

“South Africa”
Presented by Ann and Eric Brooks

For PV/SB Audubon Society
Tuesday, February 20, 2018, 7:00 PM
Madrona Marsh Nature Center, Torrance

On February 20, 2018, **Ann and Eric Brooks** will share adventures, stories, and photographs from their recent trip to South Africa. February is our 40th year anniversary month, and **Eric Brooks** is one of the PV/SB Audubon group’s founders. Both Ann and Eric are longtime supporters of our local Audubon chapter. Please join us for this engaging program.

Eric and Ann Brooks have taught bird watching classes at the South Coast Botanic Garden and presently lead field trips for the Palos Verdes/South Bay Audubon Society. Both were fortunate to have parents with passions for things living and growing that they shared with their children.

Eric’s interest in observing birds ignited when he lived in San Antonio Texas and discovered beautiful and colorful birds living in his yard. He and a colleague began teaching bird watching classes in the South Bay over 30 years ago. While always appreciating the wildflowers while bird watching, Eric’s interest in flora blossomed when he started working at the South Coast Botanic Garden. That interest became his vocation when he started working at a nursery in Torrance. He became an Advanced California Certified Nursery Professional, and is presently serving on the CCN Pro committee for the California Association of Nurseries and Garden Centers.

Ann majored in Biology in college, but her interests were redirected for a time while she went to nursing school and then became a Nurse Practitioner. A wonderful natural history tour to Thailand and Malaysia revived her interest in nature observation, and she enrolled in a bird watching class in the South Bay. A few twists of fate and time later, she went from student to chief photographer and teaching partner! Eric is a founding member of the PV/SB Audubon Society and also of the South Bay Native Plant Society.

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Light refreshments will be served. Everyone welcome! Come and enjoy the program, socialize with friends, and fill out a ticket for the door prize drawing.

Prizes are donated by Wild Birds Unlimited in Torrance, courtesy of Bob Shanman. <http://www.torrance.wbu.com/>

The Madrona Marsh Nature Center is located at 3201 Plaza del Amo, Torrance, CA, 90503: <http://www.friendsofmadronamarsh.com/>

You can find additional information about our programs and activities at our website: <http://pvsb-audubon.org/index.html>

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**Next Program: "10 Tips to Better Bird Photography" presented by Karen Schuenemann
on March 20, 2018, 7:00 P.M.**