



OPEN SPACES

The latest news from the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy

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Working to Protect The Ojai Valley's Future - Today

Spring 2001

MISSION POSSIBLE: Besant Meadow Protected

Thanks to a \$15,000 grant from the Wallis Foundation, a \$30,000 anonymous gift, and many other generous gifts, the Conservancy was able to exceed the \$660,000 necessary to acquire the high priority, 25 acre parcel. The funds raised will also be used for the basic care of the parcel to ensure its protection. "The community has responded again with incredible generosity," said Jim Engel, the Conservancy's Executive Director. "Because of their dedication, the Ojai community has another 'gem' of a property that will be protected forever," adds Engel.

Now that the property has been saved, it will be added to the adjacent Ojai Meadows Preserve. In total, the Preserve will now include 58 acres of oak woodlands and wetlands. A team of graduate students from the Bren School of



photo by Michael McFadden

Ojai Meadows Preserve

Environmental Science and Management at University of California, Santa Barbara are nearing completion on a habitat restoration plan. Local students from elementary through high school will be helping to implement and monitor the restoration process.

Presently, the Conservancy uses a group of dedicated volunteers to walk the property, educate visitors, and clean up the Preserve.

Education coordinator, Pete Johnson will be working with these volunteers throughout the coming year to make sure the Preserve remains beautiful. "The Preserve has suffered from vandalism to fences, dumping of trash, and unleashed dogs harassing wildlife, but overall people are treating the property very well," said Johnson. See "Ways to Help" on page 9.

"You can tell they love to have such an outstanding place to walk so close to Meiners Oaks and Ojai."

Even though the fundraising campaign has been completed, naming rights remain on several of the significant Preserve features. Naming rights are a wonderful way to honor or memorialize family, friends, or mentors. These namings will be available until they are reserved with pledges or gifts.

Call the Conservancy office for more information.

Open Space Protection Efforts To Grow In 2001

As the Conservancy enters its fifteenth year of protecting the Ojai Valley's open spaces, the Board and staff are looking forward to a year of continued open space successes. Here are four of the most important priorities for 2001:

- Educating more landowners about how they can protect their land and receive potential tax benefits. Conservation easements will play a key role in this effort. Conservation easements allow landowners to continue to use and enjoy their land and in return they

sign an agreement which allows little or no further development of their property. In return they receive a tax break or payment.

- Continuing the partnership with Ojai Unified School District and the Bren School at UC Santa Barbara to develop a resource management plan for the Ojai Meadows Preserve. Local schools will also help with the implementation of the plan and have opportunities to use the Preserve as an "outdoor classroom" and enrich their existing learning environment.

- Beginning the Global Information System (GIS) mapping of the Valley's most important resources to help the Conservancy and community members determine the priorities for future open space and resource protection.

- Supporting ongoing efforts to provide excellent service for our 1,000 plus Conservancy members, including email updates, an expanded website, new educational programs, and a credit card service for their convenience, to name just a few.

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A Message From Our President



Joan Kemper

As your new incoming president, I am taking this opportunity to review the outstanding history of the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy since ten local citizens founded the organization fifteen years ago.

SEPTEMBER 1986 • Conservancy Founded.

SEPTEMBER 1991 • Agreement signed with Ojai Valley School to protect their property from future development pressures.

JUNE 1994 • Locally, Conservancy spearheads open space initiative, Proposition 140. Measure fails statewide, but passes strongly in the Ojai Valley.

SPRING 1995 • Conservancy founds Ojai Releaf Program.

FALL 1996 • Conservancy receives donation of 80-acre Ilvento Preserve.

WINTER 1997 • Ojai's Heritage Oaks Brochure published.

OCTOBER 1998 • Environmental Learning Series Launched.

AUGUST 1999 • Membership Doubles to 700 • Living with Agriculture Program begins.

OCTOBER 1999 • Ojai Meadows Campaign Launched • Wild About Ojai Education Series Begins.

DECEMBER 1999 • Ojai Meadows Campaign Completed • Newest Park property purchased.

FEBRUARY 2000 • Besant Meadow Campaign Launched.

