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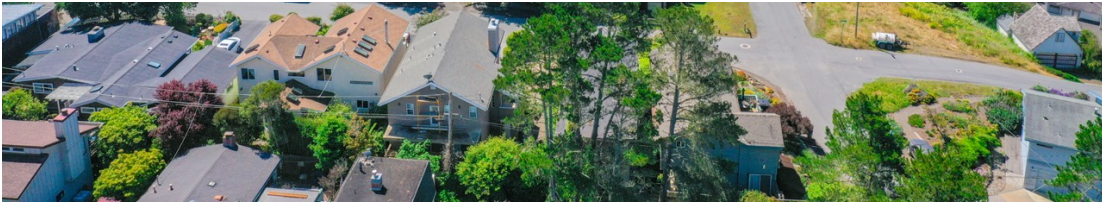
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NEWS FROM THE RANCH: SPRING 2025

Fiscalini Ranch Preserve is 25 in 2025!





Can you imagine Cambria without Fiscalini Ranch Preserve? What if hundreds of houses, a shopping center, and even a golf course planned for the land had been built? A walk from Lodge Hill to Park Hill would take you along paved streets lined with houses. Your view? Power lines and rooftops. Many thousands of people would have been denied an unfettered experience of stunning nature!

But fortunately, that didn't happen. Instead, Cambria's residents and visitors rallied support to purchase the Ranch as public open space in November 2000. This year we celebrate that stunning achievement with deep appreciation for the heroic efforts that saved the Ranch and for the untiring effort that preserves it.

Happy Anniversary, Fiscalini Ranch Preserve!

Make Your Mark on the Ranch



Many people who treasure the Ranch express their feelings by

dedicating plaques on the new boardwalk. For a donation of \$500, Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve will make a plaque with your dedication and maintain the plaque on the linking boardwalk for 20 years. Donations, minus the cost of fabrication, contribute to an endowment to maintain public access and trails on the West Ranch.

Make a Dedication on Linking Boardwalk

Fire Safety on the Ranch



Between the searing images of urban conflagrations and the looming threat of cancelled insurance, it is hard to escape the thought of wildfire these days. Fire safety is always on our minds here at Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve. We have been members of the Cambria Fire Safe Focus Group for years and active partners with the Cambria Community Services District in securing support for forest health

projects, from removal of flammable French broom to clean up of storm-downed trees.

This year marks the beginning of a five-year project touching on more than 1,000 acres of Cambria's Monterey pine forest, including the forest on Fiscalini Ranch Preserve. The San Luis Obispo Fire Safe Council is leading a coalition of landowners, forestry experts, and land managers under a CAL FIRE California Climate Investment (CCI) grant.

[Read More About the Project Here](#)

Cambria Wildflower Show



What better way to welcome spring than by exploring all the botanical wonders that San Luis Obispo County has to offer? From the top of the Santa Lucia Mountains to the sea, from the Estero Bluffs to the Monterey County line, if it grows in SLO, it will be at the show!

When: Saturday, April 26, 12-5 and Sunday, April 27, 10-4

Location: Veterans Memorial Hall; 1000 Main St, Cambria

See hundreds of Central Coast wildflowers and other flora

- All plants freshly collected and identified by common and scientific name.
- Edible, medicinal, rare, invasive, and poisonous plants labeled.
- Botanists will be on hand to answer your questions.
- Helpful books, seeds, T-shirts, and more will be for sale.

Admission \$5 donation – Students free

Brought to you by Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve & many dedicated volunteers.

[Read More About the Show](#)

KSBY Focus on Ranch Weekly Weeders



Reporter Sophia Villalba interviewed board member Marvin Josephson, invasive crew lead Michael Thomas, and other hardy volunteers as they launch the 2025/2026 season of weeding. The group meets at 9AM every Wednesday during the growing season for

Watch the piece here.

Become a Force for Nature: Volunteer!

NEW in the Shop: Finger Puppets and 3D Puzzles!



With an eye toward fun with nature, we now offer toys featuring local marine and terrestrial animals! Adorable hand-made wool finger puppets from Nepal showcase colorful critters. (\$8) Biodegradable, paper-based puzzles are simply a delight with their detailed depictions and thoughtful design. (\$12)

Get them in store ONLY at 604D Main St., Cambria, between Sandy's Deli and Maddie Mae's Pet Pantry. Store hours are Thursday-Friday 11AM-2PM, and Saturday 11AM-3PM.

All our other favorites are available online.

