



Friends of the
Fiscalini Ranch
Preserve



THANKSGIVING WEEKEND TREE PLANTING

Saturday, November 26, 10am – 12pm

Help the forest grow during our annual Thanksgiving Weekend Tree Planting. During this fun, family-friendly morning, we pay the Ranch back for all it gives us by planting the next generation of Monterey pine (*Pinus radiata*).

We have 300 trees to plant in a couple of hours. These seedlings were started by FFRP volunteers and grown on in the new restoration nursery. Since last year's planting was cancelled due to lack of rain, these seedlings are large with healthy root systems to get them started off right. They are ready to grow wild!

No reservations are necessary. Meet near the Dolphin Bench on the Ridge Trail. We will provide basic supplies. Sturdy shoes, long pants, and tick spray are recommended.



How to Plant for Ranch Conservation:

- **Start with larger plants** with deep, well-established roots that will reach moist soil. We will be planting trees in pots that are 4” across and 12” deep.
- **Dig a small planting hole** so you don’t disturb – and dry out – the surrounding soil. We will pre-auger the holes to make planting easier. Firm extra soil back into the hole with your hands before you dig. Roots do not grow through air so they need to be in firm contact with the soil.
- **Water before planting** so the seedling starts its life with moist roots.
- **Plant at ground level.** The soil in the pot should be at or ¼” above the level of the ground. Firm the soil around the root ball.
- **Water again** – about 2 gallons per plant – to settle the soil around the tree and to help it recover from handling.
- **Mulch to conserve water.** Put a full bucket of mulch around the tree, making sure the mulch is 3” away from the stem. The mulch will help conserve water and reduce competition from grasses, but it can cause disease if the stem stays moist.

Tree Dedications Support Forest Restoration

Dedicate a pair of trees in memory or honor of a favorite relative, beloved friend, or valued neighbor. For a \$50 donation, we will publish the names of those so honored in our annual report and send a notice of dedication as directed by you.

INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL



California sandaster
Corethrogyne filaginifolia



Sea cliff buckwheat
Eriogonum parvifolium



Ocean bluff milk vetch
Astragalus nuttallii

Over the last two years, Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve has been working with Cambria Community Services District to restore native vegetation on the Bluff Trail. Our bluffs are graced with the blooms of coastal bush lupine (*Lupinus arboreus*), seaside daisy (*Erigeron glaucus*), sea pink (*Armeria maritima*), sea cliff buckwheat (*Eriogonum parvifolium*), seaside woolly sunflower (*Eriophyllum staechadifolium*), sky lupine (*Lupinus nanus*), and seaside fiddleneck (*Amsinckia spectabilis*) to name a few.

A major effort to make room for these and other natives has been removing invasive plants. While our weekly weeding crew does an amazing job removing thistles, mustard, kikuyu grass, French broom, and other pesky invaders, South African ice plant can be especially challenging because its succulent leaves are very heavy making it a burden on the sandy bluffs and perhaps even more of a burden when carted off site in wheelbarrows. To make significant progress on removing ice plant, FFRP's board decided to take advantage of last year's rising market and support CCSD's work on this project.

FFRP and CCSD identified the areas of the bluff with both heavy growth of ice plant and ease of access. The project area was between the Arch bench and the second driftwood bench. CCSD hired and supervised a local crew who worked with machines and by hand to clear ice plant off 40% the bluffs. The crew worked carefully to retain native plants that will grow and reseed the site.



The change is dramatic. Between 2021 and 2022, ice plant cover has been reduced more than 50%. That represents approximately 800 cubic yards, 60 tons of ice plant removed, or enough to fill eight semi trucks! FFRP thanks supporters like you for making this work possible.

But not to worry: There is still plenty of ice plant to be removed by hand so we will continue to organize occasional work parties to tackle the rest.

FALL DOCENT WALKS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Autumn on the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve Bluff Trail

Saturday, Nov 13, 10am – 12pm

Experience the broad array of life along the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve sea cliff bluff!

Veteran's Day Weekend Pop-up Sale

Saturday, Nov 12, 9am – 1pm

Stop by to pick up some favorite FFRP gear or just to say Hi!

The Forest Prepares for Winter

Sunday, Nov 13, 10am – 12:30pm

The forest is alive. What are the seasonal changes within the forest, and how does the forest support itself through the fall and winter months?

Family Walk in Fiscalini Ranch Preserve Forest

Friday, Nov 25, 10am - 12pm

Come honor Native American Heritage Day with a family walk in the forest. During the walk we will acknowledge how this area now called Cambria was cared for and enjoyed for 1,000s of years before the first Spaniards arrived. Spend a part of your holiday weekend enjoying a docent-led journey of discovery in the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve - and bring the kids!

Thanksgiving Weekend Tree Plantings

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wild!

The Bluff and Coastal Terrace Prairie

Saturday, Dec 3, 10am – 12pm

This 2-mile docent led walk gives us the opportunity to enjoy gorgeous ocean views while discussing the land mammals, birds, and plants of the coastal prairie and coastal sage scrub!

