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Crystal Cove State Park Historic District is just north of Laguna Beach and is part of the 2,791-acre Crystal Cove State Park, an area that has long attracted filmmakers.

## Crystal Cove's Hollywood history in spotlight

Weekend event will benefit efforts to restore, conserve area.

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Crystal Cove has gained a place in the entertainment industry. For decades, filmmakers have been attracted to the area and its relaxed, tropical beach vibes.

From "Treasure Island" in 1918 to "Beaches" in 1988, Crystal Cove has been frequented by film crews. Starting in 1918, movie makers built huts with palm fronds - and it became an ideal location to shoot.

The film crews sometimes would leave their sets behind, and families started staying in them. Then in the '30s, tents bloomed around them, soon giving birth to a community.

In recognition of this, the Crystal Cove Alliance will hold the ninth annual Surf, Sand, and the Silver Screen event Saturday. Held on the beach, the event will feature live music from Wayne Foster Entertainment and a four-course gourmet din-

### Some movies filmed at the cove

**1918** "Treasure Island"  
**1923** "Stormswept"  
**1928** "Sadie Thompson"  
**1929** "The Isle of Lost Ships"  
**1934** "Treasure Island"  
**1951** "Two of a Kind"  
**1974** "Herbie Rides Again"  
**1988** "Beaches"  
Source: California State Parks

ner prepared by chefs from Pelican Hill Resort, Montage Laguna Beach, and The Beachcomber Cafe.

The party is always a success, according to Laura Davick, founder and president emeritus of Crystal Cove Alliance.

"Last year, the event netted \$230,000 for the Crystal Cove Alliance organization, and we have every indication that we will meet the same goal this year," she said.

The dinner also showcases the annual achievements of the Crystal Cove

Alliance, the official non-profit partner of Crystal Cove State Park. This year, the spotlight will be shined on the almost completed second phase of restoration to the park. Included is the renovation of Cottage 13 as a museum dedicated to Crystal Cove's history in film.

Also included in the restoration is the renovation of Cottage 45, and Cottage 40 as an Americans with Disabilities Act-accessible cottage, and new public restrooms.

An Outdoor Education commons is also under construction to be used for public education programs and special events.

"It is a wonderful evening and it goes a long way to help our organization restore, educate and conserve Crystal Cove and the community around it," Davick said.

Tickets are almost sold out, but some are still available for \$300 apiece - \$240 of which is tax deductible. To purchase tickets, visit [crystalcovebeachcottages.com/CCAWeb](http://crystalcovebeachcottages.com/CCAWeb).

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