Shop Online

Ways to Support the Ranch

Donating Stocks During Tax Season and Year Round

While cash gifts are always appreciated, donating stocks or other appreciated assets can be a win-win solution. Here's why:

1. **Tax Advantages:** By donating appreciated stocks, you can avoid capital gains taxes that would apply if you sold the stock yourself. This means you can give more to the causes you care about without running up additional tax liabilities.
2. **Increased Giving Power:** When you donate appreciated assets, you may find that your contributions can have a greater impact. For instance, a stock that has significantly increased in value could allow you to support our initiatives at a higher level than you might have thought possible with cash.
3. **Legacy of Giving:** Your commitment to supporting the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve is not just a gift; it's a legacy. By considering appreciated assets, you're not only maximizing your contribution today, but you're also ensuring that your support continues to make a difference in the future.

Make a Qualified Charitable Distribution from Your IRA

Donate Appreciated Assets

Donate Online Today

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 Docent Walks & Events

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.



The Wonders of Early Spring in the Forest

- Saturday, Mar 8, 10AM – 12:30PM

A bright pop of orange, thorn covered branches with dangling red fruit, fuzzy leaves framing bursting yellow flowers. Sounds like an adventure for your early Spring senses!

[Register](#)



Volunteer Workday

- Saturday, Mar 15, 10AM – 12PM

Spring brings weeds so there's lots to accomplish. Join in a couple of hours of fun with fellow volunteers. Wear sturdy shoes and long pants.

No registration required.



Wildlife & Wildflowers

- Saturday, Mar 29, 10AM – 12PM

Join a 1.5 mile walk on the all-access Bluff Trail to see what land and sea creatures are stirring and what plants are blooming in early spring.

[Register](#)



FFRP volunteer John Nixon, left, is Cambria's Citizen of the Year!

Nonprofit Community Faire

- Saturday, Apr 5, 10AM – 3PM

Pinedorado Grounds, 940 Main St, Cambria, CA

Learn about the non-profit organizations that make life in Cambria interesting and a bit better for all. You can bet that Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve will be there!



Volunteer Workday

- Saturday, Apr 19, 10AM – 12PM

From weeding to spreading wood chips, from removing ice plant to watering seedlings, there's always something to do on the Ranch. Come join in the fun and meet new



friends! Wear sturdy shoes and long pants.

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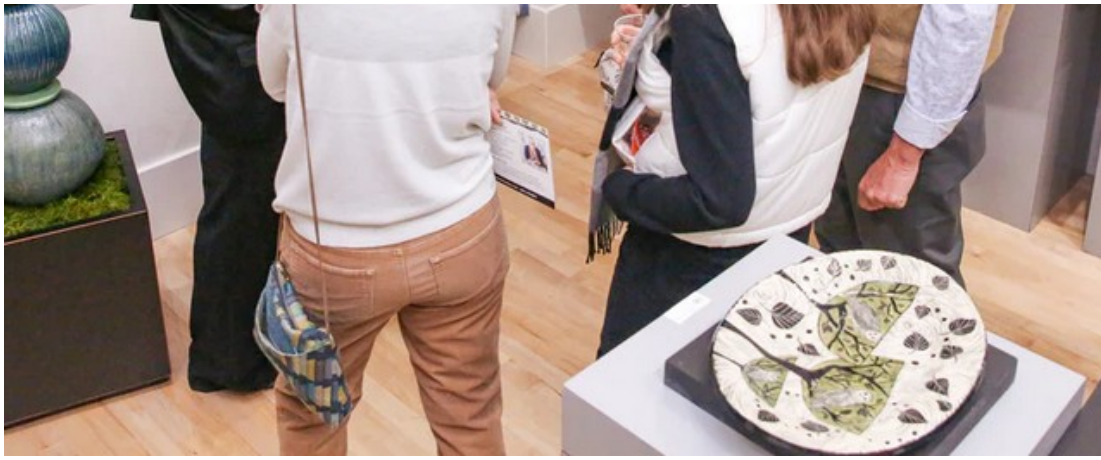
Veterans Memorial Hall, 1000 Main St, Cambria, CA

Embrace the nature of San Luis Obispo County at the annual Cambria Wildflower Show. Hundreds of freshly cut flowers will astound and delight you!

Tickets at the Door

A Big Thank You for "On the Trail"





Patricia Griffin's exhibition, "On the Trail", at the Cambria Center for the Arts was an enormous success! In addition to generating a healthy and much appreciated donation to Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve, Patty created dozens of beautiful ceramics inspired by her time on the Ranch. Thank you to Patty and to all who came to the show!



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