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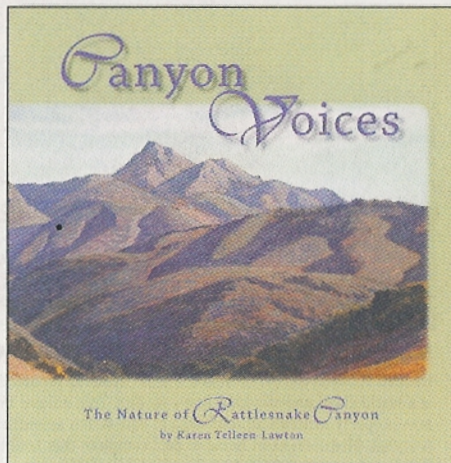
SANTA BARBARA – Voices of a local canyon and local author intertwine in the soon to be published *Canyon Voices: The Nature of Rattlesnake Canyon*, authored by Karen Telleen-Lawton. The book is the latest publication by Mission Creek Studios. The setting of *Canyon Voices* is Rattlesnake Canyon, a Santa Barbara landmark. The 128 page full-color book “explores the joyful and uneasy relationship between humans and nature, the rivaling recreational and economic desires of the human community, and competition in nature itself. The book unfolds through the eyes of people who understand it deeply on diverse levels, including a geologist, a monk, a botanist, an historian, a hang glider, a stream ecologist, an artist, and others who reveal the many ways to comprehend a natural space.”

The author, Karen Telleen-Lawton, a Stanford University Graduate who grew up in San Marino, California (by Pasadena), has authored many articles about the environment, social, and family issues for publications including *Santa Barbara Seasons*, *The Colorado*, *Stanford Magazine*, *UCSB Coastlines*, *Family Fun*, and many newspapers. “I have always enjoyed writing, and began (but didn’t complete) my first book, *Silence is Golden*, with a Santa Barbara girlfriend when we were ten or so” Telleen-Lawton shared. “When choosing a career in the 1970s, girls who excelled at math and science were encouraged to go into engineering, which I did. I later took graduate degrees in economics and environmental policy, and taught on-line graduate economics courses for Regis University (based in Denver). We lived in Colorado 1993-1998, and during that time I sold my first paid pieces, to *Family Fun* magazine and the *Coloradan*.”

She and her husband David, who now live in Rattlesnake Canyon, arrived in Santa Barbara in 1980. Their children Emily (24) and Tim (23) were born at Cottage Hospital. *The Nature of Rattlesnake Canyon* is her first published book.

“I see my area of service as distilling the complex details of an issue for people who want to be informed but don’t have time to research all the aspects of an issue. The environment, and particularly habitat protection, is very important to me. I wanted others to feel its importance on an emotional level, and realized that one way to do that would be to tell the stories of a variety of people who have come to know a natural space from a particular perspective. It happens that Rattlesnake Canyon has touched people in many ways (homesteaders, researchers in geology and stream ecology, teachers, artists, hang gliders, botanists, and monks) . . . and I live there!” Telleen-Lawton explained. “While the setting is local, the reach of the book is universal. *Canyon Voices* weaves the fabric of people into the story of place.”

For more information visit www.CanyonVoices.com.



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