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CRYSTAL COVE ALLIANCE OPENS PROHIBITION EXHIBITION

Throughout the Summer, Visitors Are Invited to Travel Back in Time and Explore the Prohibition Period at Crystal Cove

Newport Coast, Calif., July 8, 2009 – Crystal Cove Alliance (CCA), a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and preservation of the Crystal Cove State Park Historic District, presents “Running Dry in the Cove: An Exploration of Prohibition Period at Crystal Cove.” Open through September 2009 at the Crystal Cove State Park Historic District, the exhibition guides visitors on a journey through Crystal Cove during the 1930s, demonstrating the impact the Prohibition Period had on the newly established beach community.

“To celebrate Crystal Cove’s rise as a community during Prohibition, we are inviting Cove visitors to step into our ‘Running Dry in the Cove’ exhibition and be transported back to the 1930s to see the exciting events early ‘Covites’ experienced,” said Laura Davick, director of public affairs, Crystal Cove Alliance. “As a third-generation ‘Covite’ I’m excited to share the thrilling times that were had at Crystal Cove over 70 years ago, from rum runner drop-offs on our shores to the Prohibition lingo spoken within our cottages. It’s a perfect exhibition to lead us into Crystal Cove Alliance Prohibition Party and Jazz on the Beach gala in September.”

Free to all Crystal Cove visitors, “Running Dry in the Cove” is the first CCA exhibition within Crystal Cove State Park to provide access to photo and oral history archives and historic artifacts. The exhibition, located in the Rotating Exhibition Center, Cottage #46, will also feature a live recording of an early Cove resident describing life in the beach community during Prohibition.

“Running Dry in the Cove” will culminate with the CCA 7th Annual Beach Gala Prohibition Party and Jazz on the Beach on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009. Proceeds from the themed gala will benefit CCA’s series of new environmental and educational programs for children and adults, including exploring Arts in the Park, Science and Nature in the Park (SNAP) and Living History. Sponsorship opportunities and individual tickets are still available by contacting CCA visiting www.crystalcovebeachcottages.org or calling (949) 376-6200.

About Crystal Cove Alliance

Crystal Cove Alliance is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and preservation of the Crystal Cove State Park Historic District, its beach and marine life refuge.

Crystal Cove State Park constitutes a dramatic 3.2-mile stretch of undeveloped public land along the 42-mile Orange County coastline. Twenty-one of the 46 Crystal Cove cottages are now restored while 25 more cottages await funding for restoration for public use. The Outdoor Educational Commons, Museum and 17 additional overnight rental cottages will complete the

Historic District. Crystal Cove Historic District is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a winner of the 2007 California Governor's Historic Preservation Award.

For further information, please visit www.crystalcovealliance.org

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