

The Flower Fields of Carlsbad

For over sixty years, Mother Nature has transformed the rolling hills of North San Diego County into one of the most spectacular and coordinated displays of natural color and beauty anywhere in the world. The nearly fifty acres of Giant Tecolote Ranunculus flowers that make up The Flower Fields[®] at Carlsbad Ranch, in Carlsbad, California, are in a full bloom for approximately six to eight weeks each year - from early March through early May - literally bringing the famous fields back to life. This annual burst of color, which has become part of the area's local heritage, is also one of nature's official ways of announcing the arrival of spring here in Southern California.

<http://www.theflowerfields.com/>

Friday, March 12

1 p.m.

Cost: \$40 per person (includes transportation)

Scripps Institution of Oceanography Birch Aquarium

Birch Aquarium at Scripps brings to life the exciting discoveries of world-renowned Scripps Institution of Oceanography. For more than a century, the aquarium has inspired visitors with the wonders of the ocean.

Enter the world of sharks, seahorses, living coral reefs and more, and discover a stunning variety of Pacific marine life in more than 60 habitats. Interact with exhibits that showcase the cutting-edge discoveries of Scripps Oceanography explorers through hands-on displays and multimedia. Peek into the aquarium's nursery and view miniature fishes bred and raised by Birch Aquarium aquarists--a conservation effort that helps reduce collecting pressure on wild species.

Birch Aquarium at Scripps is located on a coastal bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean and Scripps Campus in La Jolla, California, an area famed for its beaches, dining, and culture.

<http://aquarium.ucsd.edu/>

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