



OPEN SPACES

The latest news from the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy

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Working to Protect The Ojai Valley's Future - Today

Winter 2001

Conservancy Waits For Final Approval On Wetlands Grant

Thanks to the joint efforts of The Conservancy and Ojai Unified School District, Ojai may soon benefit from better flood control, public safety, athletic facilities and enhancement of one of Ojai's greatest treasures. All these goals are set forth in an ambitious, \$2 million grant proposal being reviewed by the State Department of Water Resources. The funds would come via Proposition 13, a Clean Water Bond Act, which was overwhelmingly approved by California voters in 2000. "It's a great project, where everyone in Ojai benefits," said Joan Kemper, Conservancy President. "This project has caught the eye of State officials because we have a good track record of raising significant funds locally and for developing strong partnerships with organizations like the School District and City of Ojai." The Conservancy will receive over \$1 million to help restore the Ojai Meadows Preserve wetlands and protect an additional 14 acres of critical

grasslands habitat adjacent to the Maricopa Highway (33). The remaining grant money will be used by the School District for drainage and improvements to the athletic fields at Nordhoff High School.

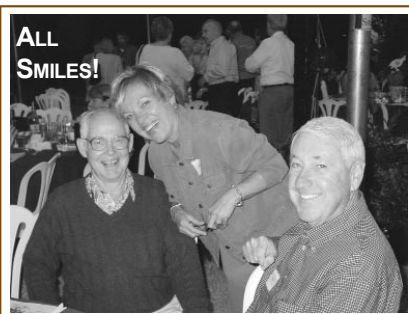
"We will be one of five pilot projects in the State of California," remarked Michael Krumpschmidt, author of the grant and project coordinator for the School District. "Future projects in California will look to Ojai as an example of how to successfully combine many community goals."

Conservancy Board Member Carl Thelander and Restoration Committee Member David Magney contributed technical advice about the wetlands component of the grant. "This project will bring more water to the wetlands, which is one of the most important ingredients to the restoration's success," said Magney.

Final approval of the grant is expected in early November.

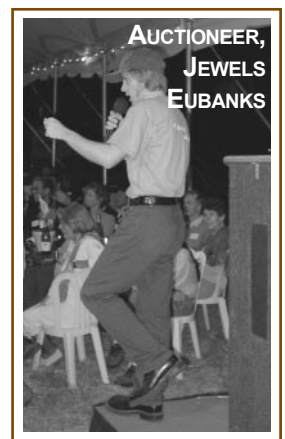
Annual Event Raises More Fun, Friends and Funds Than Ever Before

Ojai Valley residents continue to generously support the protection of open space through the annual "Moonlight on The Meadow" fundraiser. Over 300 people feasted on delicious food and drink, socialized with new and old friends, tapped their feet to bluegrass music and contributed almost \$50,000 to the Conservancy. This year's event included better lighting and sound, a bigger tent, quicker check out for auction winners, all of which added to the enjoyment for the guests. "Last year's event was so much fun, but this year was even better," said Trent



Greco, who attended the events of the last two years. "I don't know how they do it."

This year's live auction was the most successful ever with the entertaining, fast talking, auctioneer, Jewels Eubanks. Eubanks attended Oak Grove



School and lived in Meiners Oaks for many years and was familiar with the Ojai Meadows Preserve. "I had so much fun doing this event," said Eubanks. "I whole heartily support what the Conservancy is doing to help protect the Valley."

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A Message From Jim

Exciting To The Very End



As another year comes to a close, our work to protect open space hasn't slowed down one bit. We are moving forward on three important land protection projects, wetlands restoration at the Ojai Meadows Preserve and continued educational efforts to enrich the lives of hundreds of local children. Whether they are volunteers or paid staff, we all take our jobs seriously and are always looking for new opportunities to save the Valley's remaining open spaces.

Another reason we are so busy is that the end of the year also marks a time when we receive an increased number of gifts of cash, stock and other appreciated assets (such as property). Many of you have made it an annual tradition! This is an opportune time to evaluate what you can do to provide additional assistance. In some cases, the tax benefits make great financial sense too. So among all the wonderful charities worth supporting, please consider making a portion of your year-end gift to ensure the protection of the Ojai Valley we all love.

Jim Engel
Executive Director

Leave A Legacy

Give A Gift For Future Generations Of The Ojai Valley

Please join the eighteen 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 or email us at: ovlc@ojai.net**.



