Dear OVLC Supporters,

This week will be my sixth anniversary at the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy, and time must be flying because I’m having fun. I serve a board and community that are as passionate about the outdoors as I am, and each day I share an office with a committed and talented group of staff and volunteers. Every day we hear from our community supporters by social media, letters, email, or chance encounters and learn just a little bit more about how our community feels about the land. These moments are so inspiring.

Having one of the best jobs in the Ojai Valley is just one reason why I’m “Wild About Ojai.” As cherished donors, I reckon you are all wild about Ojai as well, so it’s fitting that we have chosen “Wild About Ojai” as the new name for our former 1% for Ojai program. By now I hope you’ve heard that the program is now called Wild About Ojai, and seen our new logo appearing around town and on the preserves. The new name is a nod to both the community enthusiasm we feel about conservation, and the wild lands we protect. Our new program logo is eye-catching, and also helps set the program apart in the community. Since change was in the air, we also updated our own look with a new OVLC logo. We wanted this logo to have stylistic elements that tie our organization more closely to the land, and subtly link our organization with our Wild About Ojai logo. Not to worry though, the quail lives!

After a year focused on preserve management and trailhead updates, we are once again looking at a few potential new land conservation projects that I hope I’ll be sharing with you in the coming months. We continue to seek opportunities to protect properties with important habitats and public access opportunities, and the opportunities we are tracking would certainly measure up. We also have some new preserve enhancements out on the horizon. We are in the early stages of planning for a future bridge at the Ojai Meadows Preserve that would span over the Happy Valley storm drain channel, uniting not only the two sides of the preserve, but the communities of Meiners Oaks and Ojai. We’re also planning some access improvements at the Steelhead Preserve that will allow school buses to safely access the preserve for educational visits. It’s certainly going to be a busy year.

Before I finish, I want all of you to know how much your contributions to the OVLC matter to us. The enclosed list of donors is impressive and growing, and says a lot about Ojai’s commitment to conservation. As I sign your thank-you letters, I look forward to reading every name, and pausing to appreciate the value of your connection to us and the lands we are able to protect. Over the last few months we saw many of you increase your level of support as well, which has been so inspiring for us. We are anxious to show you what this support can do for the land and for our community.

Gratefully,

A Letter from the Director

Wild About Ojai welcomes three new businesses this quarter. Char Man Brand Hot Sauce, Erik Wilde - Realtor at Coldwell Banker Property Shoppe, and Sol Haus Design—thank you for committing to care for Ojai’s open space for all to enjoy.

Look for our new logos on the trails!
What’s happening at the Ojai Meadows Preserve?

Happy Valley Bioswale Complete
On March 4, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the new Happy Valley Bioswale on the Ojai Meadows Preserve. This is the latest storm water treatment project at the preserve. We can thank the Ventura County Watershed Protection District for a great partnership. Check out our blog for an article by the VC Star on the swale: ovlc.org/news

Rotary Club of Ojai Grant
Thank you to the Rotary Club of Ojai for the $500 grant which is funding, in part, a partnership between the OVLC and Ojai TEAMS for their adopted plots at the Ojai Meadows Preserve. Work has begun and the students will care for their plots through the spring. If you see them out working on the meadow, ask them about their adopted plots!

2015 Fiscal Year* Annual Report

Balance Sheet

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Total Liabilities and Net Assets | $9,132,225 | $9,311,340 |

Sources of Funds

Total Sources of Funds = $1,024,873

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Total Use of Funds = $1,019,002

Uses of Funds

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Net Profit = $5,871

*FY 2015: October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2015
Thank you to our OVLC donors.

Terry Beckett
Bonnie Bartling
Maria & Tyler Barrell
Barbara Balderman
Patricia Bagley
Everard & Brooke Ashworth
Lisa Aronson
Priscilla Archibald
Carol Annable
Rae Amey
Mike Altemeier
Brian Aikens

of approximately 3,000 trees.

• The OVLC began the restoration of the old orange

• Wild About Ojai funds allowed the OVLC to rehabilitate

• Wild About Ojai (1% for Ojai) was launched to help

Road.

Funding for the removal of 16 acres of the invasive plant

Arundo donax and subsequent restoration of 10 acres of

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The newsletter of the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy

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• OVLC was awarded $883,372 from the California Department of Water Resources Proposition 84 Drought Funding for the removal of 16 acres of the invasive plant Arundo donax and subsequent restoration of 10 acres of native plant habitat in San Antonio Creek along Creek Road.

• Wild About Ojai (1% for Ojai) was launched to help provide the stewardship of our lands.

• Wild About Ojai funds allowed the OVLC to rehabilitate the Pratt and Gridley Trailheads.

• The OVLC completed and submitted our application for national accreditation. We are awaiting the results this summer.

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By the Numbers - 2015 Fiscal Year

Pounds of poop removed from the trash cans in…

Plants planted on OVLC preserves at the Ojai Meadows Preserve is starting to bloom.

Educational visits by students young and old

Outdoor movie night

Switchbacks on Luci’s Trail

Attendees at the Telluride Mountainfilm Festival

Anonymous (2)

Your phone in the field:

Protecting your views, trails, water and wildlife

Valerie & Dietrich Schmidt
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Susie Farm Management
Patricia Weinberger
Anne & John Webb
John & Carolere Teacher
The Underground Gourmet Food Truck
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Emie Rodie
Fred & Jo Atterhagen
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Evdander Schley
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Nina Stella *
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Peter Shore
Cherri & Sandy Neill
Larry Smith & Dorothy
Dron Smith
Weby & Kathy Smith
Paula Spellung
Susan Spencer
Sara Star
Ron Stark
Mark & David Trudake
Terry & Cricket Trechsel
Peter & Joanne Tymrza
Hattie Val
John von Hauten
Lorraine Walter
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Ojai Meadows Preserve Wildflower Show
With these warm sunny days the wildflower show at the Ojai Meadows Preserve is starting to bloom. These blooms are from last year’s spectacular show. We hope all these flowers seeded for an even bigger event this year!

