



Atascadero Land Preservation Society

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ALPS Newsletter

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Summer 2024

VOLUNTEERS - THE HEART OF ALPS!

ALPS owns 125 acres of land on four different parcels within the city limits of Atascadero. We would not be able to properly care for our properties without the gracious help of volunteers. Recreational users of our properties assume they stay in good condition all by themselves. ALPS volunteers know that it takes a continuous effort to properly maintain our native garden,

tree planting sites, trails, trailheads and open space. In the last year ALPS volunteers have put in 129 hours watering trees, 195 hours at events and education, 293 hours at Saturday workdays and 494 hours of work by the ALPS Trail Crew. Next time you see someone wearing an ALPS shirt or hat, please thank them!



Bill Shepard Native Garden - weed removal



Three Bridges Oak Preserve - trail maintenance



Three Bridges Oak Preserve - rebuilding the path



Adobe Springs - removing dead debris with CCC help



Halcon Tree Site - loading mulch to put around trees

Keep up-to-date on ALPS News, Visit our website at: www.supportalps.org

The next monthly workday will be:

Sept. 28 - Creek Cleanup Day

AMWC Yard, 6675 Sycamore Rd.

Signup at 8:30 am

Workday from 9:00 am to Noon

For more information please email

ALPS at: info@supportalps.org

Visit our website:

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to learn more about ALPS and to sign up on our email list to be notified of Workdays and Events.

Colony Days - October 5

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President	Mike Orvis
Vice-President	John Goers
Secretary	Meg Perry
Treasurer	Carol Collins
Members	Ellen Beraud
	Bruce Bonifas
	Bobby Jo Close
	Deb Dight
	Jonalee Istenes
	Cory Meyer
	Jim Patterson
	Deborah Stafford

In Memoriam:	Marj Mackey
	Geri Brasher Phemister
	Bill Shepard
	Joan O'Keefe

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2024 GERI BRASHER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Mike Orvis presenting the scholarship to Christian Van Son.

The 2024 recipient of the Geraldine Brasher Phemister Scholarship recipient is **Christian Van Son**, a graduating senior at Atascadero High School. Christian will be attending Cuesta College this semester and plans to be there for the next two years while continuing to work part-time. While at Cuesta he will be participating in an intern program with the California Conservation Corp.



ALPS Officers and Christian Van Son with his scholarship check.

After Cuesta College Christian plans to attend California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt. Christian is striving to work for the Forest Service in Environmental conservation and restoration. Congratulations Christian!

ADOBE SPRINGS INTERPRETIVE PROGRAM

Last April ALPS provided docent led field trips for 115 local 3rd grade students on topics covering subjects pertaining to their local history education. Students from San Benito Road Elementary and Santa Margarita Elementary Schools attended.



Students learning about the native people that lived in the area.

The four learning stations included: **Salinan Tribe** which taught about their culture and how they lived for many centuries on this land. **Estrada Adobe** provided insight into the creation of the San Miguel Mission outpost built in 1812. **SLO Beaver Brigade** taught about beavers, their habitat and the benefits beavers provide in our rivers and streams. **The Spring** station explained how a groundwater spring is created and how animals and humans need water to live.



Students learning about the Estrada Adobe built in 1812

ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING

ALPS Native Tree Committee celebrated Arbor Day by planting two Valley Oaks at the Colony Heritage Center in early December. One tree was planted in memory of Don Jernigan a past active member of the Atascadero Native Tree Association (ANTA) and ALPS. Don helped plant and care for many of the trees planted by ANTA throughout the city. Planting trees was in Don's blood!



Helen Jernigan and friends by the Valley Oak tree dedicated to Don

TREE PLANTING GRANT

ALPS received grant funds from the Growing Green Community Grant fund, sponsored by PG&E and administered by California ReLeaf. The grant paid for the purchase of 11 trees and materials. With the help of volunteers, ALPS planted eight oak trees at the Colony Heritage Center. ALPS partnered with the Central Coast Heritage Tree Foundation to plant three Valley oaks at Templeton High School.



Volunteers ready to plant oak trees at Colony Heritage Center

OTHER ACTIVITIES

SUDDEN OAK DEATH SURVEY

ALPS volunteers supported the county wide Sudden Oak Death (SOD) Blitz. The volunteers surveyed Bay Laurel trees located within Three Bridges Oak Preserve. The California Bay Laurel tree is a vector for the pathogen which can be transmitted to nearby Live Oak trees. SOD is a fungus-like tree disease that has killed millions of oak trees in coastal counties north of San Luis Obispo County.

PARTY FOR THE PLANET

ALPS participated in the annual "Party for the Planet" Earth Day event hosted by the City at the Charles Paddock Zoo!



ALPS Party for the Planet learning station and volunteers

The event attracts local and out of county families providing us a great opportunity to showcase our work and share our passion at this educational event. We also gave away oak seedlings to take home and plant!

WAYS TO SUPPORT ALPS!

- Become a member
 - Attend a volunteer workday (bring a friend)
 - Attend a board meeting and/or a Native Tree Committee meeting
 - Donate to the Scholarship Fund
- For more information, please email your questions to: info@supportalps.org