Preserving Ojai's Special Places Forever Newest Park Campaign

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

GIFT NAMING RIGHT OPPORTUNITIES FOR *Ojai's Newest Park*

To date \$517,000 has been raised towards Ojai's Newest Park. The Campaign for the Newest Park is offering a limited number of gift-naming opportunities in perpetuity to individuals who would like to honor family, parents, mentors, or friends.

GRAND TRELISES • \$60,000

(2 REMAINING): Ojai's Newest Park will feature a series of three trellises, which will provide shade and beauty. The top of the terrace features twisted wood branches laid on rough-hewn timber beams supported by natural stone columns resembling the trunk of an old oak tree.

THE UPPER PARK POND • \$50,000

(1 TOTAL): This upper park pond emanates from the central viewing plaza providing a perfect place to enjoy a peaceful Ojai day.

THE LOWER PARK POND • \$50,000

(1 TOTAL): The lower park pond is adjacent to the highly visible Ojai Avenue Plaza, which includes public art and seating.

OJAI AVENUE STONE WALL • \$45,000

(RESERVED): A 1000-foot undulating low stonewall edging in and out of the Park, connecting the Rincon and Ojai Avenue Plazas. One of the most recognizable features of the Park as you drive by on Ojai Avenue. (972 sq. ft.)

OJAI AVENUE PLAZA • \$40,000

(1 TOTAL): This highly visible plaza will be adorned with special paving and public art. It will have an open seating area for viewing. (913 sq. ft.)

RINCON PLAZA • \$40,000

(1 TOTAL): The gateway and key focal point to Ojai's Newest Park for citizens and visitors entering town. Adjacent to the scented walk-butterfly garden and South Trellis. (714 sq. ft.)

EL PASEO PLAZA • \$40,000

(1 TOTAL): This entrance directs you to the trail of discovery and into the North Trellis gaining access to the center of the park. Also, adorned with special paving, public art and is the permanent location of the donor recognition wall. (898 sq. ft.)

GARDEN OF DISCOVERY • \$30,000

(1 TOTAL): A bedding of water plants peppered with fragrant annual native flowers and shrubs. (432 sq. ft.)

OLD OAK TREE RESTORATION • \$25,000

(RESERVED): The Park will enfold the El Paseo/Ojai Avenue old oak tree, which for years has been threatened due to asphalt and traffic. Now, it will be liberated. Under an arborist's care, the tree will be preserved and revitalized with the street no longer cutting around the tree. (898 sq. ft.)

CHAPARRAL GARDEN • \$25,000

(1 TOTAL): A giant 4600 square foot garden with gentle slopes marked with a variety of carefully selected low maintenance native trees and plantings to help screen passing traffic from those inside the park. (4616 sq. ft.)

SCENTED WALK AND BUTTERFLY GARDEN

\$25,000 (1 TOTAL): A mixture of brilliant colors and various scents ranging from sweet to herbal, this garden will attract butterflies and hummingbirds to the delight of the observer.

ARTISTS COMMISSIONS • \$20,000

(2 REMAINING): Each of the three entrance plazas on Ojai Avenue, Rincon Avenue and El Paseo Avenue will be highlighted with customized public art by local artists.

TRAIL OF DISCOVERY • \$20,000

(RESERVED): As you enter the Park from the El Paseo Plaza, you will quickly emerge onto this trail filled with plants and surprises. Great for school educational field trips. (654 sq. ft.)

ANCIENT DESIGNS • \$15,000

(1 TOTAL): Rock etchings on a large boulder of ancient figures and designs. This will be the highlight of outdoor education trips by schools and visitors.

TREES AND BENCHES

A variety of newly planted trees will be central to the landscape design of the Park. Specimens include valley oak, live oak, mesa oak, willow, maple, white alder, foothill ash and sycamore. Also, custom crafted sitting benches will be spread throughout the Newest Park to enjoy the features, gardens and views.

