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AUTHOR AND STORYTELLER CHRIS EPTING TO SPEAK AT ENVIRONMENTAL NATURE CENTER

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif., October 26, 2016 – The Environmental Nature Center (ENC) will host a presentation by author and storyteller Chris Epting on November 2 at 6PM as part of the ENC Adult Speaker Series. Chris will present “Hidden Orange County,” a look at some weird and wonderful, off the beaten track landmarks throughout the OC. The Environmental Nature Center is located at 1601 E. 16th Street, in Newport Beach. Registration is available at encenter.org

“Chris is a master story teller and we are honored to have him as part of our Adult Speaker Series,” said ENC Executive Director Bo Glover. “Chris is full of lots of trivia and fun stories culled in part from his series of popular books on Orange County history.”

Chris is the author of 26 books including *Roadside Baseball*, *James Dean Died Here* and *Vanishing Orange County*. He is also an award-winning journalist and contributor to such publications as the *Los Angeles Times* and *Westways Magazine*.

Guests will enjoy an open house with appetizers, Esser wine donated by the Apkarian Family, and beer from 6-7PM, followed by the speaker at 7PM. This is an adult only event. Tickets (\$15 for non-members and \$10 for members) are available at encenter.org.

About the ENC

Founded in 1972, the ENC is a fascinating combination of 15 California native plant communities, wildlife habitat, walking trails, and sustainably designed, LEED Platinum certified learning center. For 40 years, the ENC has been shaped and caressed into a 3.5 acre landscape for learning, a sanctuary from life’s pressures and a place of preservation and instruction. Serving over 24,000 students and thousands of visitors annually, the ENC is recognized as a leader in science and social science education providing opportunities for increasing our community’s knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the natural world.

The ENC recently purchased property to develop a nature play area, and construct our community’s first nature based preschool. With a mission of providing quality education through hands-on experience with nature, the ENC inspires all generations to protect the natural world by serving as our community’s foremost authority on ecological responsibility, sustainable practices and environmental education. The ENC is a non-profit 501(c)-3 public benefit corporation. For more information call 949-645-8489, or visit www.ENCcenter.org. The ENC is located at 1601 16th Street in Newport Beach.

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