



# ALPS Newsletter

## Atascadero Land Preservation Society

Summer 2019

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The next monthly workday will be **September 21** when we support the city wide “Creek Cleanup” Day.

Our monthly workdays resume in October, check our website.

Our volunteer Trail Crew gathers on various Thursday mornings a couple of times each month.

If you are interested in either, please email ALPS at: [info@supportalps.org](mailto:info@supportalps.org) and let us know your preference.

Visit our website:  
**[www.supportalps.org](http://www.supportalps.org)**  
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and to join our email list.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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

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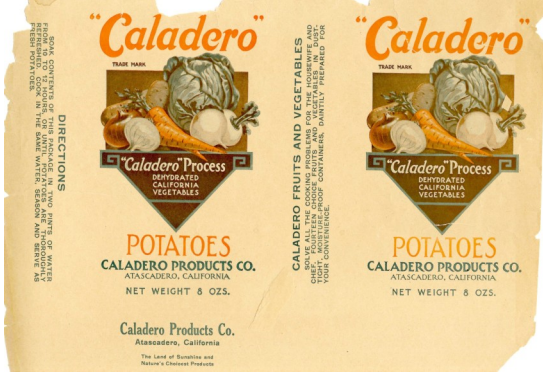
A young helper from Atascadero Helpers standing on the large weed pile. She proclaimed herself “The Queen of the Weeds”!

### WORKDAY “HIGHLIGHT” - STADIUM LANE - 4/27/2019

Pulling weeds usually isn’t at the top of anyone’s list for weekend fun. That changed with the support of the Atascadero Helpers. With their help and enthusiasm we completed weeding the Bill Shepard Native Garden. An abundance of rain this year caused the weeds to overwhelm the garden and trails. It took two workdays to complete the task. Thanks to everyone that helped make the garden look great!

### TENT CITY—OCT. 5, 2019—COME SEE THE ALPS TENT

It is hard to believe this is the 13th year we have participated in the annual Colony Days event and Tent City reenactment. A visit to our tent will reveal plenty of history regarding one of our city’s first industrial factories. The Caladero Products Company employed many workers during its short history of food processing. Our teaching to 3rd grade children as well as all passers by continues to focus on growing healthy trees to produce healthy foods. We encourage all of our readers to drop by and enjoy learning about Atascadero’s early food processing plant.



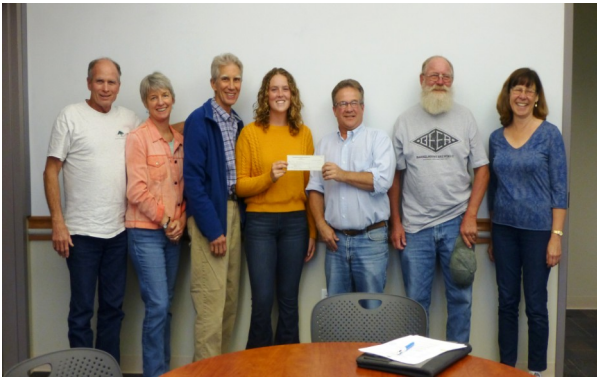
### THREE BRIDGES OAK PRESERVE—2nd ANNIVERSARY!!

Three Bridges Oak Preserve (TBOP) offers users almost three miles of multiuse trails on 103 acres of oak-studded natural land. We receive many compliments about the even grade and wide tread which allows users of all ages to enjoy the trails and outdoors. Users also compliment the educational and informative interpretive signs located at the two kiosks and along the trails. All of our interpretive signs can be viewed and downloaded from our website. Everyone needs to say “Thank You” to the volunteer Trail Crew that continues to come out on a regular basis to help keep the trails in top condition throughout the year. We couldn’t do it without you!



## 2019 GERI BRASHER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

The 2019 Geraldine Brasher Phemiester Scholarship recipient is **Tori Schamber**, a graduating senior at Atascadero High School. Tori will attend Cal Poly SLO this fall and will major in Environmental Management and Protection. Tori's ambition is to apply her knowledge in the creation of sustainable management of environmental resources that balances uses and values for current and future generations. Congratulations Tori!