- **\$6,000:** 48 inch box trees-20ft. tall
All Reserved
- **\$2,500:** Custom Crafted Benches
(10 Total) -All Reserved
- **\$2,000:** 36 inch box trees-15ft. tall
4 Remaining
- **\$1,000:** 24 inch box trees-6ft. tall
17 Remaining

EL PASEO PLAZA DONOR RECOGNITION WALL (75 REMAINING) • \$500

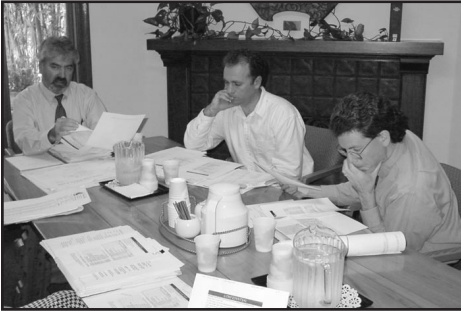
(200 TOTAL): A gift of \$500 and above will be recognized on the donor monument, which will be unveiled upon the Grand Opening of Ojai's Newest Park in 2002.

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, and 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 on 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 master plan. The gift naming will have the suggested inscription as follows: "Smith Family-Central Viewing Plaza."

Conservancy News Briefs

Newest Park Campaign Enters Final Stage



Tom Bostrom, Andrew Stasse, and Dan Singer prepare for the Newest Park groundbreaking.

Energized by a recent \$25,000 gift, the Campaign has now raised over 80% of the \$610,000 campaign goal. Volunteers and staff will be working hard during the final months of the year to ensure that all the funds necessary for the Park's completion are raised. After the ground-breaking ceremony on October 19th, the project commenced construction and is anticipated to be completed by late Spring 2002. If you are interested in learning more on how you can help contribute to the Park, please refer to Page 3.

Have A Hunger For Open Space?

Here's something new to help you satisfy your appetite! Perfect for the holidays, *Ojai's Bounty* is a new cookbook which includes recipes from local residents and some chefs from the Valley's finest restaurants. The cost of the book is \$20, with proceeds from the sales to benefit the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy. See back page for more information on how to purchase the cookbook.

Website Has A New Look

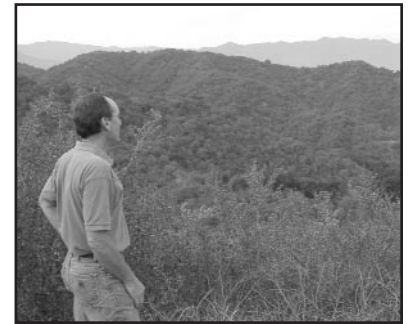
After a year and over 2,000 visits to our website, we revised the look and content of the site to make it more informative and easier to navigate. So if you haven't been there lately, please take a look at www.ovlc.org and let us know what you think.

Volunteers Contribute Over 3,000 Hours

Conservancy volunteers have outdone themselves again this year with a record number of hours being contributed to the cause of open space. Their duties range from helping with events, assisting in the office, or participating in education programs.

Three New Land Projects On The Horizon

The Conservancy's Land Committee has been busy touring properties around the Valley and is pursuing the protection of several key open space parcels. Each parcel has its own unique characteristics, including stream, chaparral and oak woodlands habitats. All three properties include important scenic vistas and range in size from 9 to over 100 acres. As with all land protection efforts, plenty of work still lies ahead. We'll keep you up to date and provide more detail as these projects move forward.



*Roger Essick
Land Committee Chair, scouts
new open space opportunities.*

Ceremony Planned For Ojai Meadows Preserve

In May 2002, the Conservancy will honor all those people who contributed to the Ojai and Besant Meadows Campaign. Plaques will be unveiled at that time. See the Spring 2002 issue of *Open Spaces* for more details and a date a time for this special event.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO

David Engelstad, even after 18 units of school and sports, still finds time to volunteer a couple of hours a week in our office. **Jason Womack** and **Kathryn**

Allen of **David Allen & Co.** (workflow management company) The services provided by the David Allen Company make a significant difference in managing workflow, which helps to ensure an efficient and fun working environment. **Elizabeth McMahan**, for her time and generous support of our educational programs.

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. 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.

3. One-Time Cash Donations

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

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 The Conservancy's Cookbook, *Ojai's Bounty*, a 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

Volunteers determine nonprofit's success and OVLC has the best! We would like to invite you to join this special group of people who help out in the office, watch over the Ojai Meadows Preserve and create our wonderful events and parties such as The Evening with John Muir, the exciting Moroccan Diffa (feast) and our terrific Moonlight on the Meadow fund-raiser. This great group of people do special things together and have developed many lasting friendships.

