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Crystal Cove Alliance Annual Soiree Set for Oct. 1

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It's hard to top a gala that starts with a sunset reception on a bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean, followed by a fabulous dinner accompanied by live music, but for its 14th annual soiree on Oct. 1, Crystal Cove Alliance is adding an extra element to its popular affair that sells out every year.

New this year is a farm-to-table concept meal created by The Resort at Pelican Hill's culinary team (led by Jean Pierre Dubray, the Executive Chef of Pelican Hill), which means a sustainable dining experience of appetizers and dishes created with locally sourced ingredients.

Anyone who has dined at any of Pelican Hill's restaurants knows how truly terrific the cuisine is, so having a farm-to-table epicurean experience as part of this year's soiree will make the evening that much more special.

The Resort at Pelican Hill has been the title sponsor for CCA's event for the past seven years.

In addition to the reception and dinner, supporters can bid on live and silent auction items, as well as an opportunity drawing for a chance to win a three-night stay in the sought-after historic Crystal Cove Cottage #14, a



Crystal Cove Alliance gala reception on a bluff overlooking the ocean

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spacious, two-story oceanfront suite. Live entertainment will be provided by the energetic California Honeydrops, who just returned from touring with Bonnie Raitt.

I'm told that funds raised from the Soiree enable CCA to continue the preservation and conservation of the historic Crystal Cove landmark. Proceeds also support the nonprofit's educational programs and experiences for Crystal Cove State Park's 1.5 million annual visitors, and students from five surrounding counties.

"Over the years, our mission has expanded, and Crystal Cove has become a laboratory for innovative science and educational programs to develop the next generation of environmental stewards. However, the growth of these programs is outpacing funding," said Laura Davick, CCA founder. "Generous sponsors and donors at our Soiree will help us continue expanding our mission, allowing us to create a sustainable legacy for generations to come."

Individual Soiree tickets are \$400. Opportunity drawing tickets are \$100 each or seven tickets for \$500.

Soiree sponsorship and underwriting opportunities are still available and range from \$1,000 to \$50,000.

Gala sponsors to-date include The Resort at Pelican Hill (Title Sponsor), HKA, Inc. Marketing Communications, Eva and Doug Le Bon, Louise G. Brigham, Crystal Cove Beach Cottages, Laura Davick, Firebrand Media LLC, The Hexberg Family Foundation, Teddie Ray, Tricia and Michael Berns, Buchanan Design, Capital Group, Christine Carr, Paula and Jeff Cole, The Collazo Family Foundation, Contrarian

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For those unfamiliar with Crystal Cove Alliance's story, the organization is the official nonprofit partner of Crystal Cove State Park and is dedicated to preserving the cultural, natural and historic resources of Crystal Cove.

It was founded in 1999 by Laura Davick to stop a planned luxury resort from overtaking the area.

Crystal Cove Alliance rescued the historic site and initiated one of the most successful public-private partnership models in the history of the California State Park system.

The partnership between CCA and California State Parks has led to the renovation of 29 historic beachfront cottages in Crystal Cove Historic District, now open for overnight stays, as well as historic education programs designed for the public.

CCA's focus includes 3.2 miles of coastline, more than 2,400 acres of backcountry habitat and an 1,100-acre offshore Underwater Park.

The Crystal Cove Historic District is an enclave of 46 vintage coastal cottages, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Place.

For more information, visit crystalcovealliance.org or call Laura Davick at (949) 887-0062.