



FRIENDS OF THE
FISCALINI RANCH
PRESERVE

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With Deep Gratitude for Your Support

Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve is pleased to share with you, our members, donors, and volunteers, the 2020 Annual Report. As the world gradually returns to normal, we thank you for all you do to preserve this beautiful gem on the Central Coast and look forward to seeing you soon.



Kitty Connolly

Executive Director

RANCH LEGACY PROGRAM

Your Gift Supports Open Space Forever



Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve's perpetual responsibility for the Ranch requires a source of perpetual support, so we are launching the Ranch Legacy Program with the goal of protecting the Ranch forever. As you may know, it was a bequest that provided FFRP with the means to become a more active partner with Cambria Community Services District in caring for the Ranch.

The Ranch Legacy Program focuses on four giving options: [bequests](#), [IRA charitable rollovers](#), [life estates](#), and [beneficiary designated gifts](#). Find out more about these options, reasons to give, and sign up for our special monthly newsletter full of useful information on planning for the future on the [SUPPORT section of our website](#).

[Sign Up for the Ranch Legacy Newsletter](#)

VOLUNTEERS NURTURE THE FOREST, BOTH EAST & WEST



Top row: Planting the "Dog Woods" at the East Ranch Dog Park ; bottom row: sowing Monterey pines for the West Ranch

Just before the big rain in late January, a dozen FFRP volunteers and Cambria Community Services District staff, led by Carlos Mendoza, gathered at the Cambria Dog Park to spread a little joy! San Luis Obispo County awarded Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve a grant to beautify the East Ranch with more than twenty native trees. Species include coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*), western sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*), bay laurel (*Umbellularia californica*), big leaf maple (*Acer macrophylla*), and western redbud (*Cercis occidentalis*). In addition to adding shade and habitat, the new "Dog Woods" will grow into a wind break, making the park a more welcoming place.

Planting was put on hold while FFRP's intrepid volunteers focused on cleanup after the big storm -- more than 10" of rain fell within 48 hours! -- but in mid-March, we gathered again with an eye toward fall planting.

This time twenty volunteers, including FFRP's retired executive director Jo Ellen Butler, turned out to fill containers and sow Monterey pines (*Pinus radiata*). The seeds were collected by Brian Morgan from disease-resistant trees on the Ranch. Brian then led the group in sowing more than 480 deep tree pots that encourage healthy root growth, just the head start that the seedlings will need when they are planted out. This crop is being grown by FFRP board members and volunteers for the annual Thanksgiving Weekend Tree Planting. CCSD's help with their handy soil auger (upper left) will make planting a snap!

Read more about what's happening on the Ranch in the [NEWS section of our website](#).

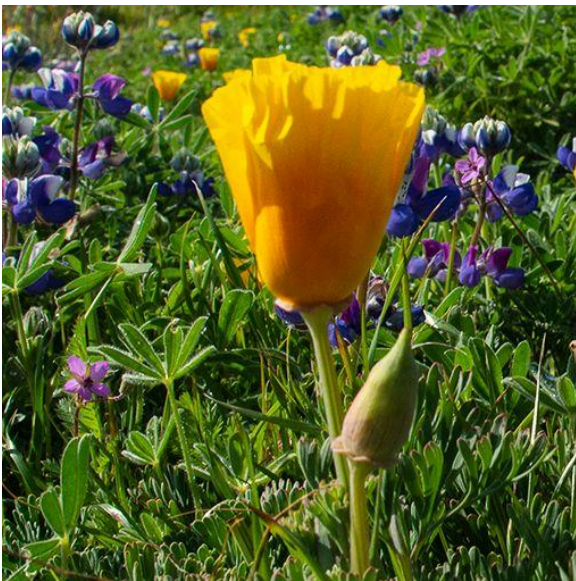
CALL FOR A NEW BOARD MEMBER



Service on Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve's board is a wonderful way to contribute your knowledge, experience, and time to support a place that you love. FFRP has a highly engaged, working board that meets monthly. Board terms are three years. Standing committees include Development, Executive, Education, Events, Finance, Nominating, and Ranch.

If you want to put your passion for conservation to work for the Ranch, contact the Nominating Committee Chair through **ranch at ffrpcambria.org** to learn more.

SPRING ON THE RANCH!



Spring flowers have started to bloom, despite the irregular rains. Keep an eye out over the next month or so for (clockwise from top left) coastal bush lupine (*Lupinus arboreus*), sun cup (*Taraxia ovata*), seaside daisy (*Erigeron glaucus*), and California poppy (*Eschscholzia californica*) with sky lupine (*Lupinus nanus*).

For lists of plants and animals found on the Ranch, visit the [EXPLORE section of our website](#). You will also find a link to a free PDF guide to plants on the Ranch by Dr. David Chipping, California Native Plant Society, San Luis Obispo.

NEW TEE SHIRT COLOR: YAM!



We now offer a warm earth tone (Yam) to balance the cool water color (Ice Blue) of our other long sleeve tee. These soft, comfortable, garment-dyed tee shirts are made from 6.1 oz. per square yard, 100% ring-spun cotton with the FFRP Pinecone logo on the front and "Become a Force for Nature" on the back. Long sleeved. Machine washable. We carry unisex sizes from small (width 17.5") to XXL (width 25") in all our regular tee shirts so one is bound to fit.

Drop by our store at 604 Main Street, Cambria, on Thursdays and Saturdays from 11 to 2, or [shop online](#) for in-store pick up or delivery.

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