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# CAYUCOS LAND CONSERVANCY

*preserving our important places for future generations*

## kid-loving docents needed

Our colleagues at the Morro Bay Natural History Museum are recruiting volunteers to serve as docents for their youth education program. At this time, the Museum has far more requests than they can fill from schools wanting these programs.

Basically, docents present programs at the Museum to groups of school children, generally those in grades two through five. Programs focus on marine mammals, the estuary, Native Americans, or local birds. The sessions generally last two hours and are free to participants.

These educational programs all stress the importance of our estuary and the need to conserve our natural resources. Giving kids a foundation in the need to preserve the natural beauty and wildlife in our area, fits in with the goals of CLC, so this is a chance to help out both the Museum and CLC.

Anyone who would like to teach children about our area's natural resources and history, is invited to become a docent. Those interested should contact **Sue Fong at 541-6811**.

## harmonyheadlands

Many thanks to Steve Slezak and all of our volunteer Ambassadors who serve as gracious sources of information at Harmony Headlands State Park. There is still room for more Ambassadors. A new training is scheduled Saturday, October 10 at 9:15am at the Natural History Museum in Morro Bay. **Contact Mary at 805-235-4543 or maryb6@mac.com.**

Also CLC thanks go to Rouvaishyana, Director of Morro Bay Natural History Museum, Park Interpreter Mike Connelly, and docent George Wright for the first astronomy night, "Star Party," at HHSP held Saturday August 29. It was a lovely evening!

And finally, a big **thank you** and **good luck** to Dan Falat, the wonderful supervising ranger who has worked so hard on the Ambassador program. Dan is taking a promotion and moving to Goleta. In taking Dan's place, we welcome State Park Ranger Rob Colligan.

## message from the president

We all know Cayucos is a wonderful and amazing place for many reasons. One of those reasons is that our town has a long tradition of cooperation among organizations. For instance, the July 4th celebration and various fundraisers to support students and student programs are examples of pooling resources for the benefit of the community.

The Cayucos Land Conservancy is proud to be part of that tradition of cooperation. Following are some organizations that CLC is currently partnering with:

- **CAYUCOS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** - CLC is partnering with teachers, in the classroom and out, to help students learn the value of land stewardship. We will provide teachers with resources and information about marine ecology and conservation, geology, lichen, and land preservation and appreciation. We will also help through Bluff Walks and classroom talks and demonstrations. If you would like to be part of this effort and share any skills and resources you may have, contact **Candice Lusk at candilizlusk@yahoo.com**.
  - **CAYUCOS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** - CLC and the Chamber have worked together to clean up the hillside lots in the past and are planning another session with the elementary school for this Fall.
  - **NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM'S DOCENT PROGRAM** - CLC and the Museum's staff and volunteers work together to provide volunteer ambassadors for Harmony Headlands State Park.
  - **CAYUCOS GARDEN CLUB** - CLC is looking forward to having a table at the Garden Club's luncheon on October 29.
  - **CAYUCOS ART ASSOCIATION** - CLC and the Art Association have worked together to showcase images of Cayucos created by local artists.
  - **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY** - CLC looks forward to participating in the Friends of the Library's "Summit Meeting" which brings together the leaders of various Cayucos organizations.
- These local partnerships will surely foster more cooperation and communication, and will ultimately make Cayucos an even better place to live and visit.

—Greg Bettencourt

## new website and on-line store

Check out the new and improved CLC website, recently revamped by Board Member Tom Eckle. His next adventure, on our behalf, is the establishment of an on-line store. Soon you'll be able to order some great CLC items — *just in time for the holidays*.

## accl welcome...

...to new members, Larry & Michelle Allen, and Roselyn & Joe Caldwell. The Allen's moved to Cayucos full-time and are spending a lot of time outdoors, while the Caldwell's share their time with Lafayette, Louisiana. *Thanks so much for joining CLC.*

## state park update

People are anxiously awaiting news about the impact of the State budget on the Estero Bluffs and Harmony Headlands State Park. Unfortunately, at press time there is no concrete news.

One thing that we can anticipate is that there will be large personnel cutbacks. This will mean significant reduction of services. Whether or not that reduction means closures remains to be seen.

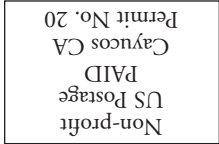
Local State Parks leaders are hoping to keep all parks open and are doing their best to make that happen. Whatever happens, know that CLC will do everything it is capable of doing to keep Estero Bluffs and Harmony Headlands open to the public.

We count on your membership! The proceeds from membership dues keep the newsletter, website, brochures, bluff walks, coffees, and CLC services going. You can check on your renewal date by looking at your mailing label. If the label says 2008 or earlier, we'd love to hear from you. Please renew today by returning the coupon from this issue or online at [www.CayucosLandConservancy.org](http://www.CayucosLandConservancy.org).

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## hillside lot committee making progress

CLC Hillside Lot Committee is continuing to generate interest in our Hillside Lot Acquisition Program. Every month it seems that CLC receives an inquiry from an interested lot owner.

At this time, CLC is in the process of acquiring ownership of two more lots. Our Committee is dedicated to this acquisition effort and will make a proactive attempt to contact potentially interested lot owners again in the Fall. CLC and the Committee would like to extend our thanks to Greg Hind for his continual encouragement and financial support.

## thank you, first american title

The Cayucos Land Conservancy wishes to thank Kevin Irot at First American Title of San Luis Obispo and Senior Escrow Officer, CLC member Lisa Bertrand, for their help with the San Geronimo Ranch easement and for their ongoing support for the Hillside Lots program.

Thank you both for bringing your expertise and positive attitude to what could be a tedious process. In addition, your donated services have saved this community thousands of dollars.

## calendar of happenings

**Harmony Headlands Ambassador Training**  
Sat., Oct. 10, 9:15 am · Natural History Museum, Morro Bay

**CLC Coffee**  
Tues., Oct. 27, 7 pm · Laurie Niblock's Home. RSVP to Laurie at **995-0910** or [oceantravel@charter.net](mailto:oceantravel@charter.net)

**Cayucos Garden Club Luncheon**  
Thur., Oct. 29 join us at the CLC table

**CLC Holiday Mixer**  
Watch for a December date!

**CLC General Membership Meeting**  
Wed., January 13, 7pm · Cayucos Vet's Hall

**CLC Annual Valentine's Dance Party**  
Sat., February 13, 2010

### committees

- Bluff Walks** Susan Lyon
- Coffees** Laurie Niblock
- Estero Bluffs** Zeke deLlamas
- Graphic Design** Rocki deLlamas
- Hillside Lots** Lou Smith
- Membership/Volunteers** Mary Bettencourt
- Policies and Procedures** Joanne Riester
- Public Awareness & Involvement** Candice Lusk
- Website** Tom Eckle

### contact us

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