So join the group. Come on down to the office. Bring a friend or call Carole at 646-0251 or email her at ovlcevents@ojai.net and tell them the kinds of things you would like to do. We would love to add you to our growing corps of volunteers. Help the OVLC while you're meeting great people and having a good time.

Office Assistants

Experience the 'pulse' of the Conservancy by working at our office. Meet our great staff and

volunteers, while working on mailings, special projects and other office duties. We would prefer a weekly commitment of a few hours, but once a month would work too.

Events Assistants

During the year OVLC sponsors several fund raising events. Each event has a special theme that requires unique talents.

Preserve Clean-up

Volunteers are needed for monthly meadow clean-ups. If you are interested in helping us keep the Ojai Meadows Preserve clean and beautiful, please join us for one and one-half hours each month. Dates for clean-ups will be posted on the OVLC hotline at 646-0251.

Wild About Ojai Assistants

Come experience our new and exciting education program. It's a chance to be outside, learn about the natural world of the Ventura

River Watershed and help families better understand the importance of protecting open space for future generations. An ideal commitment is three hours, once a month.

GIS Coordinator

A Global Information System (GIS) is a way of computer mapping important resources and being able to visually show relationships between these resources i.e. - development and the loss of agricultural lands or barn owls and mature live oak forests. We need someone who is willing to be trained and will work with us to develop the system to meet our needs. This resource will help the Conservancy and the community to better plan for the protection of critical natural and agricultural lands. We need a person with some computer skills and who will be available to work weekly on this project, but you will be able to set your own schedule for accomplishing the tasks.



Welcome To Our New Members

Thank you to our new members for their exceptional support. The Conservancy's successes in the last year are due to the generous financial and volunteer support of our members.

Bruce and Marie Botnick	Len and Judy Linton	Beverly Rose
Leslie Clark	Robert Maynard, Ojai.Net	Kacy and Marcia Rozelle
Marcia Doty & Celeste Matesevac	Allen & Lynn Merriam	Nancy & Marty Schechtman
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James, Lisa & Will Greenway	Vickie Peters	<i>Gift Membership given by Eric & Wendy Lockwood:</i>
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Sue Khougaz	Ronald Phillips	Kris and Shannon Malish
	Larry Ragan	
	Russell Replogle	

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 early October. Your loyalty is greatly appreciated.

Randy Banchik and Jannell Greene Banchik	Fritz and Margaret Menninger
John and Holly Battel	Jerry and Char Michaels
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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 |
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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 _____

Upcoming Events

CONSERVANCY CALENDAR

Wild About Ojai

Location • Ilvento Preserve

Saturday, November 3 • 9am-noon

Family Environmental Education Program

Cost: \$18/individual and \$30/family for a three session program or \$8/person and \$12/family for one session. *Advanced registration required and space is limited.*

Leapin' Lizards

Location • Ojai Retreat

Wednesday, November 7 • 7pm

Cris Hagan from the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History will

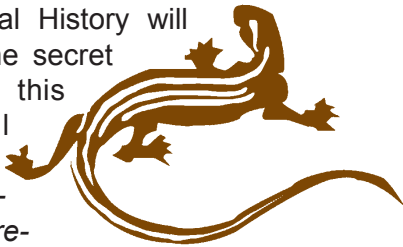
help us explore the secret life of lizards in this

Environmental

Learning Series

Program. *The pro-*

gram is free, but pre-registration is required.



Bird Walk at the Ojai Meadows Preserve

November (call the Conservancy for dates) • 8am

Come see what's hoppin' and flying around the Preserve. There are new surprises everytime. Meet next to the Nordhoff High School entrance to the Preserve. Bring binoculars.

Wild About Ojai

Location • Ilvento Preserve

Saturday, December 1 • 9am to noon

Family Environmental Education Program.

Cost: \$18/individual and \$30/family for a three session program or \$8/person and \$12/family for one session. *Advanced registration required and space is limited.*

Annual Membership Meeting

Location • Ojai Retreat

Saturday, December 8 • 1pm-3pm

Get involved! Learn about our exciting plans for next year and share your ideas on how to protect more of the Valley's open space. Refreshments served.



Bird Walk at the Ojai Meadows Preserve

December (call the

Conservancy for dates) • 8am

See November listing at left for more details.

