



# The Neal Taylor Nature Center at Cachuma Lake

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**#GIVINGTUESDAY**

This #GivingTuesday, **make a positive impact** by supporting the Neal Taylor Nature Center.



**“Loved the Scavenger hunt!! Thank you! 😊”**

-Cordelia, Elementary School Student

**“We enjoyed all the hands-on activities.”**

- Dyer Family

**“We loved it! So interactive and interesting!”**

- Mullenary Family



**Your gift today** supports our educational programs and hands-on exhibits that serve tens of thousands of children, families, and visitors every year!





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## **BECOME A MEMBER, GET EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS!**

Nature Center memberships make **a great holiday gift**, and are a great way to support us! Enjoy benefits such as discounts in our gift shop, invitation to a lake cruise, an annual day-use pass to Cachuma Lake and Jalama Beach and more.

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## RECAP: SOLVANG'S RICH HISTORY OF DANISH BAKING



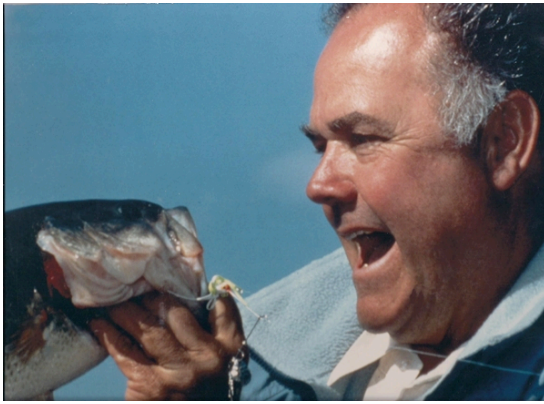
Bent Olsen, the 60-year veteran baker and owner of Olsen's Danish Village Bakery in Solvang, came to the Nature Center to share his journey from a small Danish island to becoming a cornerstone of Solvang's unique identity—joined by his granddaughter Michelle, who represents the fourth generation of the family's baking legacy.

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## TALES OF NEAL TAYLOR, PART II: A CHARISMATIC MAN

This beautiful tribute, originally published in 2011, was written by Neal's wife Linda Taylor and



reminds us of the lasting impact that Neal Taylor's passion and generosity has had on our community.

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## **BIRDWATCHING SPOTLIGHT:** **INTERVIEW WITH PROJECT FEEDERWATCH** **VOLUNTEER CHRIS FARRO**



In this interview, two-year Project FeederWatch volunteer Chris Farro—our primary observer who tracks bird sightings for Cornell Lab—shares her keen observations, discusses attracting different species, and reflects on why birdwatching matters for conservation.

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