Need a refresher identifying the flowers? Visit our website to choose your phone in the field:

ovlc.org/native-flowers

Wild about Wildflowers?

Follow @OVLC on Instagram

By the Numbers - 2015 Fiscal Year

1 New bird species at the Ojai Meadows Preserve - the gray flycatcher - bringing the total to 182 species
29 Switchbacks on Luci’s Trail
376 New donors to the OVLC
500+ Attendees at the Telluride Mountainfilm Festival outdoor movie night
900 Feet of weather-proofed trail at the Ojai Meadows Preserve
1,000+ Educational visits by students young and old
3,500 Orange trees removed in the Ventura River Preserve
4,000+ Volunteer hours for the trails, nursery, restoration, clean ups, education, outreach, board and office
7,000+ Plants planted on OVLC preserves
8,000+ Pounds of poop removed from the trash cans in…
…35,000 Mutt Mitts used on the Ojai Meadows Preserve and the Ventura River Preserve

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A Monument to the Mighty Oak

Big plans are underway for oak restoration at the Ventura River Preserve. Last month, the OVLC was awarded $200,000 for oak savanna and woodland restoration at the old orange grove that was taken out last fall, thanks to a generous donor. Grant funding comes from the Wildlife Conservation Board, a California State agency that focuses on land acquisition, habitat restoration and development of wildlife-oriented public access facilities.

Grant funds will be used to restore 20 acres of the 41-acre project site to coast live oak savanna and woodland habitat. Planting will begin in the fall of 2016, so the oaks and companion shrubs can be nurtured by winter rains. The 20 acres of habitat restoration will include 4.7 acres of oak woodland and 15.3 acres of oak savanna habitats. Oak savanna habitats are remarkable for their scattered single trees, and differ from oak woodlands that tend to have higher tree densities. Ten acres of oak trees have been planted at the project site already through a grant from the Ventura County Tree Mitigation Fund.

The project is more than an effort to grow oak trees. The site is situated in an active restoration area that integrates multiple habitat types to create sustainable and functional value for wildlife. Adjacent to the proposed oak site is a newly restored riparian area where Rice Creek has been returned to its historic route. The newly re-watered creek will attract a variety of wildlife and create ecological synergy. Oak trees have always represented strength and longevity in a landscape, as well as a nurturing spirit for their role in the woodland food web. It’s fitting, therefore, that this final phase of restoration is focused on the mighty oak trees that will sustain and nurture the land for centuries to come.

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Welcome to our newest Wild About Ojai business partners...

Chris Sutton, owner of CHAR MAN BRAND hot sauces, calls Ojai his home. He joined the Wild About Ojai program because he and his family regularly use the OVLC’s trails and wants to help keep Ojai’s open spaces available for everyone to enjoy!

"The Ojai Valley Land Conservancy provides a tremendous benefit to all residents of the Ojai Valley. As a lifelong Ojai resident, one of the things I love most about Ojai is the many walking and hiking trails we have access to, that the land conservancy keeps groomed and safe for us all to use!"

- Erik Wilde,
Realtor Coldwell Banker Property Shoppe

"I want to support open spaces, our environment and our community."

- Vina Lustado, Sol Haus Design

Together, our community will help protect Ojai’s open space for everyone to enjoy, forever.

Visit a Participating Business Today and Take Part

A Taste of Ojai
Axess Ventura
Bliss Frozen Yogurt
Char Man Brand Hot Sauce
Dogs Fly Design
Ecologic LifeStyle Design
Erik Wilde, Coldwell Banker
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Kava Home
Mooney Creative
NatureSprite.com
Ojai Food Taxi
Ojai Pilates and Fitness
Ojai Quarterly
Sol Haus Design
Susan K. Guy Art
Suzanne’s Cuisine
Watercolors - Patty Van Dyke

Businesses of any kind are strongly encouraged to participate.
If you sell a product or service to a customer or client, we hope you’ll join our program.
By including the OVLC in your estate plans, you can help protect the beauty of Ojai for generations to come. A bequest is a simple way to support the OVLC in the future while retaining control of your assets during your lifetime. By making the OVLC a beneficiary of your will, trust, retirement plan, life insurance policy, or financial accounts, you ensure your values will be passed on after you.

The real beneficiary, of course, is Ojai.

**You Can Use this Language for Your Gift:**

“I give, devise, and bequeath [percentage / amount / description] to the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy, a nonprofit corporation, located at PO Box 1092, Ojai, CA, 93024, Tax Identification Number 77-0169682.”

Upcoming Events

**March 26** - Ojai Meadows Preserve Bird Walk and Film "From Billions to None"
8:30 am – 12 pm
Led by John Pavelko
Co-sponsored by the Ventura Audubon Society

**April 23** - Earth Day Events
11 am – 4 pm Earth Day at Oak Grove School
9 am – 12 pm Native Plant Sale at OMP Nursery

**April 25** – All About Ojai: Native Plant Herb Walk
Ventura River Preserve, Rice Canyon
Led by Lanny Kaufer

**May 7** - Bird Walk at the Ojai Meadows Preserve
8:30 – 10 am, Led by Jesse Grantham

**May 14** - All About Ojai: Stewardship Director
Surprise Hike & Picnic, 8 am – 1 pm

Save the Date!
**September 23, 2016**
Telluride Mountainfilm Festival at OVS