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harmonyheadlandsupdate

CLC is continuing to help State Parks overcome the hurdles which have kept Harmony Headlands State Park closed to the public for more than five years. Thanks to the generosity of the Hind Foundation, Jon and Anna Negranti of Negranti Construction, and the efforts of the State Parks staff, great progress has been made. Efforts necessary for the opening of the park (access road, clearing of trails, fencing, power, telephone, and signage) have largely been completed. The remaining issue is the State budget and we are hopeful that the Park will be open when the budget passes. In order to prepare for the opening, CLC is organizing a group of volunteers to serve as Ambassadors at the Park. (Please see related article.)

helpstopthewilycoyotebrush

The look and accessibility of our beautiful Estero Bluffs is being transformed from a coastal prairie to an area overgrown by *Baccharis*, aka, Coyote Brush. CLC needs your help. The conservation easement held by CLC mandates that the Bluffs be maintained as coastal prairie so CLC and State Parks have developed a plan to deal with the encroachment of this wily brush.

The plan has two parts. First, CLC is hiring the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) to remove most of the Coyote Brush south of San Geronimo Creek. The removed brush will be used to help control erosion in a rapidly developing gully south of the Creek. Second, State Parks will use prescribed periodic burns to manage the encroaching *Baccharis* and other invasive species while at the same time encouraging growth of native plants.

The Conservancy needs your help to fund removal of the brush. The removal and erosion control work will cost between \$3200 and \$4800 —depending on how many days it takes. If you would like to support this project please **return the attached coupon on back, and check the Coyote Brush box.**

callforharmonyambassadors

As the opening date for Harmony Headlands State Park nears, CLC is proud to announce the new Harmony Headlands Ambassador Program. CLC and State Parks are working together to offer a program in which volunteer Ambassadors will be present on the property on a regular basis. CLC will recruit and sign up these Ambassadors, coordinate trainings with State Parks, and manage the schedule.

Here's what being an Ambassador will entail. Volunteers would commit to a minimum of one four-hour shift per month and walk a circuit of the three-mile trail. All volunteers would work in pairs, with critical times being weekends and holidays when there will be one shift in the morning and one in the afternoon. Shifts will be available on other days as well.

Volunteer Ambassadors will complete a State Parks "Volunteer Service Agreement" which can be emailed or mail delivered on request. State Parks staff and CLC will provide a short training program to familiarize Ambassadors with their duties and with the Park.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Steven Slezak (995-1353), finex@gotsky.com or Mary Bettencourt (235-4543) or go to the CLC website www.CayucosLandConservancy.org. We guarantee that you will enjoy spending time out on the Harmony Headlands.

thank you Darlene Mann, one of the founding members of CLC, generously prepares the thank-you notes for our membership renewals and contributions. Darlene has claimed Cayucos as her home since 1969 even though she worked in the Foreign Service from 1966 to 1994. She has lived and worked all over the world —in Rome, four different countries in Africa, and in Guatemala - but to no one's surprise, Darlene loves Cayucos best. *Thank you, Darlene.*

messagefrom thepresident

At CLC's annual strategic planning meeting in January, the Board decided that in 2008 we would dedicate ourselves to insuring that we fulfill our responsibilities in perpetuity by having a strong organization deeply rooted in Cayucos. Therefore we have focused on: integrating new Board members by utilizing their particular skills; doing community outreach with newly developed posters and handouts; developing standards and policies for recordkeeping and conservation responsibilities; improving CLC's website; and continuing to work cooperatively with CLC's conservation partners. We are making good progress in all those areas.

Also, I must say that it was very gratifying for CLC to receive the 2008 "**Environmental Achievement of the Year**" award from the SLO County Community Foundation. It was a wonderful acknowledgement of the community's vision and everyone's efforts to preserve the Cayucos we know and love.

— Thanks, Greg Bettencourt

sunsetgettogether

On Wednesday, October 8 at 6:30, Candice Lusk will host a wine and coffee meeting at her home at 1424 Pacific. Come learn more about CLC and meet with others in the community who share your interests. Bring your friends and neighbors. *Please RSVP to Candice at 995-3515 or Laurie at 995-0910.*

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO TAKE A WALK AT THE HARMONY HEADLANDS ONCE A MONTH.

COASTAL CLEAN-UP VOLUNTEERS
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 IS COASTAL CLEAN-UP DAY ON ESTERO BLUFFS. COME OUT TO ESTERO BLUFFS AND HELP CLEAN UP OUR BEACHS.

ASSIST WITH PHONE TREE
PHONE CLC MEMBERS WHO DO NOT HAVE EMAIL (FOR EVENTS AND NEWS ONLY).

HELP WITH EVENTS
HELP WITH COMMUNITY COFFEES, THE SECOND ANNUAL CLC HOLIDAY MIXER AND THE CLC "I LOVE CAYUCOS" PARTY ON VALENTINE'S DAY 2009.

ALL OF THESE TASKS WOULD BE IN COOPERATION WITH A BOARD MEMBER OR OTHER EXPERIENCED CLC VOLUNTEER. PLEASE GIVE US A CALL OR EMAIL IF YOU CAN HELP!

PLEASE GIVE MARY A HOLLER AT
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markyourcalendar

- **Saturday, September 20 at 9:00 am** "Coastal Cleanup Day." Join 60,000 people up and down the coast of California to clean up our coastline. Meet at San Geronimo Creek parking area (just before the windmill).
- **Sunday, October 19 at 10:00 am** "Kids Day on the Estero Bluffs" with the deLlamas family. Meet at San Geronimo Creek parking area.
- **Thursday, November 13**, time and place TBA. "Lichen of the Estero" slide show.
- **Saturday, November 15 at 10:00 am** "Lichen on the Sandstone" with Lisa Andreano. Meet at Villa Creek parking area and *bring a magnifying glass.*
- **Wednesday, October 8 at 6:30 pm** "Sunset at the Beach" community coffee/wine get-together at the home of Candice Lusk. RSVP to Candice 995-3515 or Laurie 995-0910.
- **Saturday, October 11 at 10:00 am** "CLC Ambassador Program on Harmony Headlands." Meet at San Geronimo parking area for carpooling.
- **Thursday, December 11, 4:45-6:30 pm** CLC Holiday Mixer at the Cayucos Land Conservancy Office, 151 Cayucos Drive.

timetorenew? If the date on the corner of your mailing label is Sept. '08 or earlier, it's time to renew. You can pay your dues by returning the coupon below by mail or going to the CLC website, www.CayucosLandConservancy.org, and clicking on the "Support" button at the top of the page. Our members are the backbone of our organization so we're counting on you.

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