MAY 2000 • Partnership established with Ojai Schools to use Preserves for educational enrichment • Fuelbreak Road Trail Easement signed and trail dedicated.

JULY 2000 • Newest Park Plan unveiled and Campaign launched.

DECEMBER 2000 • Conservancy membership passes 1,000 members milestone • Besant Meadow Campaign completed.

YEAR 2001 • Moving forward to protect more open space with your support.

Leave A Legacy

Give A Gift For Future Generations Of The Ojai Valley

Please join the fifteen families and individuals who have included the Conservancy in their will or trust. Consider the lasting impact of an estate gift for the preservation of the natural and agricultural heritage of the Ojai Valley. Your contribution will be used for:

- Preserving critical open spaces like the Ojai Meadows Preserve
- Restoring important natural habitats
- Educating our youth and community to be better stewards of our open spaces



If you have already named us in your estate plans, let us thank you for your generous gift and welcome you to the *Conservation Legacy Circle*. For a confidential inquiry about helping to protect the future and beauty of this valley, please **contact the Conservancy office at 646-7930**.



Preserving Ojai's Special Places Forever Newest Park Campaign

The latest campaign update is available at www.ovlc.org

Gift Naming Right Opportunities from \$500 - \$150,000

"As the purse is emptied, the heart is filled" VICTOR HUGO.

The Ojai Valley Land Conservancy is offering a limited number of gifting naming opportunities for donors who want to honor or memorialize family, friends, mentors or for civic pride.

THE PARK STREAM ~ The stream emanates from the central viewing plaza and flows through the Park.

THE CENTRAL VIEWING PLAZA ~ An 1,800 sq. ft. central overlook and gathering area with panoramic views of Chief Peak, Topa Topa Mountains and Sulphur Mountain.

THE TRELLISES ~ The Park's three trellises, which will provide shade and access to the center of the park, feature wood branches laid on timber beams supported by natural stone columns.

OJAI AVENUE PLAZA ~ This highly visible plaza features open seating for viewing the stream.

RINCON PLAZA ~ The gateway to Ojai's Newest Park, adjacent to the scented walk and butterfly garden.

EL PASEO PLAZA ~ This entrance leads to the trail of discovery and is the permanent location of the Gift Appreciation Wall.

OJAI AVENUE STONE WALL ~ A 1000 ft. undulating, low stone wall edging in and out of the Park connects the Rincon and Ojai Avenue Plazas.

GARDEN OF DISCOVERY ~ A natural bedding of water plants along the edge of the stream with fragrant native flowers and shrubs.

CHAPARRAL GARDEN ~ A 4,600 sq. ft. garden with gentle slopes, native trees and plantings to block out street noise.

PUBLIC ART ~ Three distinct artistic works designed by local artists to be placed at the corners of El Paseo,

Rincon and Ojai Avenue (administered by the City of Ojai Arts Commission).

SCENTED WALK AND BUTTERFLY GARDEN ~ A walk lined with flowers of brilliant colors and fragrances to attract butterflies and hummingbirds.

OLD OAK TREE RESTORATION ~ The lower edge of the Park will reach out on El Paseo and Ojai Avenues to the old oak tree, which will be revitalized and preserved.

TRAIL OF DISCOVERY ~ The trail leading from El Paseo Plaza will be filled with plants and surprises, great for school field trips. **Reserved.**

18 TREES, 7 BENCHES ~ A variety of trees, central to the Park's design, include Oaks, Maples, and Sycamores. Benches will be spaced throughout the Park. **20 Reserved.**

GIFT APPRECIATION WALL ~ 500 Names Maximum - The Gift Appreciation Wall at the corner of El Paseo and Rincon, will be unveiled at the opening of Ojai's Newest Park in 2002. **30 Reserved.**

FOR INFORMATION: Call Jim Engel, Executive Director, The Ojai Valley Land Conservancy • 646-7930 or email: ovlc@ojai.net

A Model For Community Parks

A three dimensional model of the Park design is now on public display at The Oaks. It shows all the major features of the beautiful park design.