Volunteer Recognition

Location • Ojai Retreat

Saturday, January 12 • 6pm-8pm

Here's a great chance to celebrate with your fellow volunteers. We'll have a potluck and honor our greatest resources. Join us! *Please RSVP.*

Bird Walk at the Ojai Meadows Preserve

January, 2002 (call the Conservancy for dates) • 8am

See November listing at left for more details.

Call 646-0251 or email:

ovlcevents@ojai.net

for more information about these programs.



Enjoying stories and music around the campfire at Song Dog Campout 2001.

Annual Event Thanks



Thank You! Moonlight on the Meadow was a Fabulous Success!

\$50,000 Raised!

THE OJAI VALLEY LAND CONSERVANCY wishes to acknowledge and thank our wonderful Volunteers, 320 Attendees, Corporate Sponsors and Event Donors who made the event possible.

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A Year In Review

WILD ABOUT OJAI - An enthusiastic fifty people have attended our first six Wild About Ojai family, outdoor education experiences. During these experiences we explored the ecology of three very different ecosystems, looking at the plants and critters found at each, and discovering how they relate to one another as members of a natural community.



Bird Walks - This spring the conservancy began a new, volunteer led, twice-monthly, Saturday morning bird walk at the Ojai Meadows Preserve. Led by volunteer Susan Tallyn, this new program has proven a great success with over one hundred happy birders recording over thirty species of birds in the preserve.

Environmental Learning Series - Our first two Environmental Learning Series programs held at the Ojai Retreat drew seventy very enthusiastic people who learned about the world's disappearing frogs and the snakes of the Ojai Valley. Our very special John Muir program was attended by hundreds of students and community members.

Quilly and Crew - We are very excited about our newest education program Wild About Ojai with Quilly and Crew, which stars our brand new environmental education marionettes; Quilly Quail, Castor Lizard, Holly Mouse, Terra Ant and Professor Salt n Puff (a snail). Wild About Ojai with Quilly and Crew will appear as a weekly cable access show as well as appearing live at different educational venues in the Ojai Valley. *To view the creation of Quilly and Crew visit their website at: www.puppetmuseum.com and go to Ping Pong's Puppet Workshop pages 32-37.*

Actors For Quilly & Crew Production - We are in the process of recruiting professional actors to do the Quilly and Crew character voices and are also currently seeking funding for stage/ set lighting and long term funding for the program. If you are interested in helping please contact Pete Johnson, OVLC Education Coordinator.

Ojai Unified School District Partnership - Pete Johnson



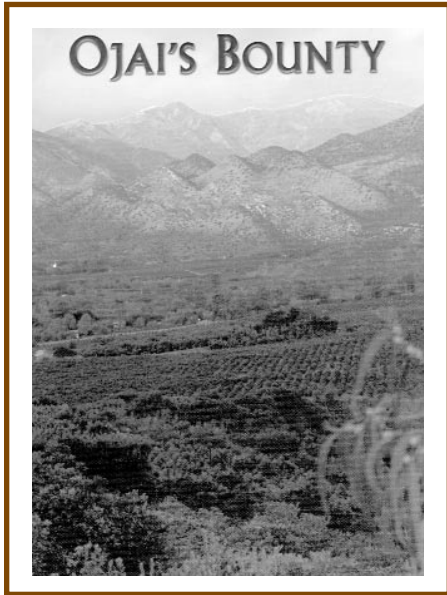
has also been working in partnership under two grants administered by Chris Smithers of OUSD. These grants fund environmental education through service learning. Pete has met with hundreds of students since December, 2000 and this school year the program has expanded to include twenty five teachers and hundreds of additional students. He teaches environmental education in the Ojai Meadows Preserve and the classroom as well as drawing and how to think differently about the world we share with other living things. At the request of elementary teachers Pete also volunteered to teach a fundamental biology course for teachers that met for two hours a week for eight weeks this last school year. Pete also taught in a week-long environmental summer camp this year funded by a grant from the Rural and Community Trust, which benefited several dozen teachers.

Grants for education

We are very grateful for three grants recently received supporting this program. REAP has awarded us one thousand dollars for sound equipment, the city of Ojai seven hundred and fifty dollars for stage and set construction and the Ojai Valley Youth Foundation one thousand dollars for the intern program we've developed with the Cotsen Center for Puppetry and the Arts at Cal Arts to teach marionette manipulation and program development to at risk-students in Ojai.



A GREAT HOLIDAY GIFT!



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