programs to connect our visitors and community to nature in hopes of instilling a conservation ethic to preserve wild lands and species for the health of our planet and the inspiration of future generations.

in Solvang where Stacey Otte-Demangate (second from right) led us thru their very interesting exhibit called Fire & Ice. The exhibit is up until September 2022. We then were left on our own to explore the museum and see some very interesting installations. Then we walked to a local Subway and had some great sandwiches.

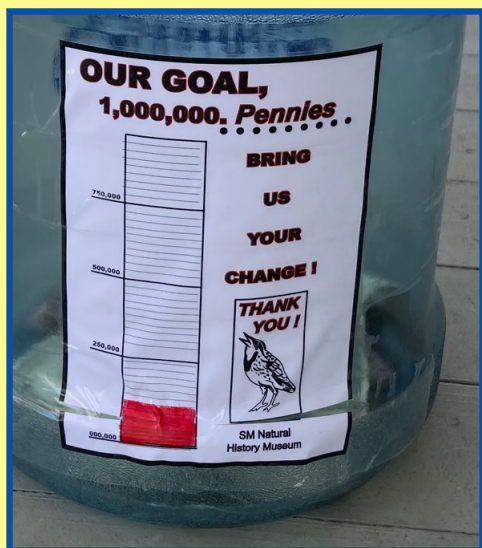


## FIRE & ICE

These huge (whole wall size) eye-catching videos are a must see. Museum docent Jacob, said they were even "hauntingly beautiful"!



Big interesting painting, done using black ash & the fire retardant Phoschek.



***This is our 2022 one million penny jug! We joyously had a soft reopening last summer and a full reopening in the fall of 2021. We have seen a dramatic increase in volunteer and visitors in 2022 so far. On June 28th, with Righetti High, will mark the first Museum school tour since the pandemic! As we prepare for the first full calendar of school tours won't you please consider bringing your loose change & \$\$ to us toward completing this year's One Million Penny Project! Our goal is to bring the red level to 500,000 (\$5,000) by this Fall.***

**A convenient way to donate** to the Penny Project (rather than bringing in all that change & \$\$) is to donate online thru our website [www.smnaturalhistory.org](http://www.smnaturalhistory.org) Go to Support, at mid page you will see

a donate amount and donate button. You can donate with your debit or credit card or PayPal. But we love to see you and the jug is open during our hours Wed thru Sat 11 - 4 pm. **Thanks a half million!**