

MEDIA ALERT – For Tuesday, April 18, 2023

The San Diego River Park Foundation Celebrates Earth Day with a FREE Mural Painting Event April 21st - 23rd at Mission Valley Preserve



San Diego, CA (April 18, 2023) - The San Diego River Park Foundation invites the community to join us this Earth Day weekend, April 21st - 23rd, to celebrate community, environmental stewardship, and connection to our namesake waterway with a FREE community mural opportunity in San Diego River's 52-acre hidden gem, Mission Valley Preserve. This multi-day event will be held along the San Diego River Trail in Cottonwood Grove, just west of the Sefton Park Baseball Fields.

The mural will be led by San Diego River Park Foundation staff and volunteers, and the mural will be designed by local artist Helen T Kim. Each day's activities will include mural prepping, painting, and light gardening of the surrounding Cottonwood Grove area before and after the painting. We will also offer educational tours of the San Diego River at this time.

We are looking for local artists, gardeners, volunteer leaders, families, friends, coworkers, clubs, classes, and groups, and YOU to help us celebrate the San Diego River with the restoration of the Cottonwood Grove area and a new community mural! This event will be free but donations towards the San Diego River Park Foundation will be accepted. Come for a few hours or spend all morning with us!

Art awakens the senses, evokes emotions, and fosters new connections. For a very long time, the San Diego River has been a source of inspiration for artists. The San Diego River Art Project seeks to encourage new art and artists. With the advancement of the River Center at Grant Park, there will be new opportunities to advance the vision of the river bringing together a community around art.

Many hands make light work, and the San Diego River Park Foundation's work continues. You can see the full calendar of community volunteer opportunities through the following link:
<https://sandiegoriver.galaxydigital.com/need/>

About The San Diego River Park Foundation

The San Diego River Park Foundation's mission is to engage people to work toward a better future for the historic San Diego River and create a 52-mile river parkway from the mountains to the ocean. The San Diego River Park Foundation is a non-profit community-based organization founded in 2001 that believes the San Diego River has incredible potential as a cultural, ecological, and recreational treasure for our region.

To learn more, visit: <https://sandiegoriver.org/>

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