Recent Newest Park Campaign Donors

Catherine & Gary Barnhart	Jerry & Kristayani Jones
John & Susan Bee	David Kaplan
Barry Betlock & Chris Bjornstedt	David & Val Lavender
Mark & Carolyn Bowman	Kathy McCann & Glenn True
Paula & Richard Clement	Bill & Nancy Myers
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Ojai's Newest Park Campaign Committee

CO-CHAIRS: Don and Sheila Cluff

COMMITTEE: Ren Adam, Khaled Al Awar, John Broesamle, Jim Engel, David Lavender II, Lois Rice, Mansfield Sprague, Terry Twichell and Larry Wilde.

CAMPAIGN CONSULTANT: David Kaplan

Gift Naming Guidelines

- All gift-naming contributions can be made over a two-year pledge.
- All naming right opportunities are to be provided on a first come - first serve basis. Once they are secured by a gift or pledge, the "naming" will no longer be offered.
- No more than two individuals or families can share one gift naming right
- Gift-naming donors will be offered a recognition plaque to be placed at the location of the specific gift naming identified on the Park's masterplan. The gift naming will have the suggested inscription as follows: *"Smith Family-Central Viewing Plaza"*

1,000 Members and Beyond

Norbert Furnee, an eighteen year Ojai Valley resident, became the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy's 1,000 member. "I've been watching all that the Conservancy has accomplished over the past few years and I just wanted to support their outstanding efforts," explained Mr. Furnee. Celebrating this milestone, Mr. Furnee was awarded several special gifts and personally thanked by Jill Greene, the Conservancy's Membership Services Coordinator.

During the last two year, the Conservancy's membership has climbed steadily from 350 to the present 1,040 members. Greene attributes the gain to the Conservancy's successful land acquisitions, education programs, and strong support for open space protection among Valley residents. Membership in the Conservancy is defined as an annual financial contribution of \$25 or more. Included in the membership are individuals, families, and local businesses. Over a hundred business members contributed cash, services or products to the Conservancy during 2000.

During the next year, the Conservancy plans to encourage local school classes to join the open space efforts. Participating classes will receive a special, youth newsletter, a poster of Besant Meadow for their classroom and opportunities to become involved in the restoration of the Ojai Meadows Preserve.

"Our members come from a variety of backgrounds and perspectives, but they all have a passion to protect the remaining open spaces in the Valley," said Greene.



Jim Engel congratulates Norbert Furnee on becoming The Conservancy's 1000 member

New Oak Heritage Brochure Now Available

Thanks to a grant from the City of Ojai, The Conservancy was able to redesign and reprint the always popular Heritage Oaks Brochure. The concise brochure explains the best way to care for our native oaks and the natural history of both the Valley and Coast Live Oak. In addition, a Spanish language brochure was produced to reach out to all residents of the Ojai Valley.

New Home For Conservancy

After two years, the Conservancy has out grown its existing office space at 206 N. Signal and will be moving to 250 E. Ojai Avenue in the back of the Arcade between Local Hero and Tottenham Court. The new location offers a more visible location for visitors and gives more space for our volunteers to do their important work. Please stop by for a visit!

Use Your Credit Card For Conservancy Donations and Purchases

For the benefit of our members, the Conservancy now offers the convenient option of using your credit card for donations, purchases, and event payment. The Conservancy has worked with local businesses to offer this service at our events, but has never done its own card processing. "It's safe, easy and just another way to help support the protection of the Ojai Valley's open spaces," states Jill Greene, Membership Services Coordinator.

2000 Land Trust Rally Is The Biggest Ever

Over 1,500 land trust professionals and board members, including the Conservancy's Jim Engel, attended the national conference in Portland, Oregon during late October. The event included a series of workshops, speakers and opportunities to interact with fellow open space professionals. "Everyone was impressed with the level of support we receive from our community," said Jim Engel. Many land trusts struggle to gain community support and recognition. "I think they were jealous," joked Engel.

Song Dog Campout Was A Howl

Over 30 people attended the first annual, Song Dog Ranch Campout in the Cuyama Valley. The beautiful surrounding and panoramic views were matched by a variety of activities including nature walks, story telling and plenty of great food. "This was an opportunity for friends, old and new, to get together, relax, and celebrate some of the open spaces we have in Ventura County," said Jim Engel, Executive Director. This year's campout is planned for October 13-14. Don't miss it!

