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The latest news from the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy

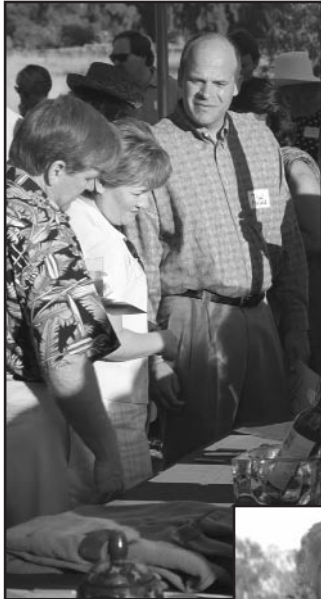
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Working to Protect The Ojai Valley's Future - Today

Winter 2000

Evening Event A Great Success

Thanks to the generosity of our members, the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy raised over \$38,000 at the annual fundraising event on Saturday, September 9. The increasingly popular affair was attended by over 280 people who gathered under a large canopy on the Besant Meadow section of the Ojai Meadows Preserve. Attendees were treated to live music, a delicious dinner prepared by Joan Vogel and Joan Roberts, and an opportunity to bid on a variety of live and silent auction items.



**Another Great Event!
Thank You Ojai.**



"The event was a great success because of the incredible support we received from our volunteers, corporate sponsors and the Ojai community," said Kathy Broesamle, the event's long-time coordinator. "It also helped that the

weather was so pleasant this year," added Broesamle. In the past two years, members have braved cool, damp weather to attend the event.

Michael Shapiro, the Conservancy's Vice President, MC'd the event, and shared with the crowd the incredible successes that the Conservancy has had during the last year, thanks to a strong partnership with the community. After a social hour and announcements, actor, Jim Lashley again orchestrated the live auction for the Conservancy. The hottest auction items included trips to Orcas Island, Yosemite, Palm Springs, and excursions on Pat Weinberger's electric boat.

This year's event was underwritten by donations from Adelphia, Behavioral Science Technology, Century 21, Coldwell Banker Property Shoppe, Meiners Oaks Hardware, Ojai Valley Bank, Patagonia, and Ventura Rental Party Center. The money raised from the event will be allocated for the organization's operations during the coming year. *Mark your calendar now for next year's event on Saturday, September 8th.*

Besant Meadow Campaign: One Last Push For Donations

\$29,000 is still needed to complete the fundraising campaign for the 25 acre addition to the Ojai Meadows Preserve. Over \$630,000 in gifts and pledges have already been raised for the acquisition and basic care of the site. Donors who still wish to make a donation or pledge of cash, stock or

other appreciated assets must do so by December 31, 2000. Contributions of \$500 or more will be recognized on an Ojai Meadows Preserve plaque to be unveiled in late Spring, 2001. Signage honoring large donors will also be displayed at the celebration event. Look for the Spring issue of our

Open Spaces newsletter for more details about the celebration.

If you are interested in making a gift or pledge to the campaign, please call 646-7930 or email us at ovlc@ojai.net. You can also learn the latest news about the campaign at www.ovlc.org.

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A Message From Our President

Serving as president of the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy over the past three years has been a tremendous privilege. With Joan Kemper due to succeed me in January, this will be my final presidential column.

All of us can take the deepest satisfaction that, working together, we are permanently enriching this valley. Space allows me to thank only a few of those who have made our success possible these last three years. I was enormously fortunate to follow Mannie Sprague, whose foresight and initiative as president (1994-97) and since have been crucial. Our board of directors has been remarkably generous in sharing both time and financial resources. As our executive director, Jim Engel has made new things possible by recruiting a fine part-time staff and spearheading fresh emphases on education and land restoration. We are deeply fortunate to have him. And I would like to thank my wife, Kathy, whose role in planning our social events has provided us all with a lot of fun as well as raising tens of thousands of dollars. Her Support Team of volunteers has brought the Conservancy a tremendous fund of energy.

Under Joan's leadership, a new era now begins. Great days lie ahead.

