



# ALPS Newsletter

## Atascadero Land Preservation Society

Summer 2016

### NEW BOARD MEMBER AND TREASURER

ALPS is very pleased to announce that Carol Collins has been elected to the ALPS Board of Directors. Carol was also elected Treasurer effective October 1, 2016 when our current Treasurer Chuck Brogan resigns. Chuck will be leaving the Board to spend more time with twin grandsons in Seattle. Chuck has ably served ALPS as Treasurer for five years. Carol brings excellent credentials to the Treasurer position having an MBA from the University of North Carolina, holding a CPA license, and having 30 years corporate accounting experience. Carol is also on the Board of the Friends of the Atascadero Library and will be responsible for the accounting on the 2017 Dancing With Our Stars non-profit fundraiser. Although Carol lives in Templeton, she is committed to supporting cooperation among North County cities for the improvement of the entire area. Welcome Carol.



New Board Member—Carol Collins

### ATASCADERO NATIVE TREE ASSOCIATION (ANTA) JOINS ALPS



In a recent letter to the supporters of both ALPS and ANTA we discussed the decision to join the two organizations under the ALPS name. I'm glad to report we are well on our way in this effort having modified our mission statement and created a committee dedicated to Native Tree preservation. The new Native Tree Preservation Committee will continue the role previously performed by the dedicated ANTA board members. We believe together we will be stronger and better able to follow our mission to preserve both open space and native trees. Thank you for your continued support as we move forward with our combined mission.

### ALPS DANCES!

ALPS has been selected to participate in the 2017 edition of Atascadero Dancing With Our Stars! Bruce Bonifas has volunteered to dance at the event. This event promises to be a big benefit to ALPS because all of the "votes" for Bruce go to ALPS. This is the time for all ALPS members to support Bruce and ALPS with your "votes" and attendance at the DWOS event March 23, 24, or 25 at the Lake Pavilion. If you have not attended before, it is a most entertaining evening. See you there!

For more information: <http://friendsoftheatascaderolibrary.org/> and click on DWOS.

Mail to:



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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

<b>President</b>	Mike Orvis
<b>Vice-President</b>	John Goers
<b>Secretary</b>	Dan O'Grady
<b>Treasurer</b>	Chuck Brogan
<b>Members</b>	Ellen Beraud Bruce Bonifas Bobby Jo Close Carol Collins Deb Dight Jonalee Istenes Cory Meyer Kate Montgomery Jim Patterson Meg Perry Deborah Stafford

In Memoriam: Marj Mackey  
Geri Brasher Phemister  
Bill Shepard

Our next workday will be September 24 when we join in the city wide "Creek Cleanup" Day.

Normal workdays will resume in October and thereafter, on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

If you are interested in volunteering with the weekly trail crew, please email ALPS at: [info@supportalps.org](mailto:info@supportalps.org)

Visit our website  
[www.supportalps.org](http://www.supportalps.org)  
for more details.



## 2016 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

This year ALPS presented scholarships to two deserving recipients.

Crystal Martinez is a former corps member with the California Conservation Corps, who worked on the Three Bridges Oak Preserve trail construction last fall and winter. She impressed us with her hard work, cooperative and calm nature, as well as her ambitious goals. She was a great asset to the project both in her physical contributions and her



Scholarship recipient Crystal Martinez (2<sup>nd</sup> from right) with Board Members John Goers, Mike Orvis and Deb Dight

influence in creating a positive teamwork approach to the crew dynamic. Crystal is pursuing an Environmental Engineering degree at Cal Poly, SLO.

The recipient of the Geraldine Brasher Phe-miester Scholarship Award is Evan McLenithan, a graduating senior at Atascadero High School. Evan will be attending Cal Poly this fall majoring in Forestry and Natural Resources. Evan's ambition is to major in a field allowing him to become an educator or park ranger. His goal is to inspire future generations to value and protect the great outdoors..

## ADOBE SPRINGS INTERPRETIVE PROGRAM—WATER IS THE KEY!

Success!! This sums up the culmination of two years of hard work by Board Member Jonalee Istenes and many others helping to create the third grade local history educational program and field trip.

The first field trip was on April 19<sup>th</sup> when ALPS hosted the third and fourth grade classes from Creston Elementary. The next week, on April 26 and 27, we hosted four more third grade classes from San Gabriel Elementary. The idea to utilize Adobe Springs for an educational field trip had been around since ALPS acquired the property in late 2008. In May 2014 Hale Sargent, an Interpretive Specialist with the National Park Service and the Anza National Historical Trail was in Atascadero for an Anza Expedition speaking engagement. We gave Hale a tour of Adobe Springs and told him about the idea which he embraced and was able to secure funding to create the program. Jonalee stepped up to the plate and pulled together a great team which included retired teachers, director of school curriculum, a Cal Poly professor, a Cal Poly Senior Project stu-



Katherine Perilloux of Cal Poly; Kathryn Sanders of Atascadero Unified School District; and Jonalee Istenes of ALPS.

dent, field trip docents, and many others. They worked together to create a curriculum to fulfill the local history requirement and a field trip to Adobe Springs. The field trip encompassed three main local history topics includ-



Kathe Hustace of Amigos de Anza participates as a docent in the curriculum-based field trip at Adobe Springs.

ing the Native Americans who lived in the area for centuries, the Anza Expedition in March 1776, and the Estrada Adobe built in 1812. All of these points in history are tied back to the main theme of the field trip, water, which has flowed continuously from the spring for centuries providing the life blood for living things.

## THREE BRIDGES OAK PRESERVE UPDATE

There has been a tremendous amount of hard work and progress on the construction of the trails at Three Bridges Oak Preserve (TBOP). We have constructed over half the trail system and are on schedule to open the trails and trailhead to the public in the spring of 2017.

We began cutting brush and constructing trails in November of 2014 with a group of dedicated volunteers that meets on a weekly basis. In October 2015 the trail construction activities picked up significantly when we

contracted with the California Conservation Corps (CCC). The City of Atascadero is working on the trailhead design and expect to begin construction in early October.

We are very excited to see the fruition of our labor and believe TBOP will be a favorite destination for many different users. We want TBOP to be more than just a place to get exercise; we want people to observe the great diversity of ecosystems making TBOP special. To support this vision we are including interpretive signage highlighting and informing users about the special creatures and features.

If you are interested in volunteering with the weekly trail crew, please email ALPS at: [info@supportalps.org](mailto:info@supportalps.org)

## Stadium Park Signs

It is surprising the number of locals that don't know how to get to Stadium Park! Well, ALPS and supporter Charles Bourbeau made finding Stadium Park much easier with the installation of two way-finding signs at the intersections of Highway 41 and Capistrano Avenue and at Capistrano Avenue and Lewis Avenue. To top it off, we also installed a new "Welcome to Stadium Park" sign at the park entrance. Now, "just follow the signs" to Stadium Park!



New entrance sign at Stadium Park