Sprague Receives Conservation Award



Sprague receiving Conservation Award from John Broesamle

At the Conservancy's annual membership meeting in early December more than fifty people enjoyed a morning of conversation, recognition and reflection about the accomplishments of the Conservancy and its members during the past eleven months.

Mansfield Sprague was awarded the annual Conservationist of the Year Award for his outstanding efforts to secure the future site of Ojai's Newest Park and providing strong leadership during his tenure as President of the Conservancy.

Jim Engel, Executive Director, reflected on the past year's accomplishments, while Joan Kemper, President-elect, discussed the future of the organization.

Comings and Goings

The Conservancy welcomes the following new board members: Allan Jacobs, Peter Noone, Spencer Silver, Dr. Albert Stroberg, and David Trudeau. Each new member was nominated by the board of directors and interviewed by the nominating committee. The new members bring a variety of talents, but have all agreed to contribute time, expertise, and financial resources. Silver explains that he joined the Board because, "I am impressed with the way Ojai Valley residents protect and appreciate their land. By joining the Conservancy Board, I can show my support for this effort."

Each new member joined a committee and will represent the Conservancy at community events. In total, the Conservancy has 11 board members.

We also want to thank the following former board members for their incredible terms of service: Julie Bloomer, John Broesamle, Phil Moncharsh, Michael Shapiro, and Mansfield Sprague. They all plan to continue their efforts to protect more of the Ojai Valley's open spaces. Sprague, Moncharsh and Broesamle are all former Conservancy Presidents. "The knowledge and dedication of these former board members are an inspiration to us all," explained Joan Kemper, the present Conservancy President.

The Conservancy has also added Pete Johnson as our new education coordinator. Pete comes with a diverse background of science, education and the arts and recently moved to Ojai from Oregon, with his wife, Mary Ann. He will be leading the Wild About Ojai program, the Environmental Learning Series, and managing volunteers and activities at our Preserves.



New Board members: David Trudeau, Spencer Silver, Peter Noone, and Allan Jacobs. (Al Stroberg not shown).

CONSERVANCY CALENDAR

3rd Annual Conservation Legacy Circle Event

Saturday, February 24 • 2pm-4pm
at the Ranch House Restaurant

It's time again to thank those people who have given so much of their time, talent and gifts to our open space efforts.

Volunteer Orientation

Saturday, March 3 • 11am
at the Conservancy Office

Learn about all the opportunities to help our open space efforts.

Ojai Meadow Preserve Cleanup

Sunday, March 11 • 4pm
at the Ojai Meadows Preserve

Volunteer to keep your Preserve looking beautiful and meet new and old friends.

A Night With John Muir

Environmental Learning Series
Friday, March 30 • 7pm
at Thacher School

John Muir was one of America's greatest conservationists and Lee Stetson has portrayed him for over twenty years.

Cost: \$8 per person or \$16 per family. Advanced reservations required.

A Walk with John Muir



Environmental Learning Series
Saturday, March 31
9:30-11:30am
at the Ojai Meadows Preserve

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to hike with this great naturalist? Now here's a rare chance to experience the wisdom and wit of John Muir out on the trail. We'll even share tea and biscuits (his staple while roaming the mountains) after the walk.

Cost: \$20 per person and \$40 per family. Limit 20 people. Advanced reservations required.

Wild About Ojai Education Series

Saturday, April 7 • 9am-noon

If you haven't tried this fun, family program, come enjoy the new season and if you've experienced it before, its even better!

Cost: \$20/individual and \$30/family for a series of three programs or \$8/person; \$12/family for one program. Advanced reservation required and space is limited.

Earth Day Cleanup

Saturday, April 21 • 5pm-6:30pm
Ojai Meadows Preserve

Volunteer to keep your Preserve looking beautiful and meet new and old friends.

Spring Walk at Ilvento Preserve

Saturday, April 28 • 9am-Noon

Jim Engel, our executive director, will lead this popular walk to view the beautiful display of wildflowers at our East End Preserve. Advanced registration required.