John Broesamle



Leave A Legacy

Give A Gift For Future Generations Of The Ojai Valley

Please join the eleven 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**.

Help Us Reach Our Goal: 1,000 Members By The End Of 2000

A little over two years ago the Conservancy had a respectable and very loyal 350 members. Today, because of the momentum of several successful open space campaigns, popular education programs and wide community exposure, the Conservancy now has over 976 active members. Our ambitious goal is to add at least fifty new members by the end of the year. How can you help? Encourage a friend or neighbor to join. Or purchase a membership for them. Starting at only \$25, it's a great birthday or holiday present. *Fill out the membership form on page 8 and send your checks to: POB 1092 Ojai CA 93024.*

Email Updates For The Very Latest Highlights

The Conservancy offers an email service for those members who want to be the first to learn the latest Conservancy news and activity. So far over 140 people have joined the list. *If you'd like to join the list, please email us at ovlc@ojai.net.*



Website Receives Its 700th Visitor

Since its debut in March, the Conservancy's website, www.ovlc.org has been a very popular place for people to learn more about the Conservancy and its activities. Web surfers can track a fundraising campaign, learn about our Preserves, decide how to protect their own land, find out about the next exciting event or learn about volunteer opportunities. *Have you visited our site yet?*

Volunteers Help Keep Ojai Meadows Looking Beautiful

The OVLC applauds the combined efforts of the 38 volunteers who turned out on July 16th and September 24th for our clean-ups and Moonlight Walk of the Meadows Preserve. "It was wonderful to see the volunteers' enthusiasm, comradeship and satisfaction with a job well-done," said Carole Cascio, Event Coordinator. Those who attended were rewarded with delicious giant chocolate chip cookies made possible by Barbara McCarthy of The Ojai Cafe Emporium and refreshments to quench their thirst.

Many Thanks! Let's keep up the great work. Those of you who have not yet participated, come join us on Sunday, January 14 and share in the fun. *See page 9 for more information about volunteer opportunities and activities.*

Conservancy To Celebrate A Birthday Next Year

The year 2001 will mark the Conservancy's fifteenth anniversary as a community organization dedicated to protecting Ojai's vanishing open spaces. What started as a group of eight visionary individuals has sparked an organization of 976 members and over 360 acres of protected land, along with popular education programs and efforts to restore local wetlands and other habitats.

Several special events are scheduled next year to commemorate the occasion, including: A walk and talk with Lee Stetson, who portrays John Muir, expanded environmental education programs and continued efforts to protect open spaces throughout the Valley from Casitas Springs to the community of Summit.



Upcoming Events

CONSERVANCY CALENDAR

A Fine Fall Walk At The Ilvento Preserve

Environmental Learning Series
Sunday, November 19 • 1pm- 5:00pm
Join our executive director, Jim Engel for this afternoon exploration of the colors and moods of Fall at this East Valley Preserve. Call 646-7930 to reserve a space and find out where to meet.



Annual Membership Meeting

Saturday, December 2 • 11am-1pm
Come learn about the latest projects and share a bit of good cheer. Call the office to RSVP and to find out where to meet.

Ojai Meadows Preserve Clean-Up

Sunday, January 14 • 4pm-5:30pm
Help keep the Preserve looking beautiful and meet old and new friends! We'll gather next to Nordhoff High School and help make a difference.

Volunteer Celebration

Saturday, January 20 • 10am-Noon
A special gathering to recognize all our volunteers for their outstanding efforts over the last year.

Where Have All The Frogs Gone?

Environmental Learning Series
Wednesday, January 24 • 7pm-8:30pm
Kathryn Phillips, science journalist and author of *Tracking The Vanishing Frogs*, will lead an evening discussion and slide presentation about the puzzling decline of frogs worldwide. Ms. Phillips will also describe our local species and what is being done to protect them. Call 646-7930 to reserve a space and to find out where to meet. This event is free.

Celebrate The Heart Of Open Space at the Primavera Gallery

Saturday, February 10 • 7pm-9pm
Special fundraiser hosted by Khaled and Sheryl Al-Awar to benefit Ojai's open spaces and the Conservancy. It's a great chance to buy something special for someone special. See article below for more details.

