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**San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy's
Birds of a Feather Gala
to Benefit
Environmental Education Program**

CARDIFF BY THE SEA, CA, July 17, 2009 – The San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy will hold it's biennial "**Birds of a Feather**" fundraising gala on Saturday, **September 26, 2009 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.**, at Clear Spring Farm in Rancho Santa Fe. Proceeds will benefit the Conservancy's Environmental Education Program that serves 2,600 area students and adults annually.

"We are proud of our Education Program here at the Conservancy", said **Denise Stillinger**, President of the Board of Directors. "The Gala is a wonderful time for us all to demonstrate support for this important program, which connects children and community members with their natural environment in eye-opening new ways."

The event will include a catered gourmet dinner as well as silent and live auctions with a range of items such as golf packages, fine wines, resort accommodations, and original artwork. Master of ceremonies for the evening will be noted media personality **Loren Nancarrow**, supported by the services of professional auctioneer Richard Houk. Entertainment during the gala will be provided by the jazz ensemble "**Endangered Speciez Project.**"

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Birds of a Feather Gala/San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy Fundraiser
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Tickets are \$125 per person and available through advance reservations by visiting www.sanelijo.org, or by phoning 760-436-3944. Seating is limited. Suggested attire is garden cocktail.

The San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy (www.sanelijo.org) is a non-profit citizens group formed in 1987 with the mission to preserve, protect, and enhance the natural resources of the San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve and its watershed. The Conservancy raises funds through membership dues and solicitation of private donations, as well as public and private grants. Funds are used to support projects that directly benefit the health of the lagoon, provide community education, or upgrade services available to visitors.

Honorary gala chair: Elizabeth Keadle
Honorary auction chairs: Carol Childs and Peter House

Other generous gala supporters include:

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