Wild About Ojai Education Series

Saturday, May 5 • 9am-noon

If you haven't tried this fun, family program, come enjoy the new season and if you've experienced it before, its even better!

Cost: \$20/individual and \$30/family for a series of three programs. \$8/person; \$12/family for one program. Advanced reservation required and space is limited.

**Call 646-7930 or
email: ovlc@ojai.net
for more
information about
these programs**

Wild About Ojai

IS BETTER THAN EVER
New Classes Begin Saturday,
April 7 • 9am - 12:00 noon.

Our popular Wild About Ojai series begins again on Saturday, April 7. This year *Wild About Ojai* will be divided into Spring, Summer and Fall programs. Each of these programs will focus on a different aspect of the Ojai Valley's open natural spaces.

Participants will gain understanding of the organisms, communities and ecosystems common to the Ojai Valley through the magic of imagination and hands on discovery. These programs are perfect for kids, families and anyone else with an interest in the natural wonders in our own backyard.

Each series consists of three monthly programs scheduled on the first Saturday of each month from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon. Although each series of three programs are designed as a comprehensive whole, care has been taken so anyone taking any single meeting will gain fully from the experience.

Pete Johnson, OVLC Education Coordinator is sure that Wild About Ojai will be a bit wilder in 2001.

"There will be wild and eccentrically magical cast of characters assisting me with this series this year. Quilly Quail, captain of the open-space ship, Luna-Topa, and his critter crew, will be setting the course for much of what we discover. The Luna-Topa, by the way, is fueled by moon light and pink glow, two very renewable and abundant fuels in the Ojai Valley, so there should be plenty of adventures ahead!"

The cost of the Wild About Ojai programs will be:

- **INDIVIDUAL** - \$8 per program or \$18 per series.
- **FAMILY** - \$12 per program or \$30 per series.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Quilly's crew and participate in this year's Wild About Ojai Programs, please call the OVLC office. Advanced registration is required.

Besant Meadow Campaign Donors

David Allen and Co.
Jerry and Delores Barnes
Zoerita and Clark Bowers
Terry and Kathy Chaffee
Martha Churchyard
Paula and Richard Clement
Roger Conrad and Ruthie Marks
Rob and Liz Dautch
Margaret Dieges
Karin Krohn Dron
Pat and Roger Essick
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Wyatt and Claudia Harris
Priscilla Hickman
Jerry and Kerry Holden
Ann Derby Joy
Lacey and David Lantz
Larry and Lori Mohr

Michele Murdoch and
Paul Del Signore
Paul Newman/Newman's Own
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Patagonia
Philip and Mary Pierpont
Thomas Pulver
Alan and Carol Saltzman
Santa Barbara
Soaring Association
Brett and Chris Smithers
Spencer and Linda Silver
Ruth Walker
Wallis Foundation
Julia Wilson and Kathryn Phillips
Roger and Kathryn Wachtell
George Wymer
Mary Zimbalist

Annual Fund Gifts

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(proceeds from garage sale)
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Rachel Mason
Ojai Valley Chamber of Commerce
Marty and Barbara Pops
Mark Saleh
Joe and Kate Stauffer
Heather Young

Gifts Made in Memory of:

FREDA Y. DUNNING
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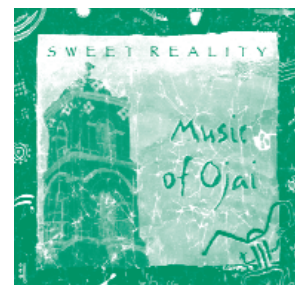
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Special Thanks

J.B. White and **Charlie Bosson** for the Chick Music benefit. **City of Ojai/Paul Starbard** for providing the mutt mitt dispensers and **John Melville** and **John Broesamle** for installing them. **City of Ojai** for a grant to reprint the Oak Heritage Brochure. **Andy and Judith Gustafson** for donating the proceeds from their December garage sale and the staplers for the office. **Hilgers Grading and Excavating** for delivering boulders to Ojai's Newest Park and to **Thacher School** for donating the boulders from their property. **L'Auberge Restaurant** for providing plenty of food and wine for the Newest Park model unveiling. **Ojai Valley School** for hosting our annual membership meeting. **Bruce and Marilyn Wallace** for hosting the Chick Music benefit.

