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Arts Festival Names “Explore Ecology” as their 2016 “Giving Back” Recipient

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The [Santa Barbara Sea Glass & Ocean Arts Festival](#) is one of three Festivals of its kind on the West Coast and the only one in Southern California. It brings together juried artists from all over the country to display and sell their one of a kind pieces of jewelry and artwork. The Festival committee strongly believes in giving back to the community and today, on World Oceans Day, named [Explore Ecology](#) as their “Giving Back” Recipient of 2016.

Karen Clark, Aesthetic Director of the Festival says, “It’s not only a great creative experience to take in, but the Festival is proud to give back to the community. [Explore Ecology](#) was the perfect fit to be this year’s recipient of our Giving Back program due to their connections to the arts and the ocean.”

[Explore Ecology](#) is an environmental education and arts nonprofit located in downtown Santa Barbara, empowering people to protect and preserve the environment, and inspiring them to make smart choices that shape a better future. Their programs include [Art from Scrap](#) (Creative ReUse Store and Gallery), [Watershed Resource Center](#), [Flows To The Ocean](#) (a Marine Debris Prevention Program), and [School Gardens Program](#).

[Explore Ecology](#)’s Executive Director, Lindsay Johnson says, “We are honored to be chosen as the Sea Glass Festival’s beneficiary nonprofit this year! Thanks to Karen and everyone who is part of this amazing Festival.”

The Sea Glass and Ocean Arts Festival takes place on September 10 & 11, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm each day at Warren Hall, Earl Warren Showgrounds. There will be an Early Bird Option Admission on Saturday from 9:00 am to 10:00 am for those who want first viewing and first pick of the beautiful items at the Festival. Tickets are available online or at the door.

“People will be amazed at the beauty of sea glass, local and from around the world – its different colors and forms and how these talented artists create using treasures from the ocean.” says Clark.

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