3rd Annual Conservation Legacy Circle Event

Saturday, February 24 • 10am-Noon
It's time again to thank those people who have given so much of their time, talent and gifts to our open space efforts. The event's location is always beautiful and will be announced in the next issue of *Open Spaces*.

A Night With The Great John Muir

Environmental Learning Series
Friday, March 30 • TBA
John Muir was one of America's greatest conservationists and Lee Stetson has been portraying him for over twenty years with charm and great insight. Join us at Thacher School for this great evening. *Details and ticket prices will be available in our next newsletter.*

A Walk With John Muir Saturday, March 31 • 10am-11:30am

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to hike with this great conservationist? 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 hard tack biscuits (his staple while roaming the mountains) after the walk.

Details and ticket prices will be available in our next newsletter.



Gallery to Host Heart-Felt Fundraiser For Open Space

The Primavera Gallery will be sponsoring a special fundraiser for the Land Conservancy which is perfectly timed for those people who want to purchase something special for their sweetheart for Valentine's Day. The event, scheduled for February 10 at 7pm will include opportunities to meet an artist, whose creation

will be displayed.

"We strongly believe in the Conservancy and their mission," says Mr. Al-Awar. While the gallery will offer their usual fine art pieces, there will be a special emphasis on jewelry in honor of Valentine's Day. On behalf of each customer, a generous percentage of each sale that evening will be donated by the Gallery.

"The Al-Awars offer is another great example of how the business community generously supports open space protection," explains Jim Engel, Conservancy Executive Director. Each year over 100 local businesses contribute cash, products and expertise to the Conservancy. "We couldn't do our job without them," adds Engel.



Preserving Ojai's Special Places Forever Campaign Highlights

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

Ranch House Restaurant Honors The Hookers

The Ranch House Restaurant and the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy have teamed up to memorialize Helen and Alan Hooker, founders of The Ranch House Restaurant. The Hookers always had a keen interest in protecting Ojai's open spaces and Mr. Hooker was a founding member of the Land Conservancy. David Skaggs, owner of the world famous restaurant came up with the idea to honor the Hookers with a memorial on Besant Meadows, because of the close proximity of the restaurant to the Preserve. "I worked for the Hookers for 37 years before my ownership of The Ranch House. I saw how involved and dedicated they were in the community. I think this is my chance to do the same and I hope I can make a difference as they did," said Skaggs.

The mini-campaign must raise \$25,000 by December 31 to endow the monument. Anyone interested in making a donation towards the memorial can send their contribution directly to the Conservancy. Donors of \$1,000 or more will receive the opportunity to have their name or a family member's name placed on the memorial.

Newest Park Plan Nears Completion

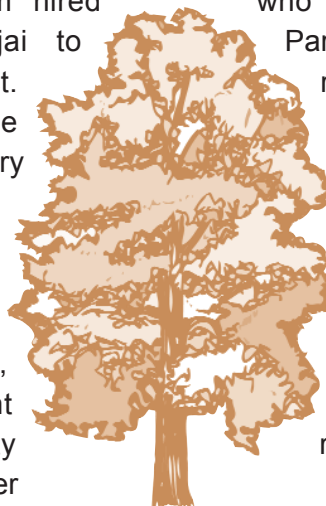
A series of well attended public meetings and a large number of written comments have helped to bring together the "look" of Ojai's Newest Park. "The site will reflect the surrounding valley and our community's great respect and love for nature," says Tom Bostrom, a member of the landscape architect team hired by the City of Ojai to complete the project. The park will welcome people with a Discovery Area, Butterfly Garden, small stream, art work and wide views of the surrounding mountains. A final draft plan, which will be sent to several City Commissions for further

refinement is now available for viewing at City Hall and at the Conservancy office.

John Broesamle and Jim Engel of the Conservancy participated as one of the ten member advisory panel along with Don and Sheila Cluff, and City representatives.

"We were just two of many people who provided input to the Park's design. Our biggest role, as fundraisers for the project, is still in front of us," explains Engel.

