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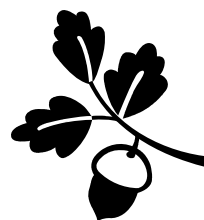
This is a great time of year and an exciting time for ALPS. There are several activities and events which will occur in the next few months including: First, on November 8, ALPS will hold its first annual movie fundraiser event in the VIP room at the Galaxy Theater. It promises to be an enjoyable and fun event with hors d'oeuvres and wine tasting.

Current ALPS Board Officers



At the ALPS September Board meeting two new officers were elected. The current officer roster is, from left to right, Chuck Brogan, Treasurer; Mike Orvis, President; Bruce Bonifas, Vice President; Dan O'Grady, Secretary.

Our featured winemaker will be Atascadero's own Keith Nichols from Nichols Winery. The comedy "Young Frankenstein" will be the featured film so it should be a great and fun-filled evening. Contact any board member to purchase your ticket for \$25. Secondly, for the past 1½ years, ALPS has been pursuing grant funds to develop a trail system at our Three Bridges Oak Preserve (TBOP). Last year, we submitted a grant application with the State Natural Resource Dept. which would fund construction of a 2½ mile trail, development of three trailheads with parking and kiosks as well as funding for an interpretive signage program. We remain optimistic that our application will be awarded and will know our status very soon. Thirdly, Beginning October 1, a changing of the guard will occur in the ALPS Board. Vice President Mike Orvis and I will switch positions which will enable Mike to use his exceptional organizational and analytical skills to benefit ALPS. In turn, I will have more time to focus specifically on the trail and other developments at TBOP and hopefully expedite the process towards public access.



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- Board Member in Memoriam: Geri Brasher
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ate your continued support.

If you would like to become more involved in ALPS, please don't hesitate to contact us. With the planned improvements at TBOP as well as stewardship of our other properties, there is always plenty to do! Thanks.

Sincerely,
Bruce Bonifas
ALPS President (Past)

Join us Saturday, November 10th for our next workday. Visit our website (www.supportalps.org) for more details.

GERI BRASHER SCHOLARSIP

By Fred Frank and Lon Allan

Haley Trengove is the first recipient of the Geraldine Brasher Environmental Scholarship awarded by the Atascadero Land Preservation Society. ALPS established this scholarship to honor the late Geri Brasher, a founding member, whose last wishes were to assist environmentally focused students.

Haley is attending Sonoma State University, and is currently taking environmental science, anthropology, English, and philosophy classes. She is inspired by her environmental studies teacher - who she has described as "super awesome", embracing his own teaching by living in an environmental



John Goers, Jonalee Istenes, Ellen Baero, AHS Principle E.J. Rossi, Haley Trengove and Fred Frank

friendly straw bale house. Haley is interested in land preservation, and hopes to one day educate people on the effects their life choices have on the environment.

In addition to her studies, Haley plans to stay active in her new community by joining the Biology Club, and looking into community service organizations in her area. She is loving college life, and will give ALPS an update as her studies progress as a student of the environmental sciences. She has also requested that we keep her informed about ALPS activities.

We are very proud of our first scholarship recipient!

COLONY DAYS-TENT CITY

By Deborah Stafford

The Colony Days parade and tent city are scheduled for Saturday October 20th this year. ALPS and ANTA have participated in the celebration for the past 5 years. Each year our entries have become bigger and better. In the past we have had parade entries but due to time constraints we will only participate in tent city this year. The visitors attending tent city (located near sunken gardens and the colony house) will be entertained by the complete recreation of our "Atascadero the Beautiful" when it was just beginning. A view of the tent provided by ALPS and ANTA will reveal



The ALPS and ANTA tent at Tent City last year.

what farming was like in those early times. Our guests can sample some fresh pressed apple juice (guaranteed to put a smile on your face and brighten your days outlook) while listening to stories about the history of Atascadero. For the curious onlookers, the tent is decorated from side to side and top to bottom with antique farm and kitchen equipment. Of course, for the fruit lovers, young and old alike, we will be teaching the technique of dehydrating and plenty of samples will be shared. We are proud to share the fact that last year we won first prize for being the tent most representing the early days of our city. This year we hope to out do last year and we hope our friends will drop by anytime between 12:00 and 4:00.

AMWC SUMMER WALKS

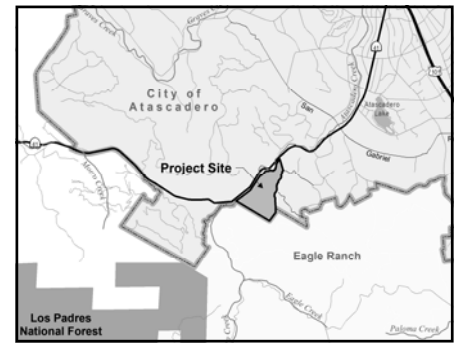
By Bruce Bonifas

ALPS participated in two of the Water Company's Watershed Walks this summer. In July, 24 members of the community



Mike Orvis showing the group the spring at Adobe Springs.

were led on a hike around our 5 acre Adobe Springs property culminating with a visit to the main spring. Hikers were excited and interested in both the native ecology and the history of the springs. In September, 16 hikers trekked across part of the new Three Bridges Oak Preserve. Since no trails currently exist, hikers went "cross country" to check out future trail corridors and some of the views available at higher elevations. The ALPS Board enjoyed working with AMWC's Jaime Hendrickson on planning these hikes and we will hopefully repeat these events next summer.

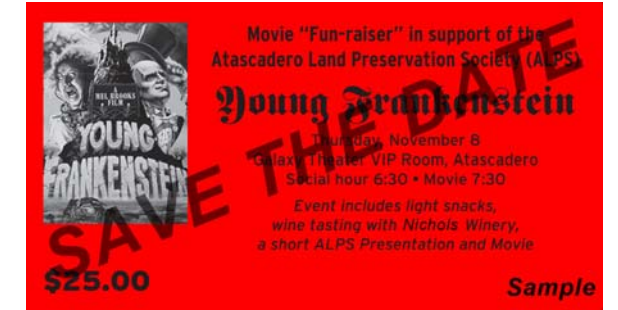


NOVEMBER FUN-RAISER

By Bruce Bonifas

Be sure to reserve the date **Thursday, November 8** to attend ALPS first annual film event.

We are calling this a "fun-raiser" as we plan a night of wine tasting, hors d'vours and a showing of the comedy classic "Young Frankenstein". For \$25, folks will enjoy a fun evening of socializing and will be supporting ALPS at the same time. Contact any ALPS board member to purchase your tickets. We will also be giving a short update on ALPS activities including the latest progress on the Three Bridges Oak Preserve property.



ESTATE PLANNING

By Dan O'Grady

ALPS gratefully acknowledges the receipt of \$10,000 from the estate of Nancy Sharon Ross. Ms. Ross generously named ALPS along with several other non-profit, environmental organizations as beneficiaries of her Trust. Naming ALPS as a beneficiary of a will or trust makes a lasting contribution to preserving Atascadero's beautiful, natural surroundings.