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Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve

NEWS FROM THE RANCH: APRIL 2024



Cambria Wildflower Show

Saturday, April 27, from 12 - 5 pm

Sunday, April 28, from 10 am - 4 pm

Veterans Memorial Hall, 1000 Main Street, Cambria

When spring comes to the Central Coast, our minds turn to wildflowers. We are fortunate to live in an area of stunning biodiversity, which inspired a dedicated group of botanical enthusiasts to organize Cambria's first wildflower show in 2005.

Plan to stop by this year's show if you can. In addition to immersing yourself among at least 350 identified plants, you will be able to grab a bite at the "Wildflower Cafe," browse books from the California Native Plant Society, and pick up a couple of flower-themed items from Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve.

Admission to this floral spectacle is \$5. Students of all ages are free. Proceeds support Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve, sponsor of this event.

[Learn More About the Wildflower Show](#)

2023 Annual Report



FRIENDS OF THE
FISCALINI RANCH
PRESERVE

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

We are thrilled to share another year's Annual Report with you, our supporters. Although 2023 was a year of challenges -- beset with flood, disease, and construction delays -- your strength sustained us through it all. It lifted our spirits to know that our beloved Ranch saw at least 250,000 visits, our stalwarts volunteered 4,850 hours, and more than 650 donors and members committed to our mission! Thank you!

[Read the 2023 Annual Report](#)

Linking Boardwalk Progress



Fantastic news: Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve has secured approval from all necessary officials to start construction of the linking boardwalk! This ADA accessible path will connect the Ranch's two most popular trails, the Bluff and Marine Terrace Trails, improving access while protecting rare coastal prairie habitat. The boardwalk should be open by the end of the year.

[Make a Dedication on Linking Boardwalk](#)

Nursery Update



The nursery program will soon restart in a temporary location. To jump start production, we are going to purchase 100 seedlings from a local nonprofit. Remarkably, around 100 trees in our flood-ravished nursery survived for a year without any care. Tough trees! They are disease free so will be ready for planting this fall.

In addition to what we can grow ourselves, grant funding is supporting two years of contracts with Santa Barbara Botanic Garden to produce Monterey pine seedlings and other natives for planting in 2025 and 2026.

Ultimately, we hope to rebuild the screen house on the East Ranch where visitors can see restoration in progress.

[Dedicate a Tree](#)

Ways to Support the Ranch

[Donate Online Today](#)

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[Become a Force for Nature: Volunteer!](#)

Non-Profit Status

Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization: EIN 91-2161009. Donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

Spring & Summer Docent Walks

Lace up your walking shoes, bring along a water bottle, and immerse yourself in the natural beauty of the Ranch on free docent-led walks.



Annual Wildflower Bluff Walk

With expert Al Normandin

Saturday, May 4, 1:30-3:30 pm

Apply the knowledge you gained at the Cambria Wildflower Show as you experience this year's crop of wildflowers on the breathtaking Bluff Walk.

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Seasonal Wildflowers: Food, Medicine, or Simply Beautiful?

With docent Brian Morgan

Saturday, May 18, 10am - 12:30 pm

Take an easy stroll along Fiscalini Ranch Preserve's forest trails while searching for beautiful wildflowers, lichens, mosses, and the occasional curious black tail deer.



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Dinner is Served: The Spring Arrival of Nutrients for the Ecosystem

With docent Gil Eastman

Saturday, May 25, 10am - 12pm

Along our coastal shore, the annual upwelling of nutrient-rich water from the deep sea has arrived. Find out what creates this sustaining environment and who benefits from it.



Write a Haiku as You Immerse Yourself in Nature

With docent Joanne Freemire

Saturday, June 8, 10am - 12pm

[Register](#)

Become a poet - learn to express your experience of walking in nature.



The Geologic Past & Present of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve

With geologist David Chipping

Saturday, June 22, 10am - 12pm

How did the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve come to be? Learn about the changes that have taken place over the vastness of geological time, and what might be coming.

[Register](#)



Summer Sea Scenes

With docent Duffy Burns

Saturday, July 6, 10am - 12pm

Summer on the Fiscalini Ranch Bluff is visibly beautiful, but what lies beneath your visual experience? Learn about the Bluff Trail from an experienced naturalist with a wealth of information.

[Register](#)



Watch & Listen - Forest Life Abounds!

With docent Brian Morgan

Saturday, July 20, 10am - 12:30 pm

The mushrooms may be gone but what else is thriving on a summer walk in the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve forest?

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Upcoming Events



Earth Day Festival: Sunday, April 21, 11 am-3 pm; Greenspace Cambria's Creekside Reserve; 2264 Center St, Cambria

Wildflower Show: Saturday, April 27, 12-5 pm; Sunday, April 28, 11 am-5 pm; Veterans Memorial Hall, 1000 Main Street, Cambria

Pop-Up Sale: Saturday, May 25, 9 am-1 pm; south entrance to the Bluff Trail, Fiscalini Ranch Preserve, Cambria

Pop-Up Sale: Saturday, July 6, 9 am-1 pm; south entrance to the Bluff Trail, Fiscalini Ranch Preserve, Cambria



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