A total of \$610,000 must be raised to create and help maintain the park. Of the total goal, \$32,000 had been raised so far.



Recent Newest Park Campaign Donors

Catherine & Gary Barnhart
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The Ranch House Restaurant
Bill and Jill Shanbrom
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Annual Event Review

Amount raised: \$38,000! Thank You Ojai!

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An Evening On Besant Meadow.

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Welcome To Our New Members

As of October 13th we have soared to **976 members**, thanks to your exceptional support. *Can we reach 1000 by year's end?*

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Elvis and Mary Anthony
Liza Baker
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Chris & Stephanie Westphal
Dan & Susan White
Monte and Cheryl Widders
Lynn and Greg Wolfe
Tim and Terri Wolfe

Local Supporters Help Us To Grow Stronger

Every year, hundreds of our members choose to renew their membership. We are happy to recognize the following individuals and businesses who have renewed their membership since mid-October. Your loyalty is greatly appreciated.

Avanti!
John and Marian Bateman
Lerie Bjornstedt
Vickie Breen
Bob and Marqui Bury
Donna Tilmont Busch
Frank and Janet Casey
William and Ginny Clinton
Peter and Heidi DiCapua
Peter and Linda D'Aprix
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Special End Of Year Giving Opportunities

As we begin to reflect on another successful year, please consider a special gift to support the future of open space and the quality of life in the Ojai Valley. Your generous gifts and pledges will help us to protect even more of the Ojai Valley's remaining open spaces. During the next ten days you will receive a written request for a year-end gift.

Please consider these following options when responding to our request:

1. Appreciated Assets

Donate a gift of appreciated stock, real estate, individual retirement plans or mutual funds. Avoid capital gains and possibly receive a tax deduction.

2. One-Time Cash Donations

This type of donation can often benefit your bottom line at the end of the year.

3. Donation Of Non-Open Space Property

Consider donating land or a home. The proceeds of the sale can directly aid the Conservancy's efforts to acquire open space lands, restore degraded habitats or expand education programs to youth and adults.

4. Estate Gift Options

The simplest way to provide an estate gift to the Conservancy is by including The Ojai Valley Land Conservancy in your will or trust. Please call the Conservancy if you wish to discuss other potential options for including us in your estate plans.

5. Celebrate The Holidays!

Purchase a Conservancy Cap, membership for a friend, Ojai Meadows Poster or a *Color Of Ojai* Book. Also, every time you shop at Rains Department Store use your Rains Card and have 3% of your sale donated to the Conservancy.

***Considering a gift, but need more information.
Contact Jim Engel at (805) 646-7930.***

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 640-0606 if you want to learn more about how you can help with the volunteer opportunities listed above.



Color Of Ojai Book Sales Will Benefit Open Space

Michael McFadden, local photographer and Conservancy Land Committee Member, has agreed to donate \$1 to the Conservancy for each *Color of Ojai* Book that is sold. He anticipates selling several thousand copies of the book during the coming years. "I just wanted to do something positive to express my appreciation for what the Conservancy does for this community," explains McFadden.

He is best known for his annual calendar which highlights the unique natural and human communities of Ojai. The book, which is on sale at the Conservancy office and several local businesses, expands on the themes explored in his calendars.

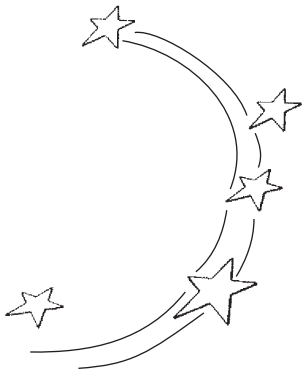
Essays and poetry are also interspersed throughout the book, attempting to capture the spirit of Ojai. Executive Director, Jim Engel's essay entitled, "Hand in Hand", points out the importance of the quality of life for all our Valley's residents. *Copies of the book are available for \$35 from the Conservancy office.*

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
- Two-way Radios
- Digital Camera - **Donated!**
- Shovels and other trail maintenance tools
- Stacking Chairs
- Laptop Computer - **Donated!**



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