Chamber Partnership is "Sweet Reality"



The Ojai Valley Chamber of Commerce's President Howard Smith presented Jim Engel with a check for \$989 at their January Board of Directors meeting. The donation was the Conservancy's share of sales during the last year from the Sweet Realty music CD. "We want to thank the Chamber Board for their very generous gift and the community for purchasing the CD in such great numbers," said Engel.

Welcome To Our New Members

We have soared to **1,040 members**, thanks to your exceptional support. This is almost triple the national average for similar land trusts! The Conservancy's successes in the last year are due to the generous financial and volunteer support of our members.

David and Nancy Babbott	Sam and Merilee Eaton	Robert Hunter and Diane Ladd Hunter	Alan Thornhill
Jerry and Delores Barnes	Karen Fay	Ruth Lassell	Carol Smith and Larry Yuva
Catherine Barnhart	Norbert Furnee	Charles and Theresa Montag	Ruth Walker
Ed Brooks	Robert Geres	Alexandra Mooney	Roger and Kathryn Wachtell
Terry and Kathy Chaffee	William and Karen Ghormley	Michele Murdoch & Paul Del Signore	Andrew and Heidi Whitman
Joyce Chell	Jill Greene	Dr. Christina Pages	Neva Williams
Paula and Richard Clement	Phil and Margaret Harvey	Philip and Mary Pierpont	Frank and Cindy Winfrey
Gary and Mackay Crampton	Jerry and Kerry Holden	Santa Barbara Soaring Association	William and Karen Wu
Don Cuthbert	Anna Jacobs	Edward and Jane Shapiro	Annine Wycherley
Mary DeLaney	Jacobs and Jacobs	Pegi and Jeffrey Skoff	Milton and Glori Young
Margaret Dieges	Jerry and Kristayani Jones		Mary Zimbalist
Karin Krohn Dron	Joan Kiddie		

Local Supporters Help Us To Grow Stronger

Every year, hundreds of our members choose to renew their membership. Thanks for your exceptional support! We are happy to recognize the following individuals and businesses who have renewed their membership since mid January. Your loyalty is greatly appreciated.

Robert & Carol Jo Adams	Marty Fast	David & Muriel Lavender	Sespe Farm Management
John Adair	Frances Fitting	David & Val Lavender	Michael & Ellen Shapiro
Dolli Alexander	Leni Fleming	Tom & Rebecca Lowe	Bill & Delores Shouse
Victoria Alexander	Donald Garrett	Ian & Virginia MacLean	Spencer & Linda Silver
Jill Andre	Fern & Howard Gilbert	Gerhard & Monika Miehle	Howard & Edie Smith
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Paul & Carol Belser	Laura Hagen	John & Wilma Melville	Al Stroberg & Betsy Patterson
Shed & June Behar	Rosa Lee Measures & Albert Harris	Ruth Miller	Bryan & Lillian Tally
Bronk-Vreeland Ford	Gary & Sue Horgan	Larry & Lori Mohr	John & Caroline Thacher
Robert & Alice Chesley	Norma Hughes	Phil & Karen Moncharsh	Paula & Victor Theis
Aaron & Betsy Clapp	Thad Hyland	Bill & Nancy Myers	Carl & Katie Thelander
Tom & Rebecca Collins	Betty Izant	Rudolph & Elizabeth Nava	Timothy Thomas & Sarah Clark
Arie & Ida Crown Memorial	David & Deborah Junod	RAINS	Top Notch Tree Service
John Dieges	Wes & Beth Kent	Earl & Alice Ragland	David & Mary Trudeau
Joe & Mary DeVito	Leonard Klaif	Robert & Dorothy Rail	Doug & Liz Vernand
Sally & David Disco	Marci & Dan Komaiko	Bob & Alice Rene	Waite, Jacobs, & Atkinson
Patricia Ellison	Bruce & Patricia Kuebler	Scott Ripple	Allan & Joyce West
Pat & Roger Essick	Tod & Carolyn Kuhn	Paul & Kathleen Rogers	Duane & Margaret Westrom
Frankeen Fallett	Jonathan & Linda Lambert	Larry Rose	
Cynthia Fairburn		John & Peggy Russell	