Christmas Berries and Seasonal Discoveries in the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve Forest

Saturday, Dec 17, 10am – 12pm

Is that an *Amanita muscaria* showing its beautiful red, orange, and yellow colors-all with a crown of white decorations? Look for bright red Christmas berries adorning native toyon trees, a true sign of the season! Notice seasonal forest changes as you wander Ranch trails.

Upcoming Walks

WAYS TO SUPPORT THE RANCH



IRA Roll Over

If you are at least 70½ (pre-2020) or 72 (2020 and later), you can direct your IRA

administrator to distribute a gift from your IRA to Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve. Any amount you transfer may count against your required minimum distribution (RMD). You can direct up to \$100,000 to your favorite causes this year.

Appreciated Assets

Appreciated non-cash assets — such as publicly traded securities, real estate, or private business interests — held more than one year and donated directly to a charity can eliminate your capital gains tax and you can still claim a fair market value charitable deduction in the year you donate.

Sustaining Donations

Consider making a longer-term commitment to Fiscalini Ranch Preserve with a monthly or annual **gift** or **membership**. Auto renewal gives you one less thing to remember and helps FFRP plan for the future.

Volunteer

Volunteer to help care for the Ranch. From monthly work days to weekly weeding, from trails to events, Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve relies on volunteers.

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. Address: P.O. Box 1664 Cambria, CA 93428

Learn More About IRA Rollovers

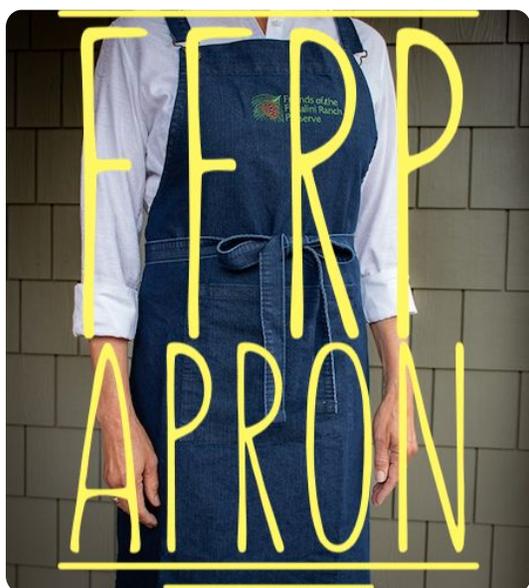
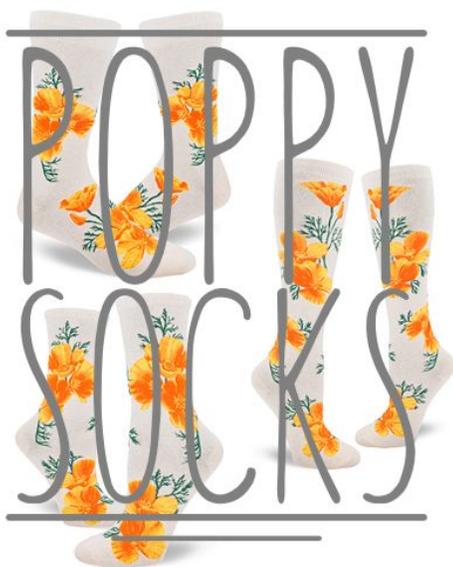
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**HOSPITALITY NIGHT IN CAMBRIA:
DECEMBER 5**

Come visit the shop on Monday, December 5, between 3PM and 7PM during Cambria's village-wide Hospitality Night. We have special Cambria gifts you'll love to give, including limited edition Ranch puzzles, tea towels, and new tee shirts for toddlers and youth. From stocking stuffers to tree dedications, we have just what you need. Stop by for refreshments and a **10% Members' discount!**

You can always [**shop online**](#). We ship or you can pick up your order when you are in town.

Thanks to the [Cambria Chamber of Commerce](#) for organizing this annual event!



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GATHERING IN THE GARDEN WAS A GREAT SUCCESS



The August 27 Gathering in the Garden was a lovely evening of great food, tasty wine, wonderful music, and lively conversation in a beautiful setting.

Our thanks to [Cambria Nursery and Florist](#), [Cayucos Cellars](#), [Cutruzzola Vineyards](#), [Harmony Cellars](#), [Hearst Winery](#), [Moonstone Cellars](#), and [Rocky Creek Cellars](#) for their donations; musicians Ron Perry, Mary Schwalbe, and Carolyn Kelley, co-chairs Becky Kincaid and Cindy Pierson, and all the dedicated volunteers who organized and supported this event.

Between the auction and raffle, more than \$10,000 was raised to restore and protect Fiscalini Ranch Preserve. Thank you to everyone who took part!



Fall is a wonderful time on the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve. We hope to see you there soon!

Please support Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch today!

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