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SECOND SATURDAY ACCESS DAYS

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EVENT ADVISORY

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FREE ICE CREAM SOCIAL CELEBRATES LAST

SHORELINE HERITAGE PRESERVE ACCESS DAY OF THE SUMMER

[VALLEJO}, CA – At the next Second Saturday Access Day, September 12, 2009, 9am-7pm, Preserve volunteers will host a free Ice Cream Social at 2pm. Bring your own picnic with cold sodas and waters for sale to benefit the Preserve. “We thought an ice cream social would be a fun way to celebrate the last Preserve access day of the summer. Our volunteers continue to come up with ways to welcome the public to the Preserve after it’s been off-limits to the public for more than 150 years”, notes Myrna Hayes, Volunteer organizer of the Second Saturday Access Day hosted by Arc Ecology. Sierra Club hiker leader Kenn Browne guides a U.S. Navy escorted 4-mile roundtrip morning hike to the Historic Southshore. Meet at the “Palmer Hut” for a 9:30am departure. The hike is approximately 2 hours.

The Preserve is open rain or shine. Dress in layers. Dogs are allowed on leash. In a reminder to dog owners, Preserve Volunteer Naturalist Brian Collett said, “Especially during the hot days of fall, it is critical for dog owners to keep their dogs on a leash at all times in the Preserve to prevent an encounter with rattlesnakes and ticks and to reduce the risk of getting foxtails and other thorns in their coat.”

3-4pm Guided Walk in the Preserve

Preserve volunteer Myrna Hayes leads a history and nature hike beginning at 3pm as far as the first 6 guideposts along the 3-mile roundtrip main road trail to the highest point on Mare Island and beyond. The hilltop vantage point affords scenic vistas of 7 counties, Mt. Tamalpais, Mt. Diablo and the San Pablo Bay. A geological marker placed in 1852 by the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey is a triangulation point used for surveying, along with markers located on Mt. Tamalpais and Mt. Diablo. Meet at the

“Bob Palmer hut” at the entrance to the Preserve Visitors Center through the gate at the south end of Railroad Ave. on Mare Island.

COST: Free. Donations help to keep the Preserve open regularly on the Second Saturday of each month, the only day that the Preserve is currently open except for special events and underwrite the accessible portable restroom. Donations will also make possible the Preserve volunteer’s ability to increase the number of open days in the future. Visit www.mareislandpreserve.org for directions to the Preserve.

During the October 10 “Be Wary of Scary” themed Second Sunday Access Day at the Mare Island Shoreline Heritage Preserve Preserve volunteers have once again planned pre-Halloween fun for all ages with gourd mask painting, pumpkin carving and an evening cemetery tour by flashlight. The cemetery tour will include a presentation by Vallejo based paranormal group, “Soul Seekers”. A Halloween bake sale along with hot dogs, sodas and water will be available for sale and benefit the Preserve.

The first 98-acres of the property in which the Access Day takes place, were transferred to the City of Vallejo in a grant from the legislature through the California State Lands Commission in 2002 for public trust uses such as a park, for all Californians. The remainder of the 215-acre site is still undergoing environmental cleanup by the U.S. Navy. Both areas are not normally open to the public. Arc Ecology has hosted free public access on the second Saturday of each month since April 2008 through a use agreement with the City of Vallejo.

INFO. Call 707-649-9464 or 707-557-9816.

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Please note: Tours of The Preserve are available to any reporter or photographer covering this event. Call Myrna Hayes, 707-557-9816 or 707-249-9633 (cell) to schedule.

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