Tori Schamber (Center) with Board Members Jim Patterson, Ellen Beraud, John Goers, Mike Orvis, Cory Meyer and Carol Collins

Tori has been involved with community service since she was little. Some of her service activities included: Lighthouse Reality Tour, LAMP Mentoring, Tent City reenactment actress, Interact Club, and Earth Club. Tori has also had animals her whole life and is an avid horseback rider. She has been in 4H, FFA and the Atascadero Wranglerettes where she held many leadership positions that included President, Vice President, Secretary, Historian and Wrangler. Recently Tori has been hired at Hearst Castle as a park aide, where she will get to learn more about the protection and conservation of our State Parks.

## ADOBE SPRINGS INTERPRETIVE PROGRAM

For the fourth year in a row, ALPS hosted local 3rd grade students at Adobe Springs for docent led field trips which cover subjects required for their local history education. Santa Margarita Elementary attended on April 9 and San Gabriel Elementary on April 10. Between the two schools ALPS hosted 130 students.



Docent Miguel Marques, National Park Service Interpretive Specialist, and ASIP Chairperson Jonalee Istenes.

ALPS provides the schools with the curriculum, experiments and docent-led field trip to Adobe Springs.

The field trip stations focus on local history topics that include learning about the Native Americans who lived in the area for centuries, the Anza Expedition passing by on March 4, 1776, and the Estrada Adobe built in 1812 as an outpost to Mission San Miguel. Other stations provide interactive programs to learn about the native plants found at Adobe Springs and how to identify and reconstruct a deer skeleton. The common element connecting all of these living things is the spring where the students learned about the water that has flowed continuously for centuries. Want to help? Let us know via email at "[info@supportalps.org](mailto:info@supportalps.org)".

## PARTY FOR THE PLANET

ALPS once again participated in the earth day celebration at the Charles Paddock Zoo event "Party for the Planet" on April 13<sup>th</sup>. This is an annual event that brings together organizations providing conservation education and fun for the whole family. ALPS activities for kids included a station to look at leaves up close with magnifying glasses and a microscope. ALPS also presented an interactive poster that shows how oak trees provide habitat. Deborah Stafford also donated coast live oak seedlings she had grown that were given away at the event.



Anna Stubler helping out at the Party for the Planet event and standing next to the displays she helped create.

ALPS presented a special scholarship to Anna Stubler in recognition of her volunteerism the last four years. She has helped at 11 workdays and three events and helped create our new displays. Anna will be attending CSU Monterey Bay this fall. Thanks Anna and good luck!



L to R: Kate Montgomery, Cory Meyer, Meg Perry, Anna Stubler, Mike Orvis and Deb Dight

## NATIVE TREE COMMITTEE

ALPS celebrated **National Arbor Day** this year on April 27<sup>th</sup> by planting three foothill pines, and one blue oak at the Bill Shepard Garden in Stadium Park. ALPS supplied the trees and planting supplies while ALPS members Cory Meyer and Meg Perry along with the Atascadero Helpers planted the trees. In addition, John Goers brought a California buckeye and planted it at the site. It was a fun and educational morning with ALPS providing snacks.



Cory Meyer and kids from the Atascadero Helpers plant a Foothill Pine at the Bill Shepard Native Plant Garden

## ALPS IS LOOKING FOR BOARD MEMBERS

ALPS is looking for candidates for our Board of Directors who will help with our mission to preserve environmentally significant open space and native trees in Atascadero. If you are interested please email Mike Orvis at "[info@supportalps.org](mailto:info@supportalps.org)" for more information. We have 10 monthly meetings per year. A great way to see if ALPS is right for you is to attend a workday and/or attend a board meeting to learn more about the organization. Our Native Tree Committee is also a great way to learn more about our native trees and ALPS.