New Member Form

Yes! I'll help preserve open space in the Ojai Valley • Enclosed is my annual tax-deductible pledge/gift of:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25-\$49 Member | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100-\$249 Donor | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500-\$999 Patron |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50-\$99 Sustaining Member | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250-\$499 Sustaining Donor | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000+ Steward |

MEMBERSHIP NAME(S) _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

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Please make check payable to: **The Ojai Valley Land Conservancy**, P.O. Box 1092 • Ojai, CA 93024
or contribute through your Credit Card

Name on Card _____ Credit Card # _____ Exp.Date _____

Come Help the Meadows Preserve

Everyone is invited to attend a volunteer cleanup of our beautiful 58 acre Ojai Meadows Preserve on Sunday, March 11. This is a chance to meet with fellow OVLC members and our neighbors while helping to keep the Preserve clean and healthy. The cleanup begins at the Ojai Meadows entrance next to Nordhoff High School at 4:00 pm and will last until 5:30 pm. Refreshments and trash bags will be provided. We hope to see you there!

Join Our Volunteer Team

Come learn about the wide variety of volunteer opportunities available through the Conservancy at our volunteer orientation on Saturday, March 3 from 11am until noon at our new office at 250 E. Ojai Avenue. We'll explain how the Conservancy works and where you can help out. Whether you've got a day a month or a day a week, there's a job for you. Become a member of our open space team and call our office to RSVP for the orientation.

Ojai Cookbook — Be Part Of It!

Remember to submit your recipes by February 15. Mail them to: Val Lavender at 1115 E. Creekside Way, Ojai, CA 93023; fax to 640-1473; or email to Val at: dgl@ojai.net. The cookbook promises to be a real gem and a great fundraiser for the Conservancy.

Preserve Host Volunteers Needed

Enjoy walking? Volunteers are needed for our Meadow Preserve Host program. You can make a valuable contribution to the OVLC just by:

- Walking through our beautiful Ojai and Besant Meadow Preserves on a regular basis.
- Reporting on preserve conditions and wildlife.
- Picking up litter and talking with preserve visitors.

It is important that we have as many hosts as possible during the day and evening hours so we can keep all 58 acres clean and healthy and stay in touch with all the members of our community that visit.

Interested?

Please contact our office for details • 646-7930

Preserve Volunteer Opportunities

Preserve Hosts

Walk trails and report on Preserve conditions. Contact and educate visitors about the Preserve.

Tree Caretakers

Provide watering and basic care for our old and young Valley Oaks.

Tour Leaders

Help guide nature walks of the Preserve for school groups and individuals.

Trail and Sign Maintenance Assistants

Help keep our trails in good shape for the public's enjoyment and safety.

Call 646-7930 if you want to learn more about how you can help with the volunteer opportunities listed above.



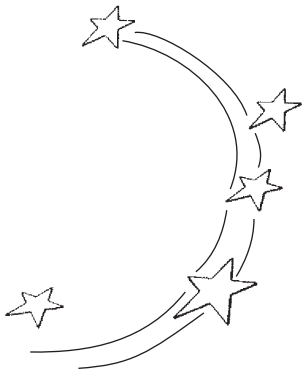
Volunteers John Broesamle and John Melville pour concrete and install Mutt Mitt dispensers at sites in the Ojai Meadows Preserve and on Shelf Road.

Our Wish List

Conservancy Will Move Forward With Your Help

As the Conservancy grows, so does our need for additional resources. One way you can help is through the donation of new or used stewardship tools, reference books, and office equipment. Please call us if you can donate any of the items below or if you know of anyone who might like to contribute to the needs of the Conservancy.

- Copy Machine
- Shovels and other trail maintenance tools
- Electric Pencil Sharpner
- Microwave Oven
- Small Refrigerator
- New Vacuum Cleaner



Other items that you think would be useful? Please, let us know • 646-7930

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