



Protecting the lands of the San Mateo County Coast

2022 Annual Report



Great Horned Owllet, Purissima Old Town Site

From the Executive Director

■ *Bob Rogers*

I am honored that our Board of Directors has selected me as our incoming Executive Director. Having served on our board for over 17 years, first as President, then as a member of our Stewardship Committee and Chair of our Administrative Committee, I have accumulated valuable experience with the innerworkings of our organization. I have enjoyed each and every one of the many webinars, stewardship events, tabling and other outreach occasions for our community. There is always something exciting to look forward to at CLT.



Bob Rogers, CLT's new Executive Director

It has been a real pleasure fostering and maintaining the many community relationships that are so critical to our health as a land trust. Our donors, community stakeholders, partners, board members and staff are so instrumental in moving CLT forward.

I am blessed to be succeeding Jo Chamberlain who has shepherded our land trust forward these last 17 years from a fledgling group of committed board members without a home office (we used to meet in the back room of San Benito House) to where we are today:

- * A wonderful downtown office presence
- * A committed and hardworking Board of Directors
- * A fantastic, dedicated and effective staff
- * Many open space land acquisitions
- * A thriving Junior Land Stewards Program which works within the Cabrillo Unified School District in outdoor education
- * A successful booth at the Pumpkin Festival selling pumpkin seeds and cookies
- * Regular tours of our historic Purisima Old Town site

- * Fascinating monthly webinars which explore and explain the science behind our beautiful natural surroundings by expert professionals and educators
- * An informative, interactive Nature Journaling Program with workbooks for kids of all ages
- * Continuation of our beloved Coastal Trail all the way to Redondo Beach Road
- * Annual grazing along our Railroad Right of Way Conservation easement by goats provided by Star Creek Stewards
- * Annual monitoring and regular stewardship of our lands



Bob cycling CLT's Wavecrest property

We are so fortunate to be able to share this natural sense of place for our community to experience and appreciate. I look forward to continuing the momentum we have built together.

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Some of the many faces of Jo

From the President

■ *Barbara Lohman*



2022 was a very wet year in the open spaces leading to a wonderful display of flowers this spring. Our open space is such a treasure to the animals and plants that live there and to all of the humans that get to observe them. Coastside Land Trust appreciates the wonderful support from our donors that allows us to protect this invaluable resource.

Community members and visitors of all ages get the opportunity to enjoy the coastside in whatever way suits them, through walking, running, biking, or quiet contemplation. We are privileged indeed to live here.

The Stewardship Advisory Board members monitor each of the properties every year. We walk the land noting any changes in the plants, animals or physical properties of the area. The report includes any recommendations for stewardship activities such as removing invasive species.

Barbara, who is also Chair of the Stewardship Committee, enjoys Wavecrest Workdays where she might even find a skateboard abandoned in the bushes.



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Wavecrest Workdays Are Back!

■ *Sara Polgar*

2022 saw the return of our in-person habitat restoration workdays at the Wavecrest Open Space. Enthusiastic volunteers of all ages teamed up to tend the Junior Land Stewards Program gardens.

In May we laid down cardboard and mulch around the students' native plants to prevent weeds and to hold moisture in the soil around the seedlings. (Shout out to the City of Half Moon Bay Public Works Department who transported the mulch out to Wavecrest for us!)



We returned in July to weed the restored areas from past and present years, and to admire the diversity of native flowers that have taken root thanks to the Junior Land Stewards and our wonderful workday volunteers.



Stewardship

■ *Barbara Lohman, Chair Stewardship Committee*

Coastside Land Trust is committed to caring for the lands that it has preserved. The volunteers from the Stewardship Committee visit every conservation area and easement once a year to document the wildlife and vegetation found on the property and to recommend any cleanup or restoration work that might be appropriate.



They see rare and beautiful birds and flowers, from the vivid pinks of summer's Clarkia to the leaping skittishness of vivid green spring frogs and the graceful soaring of White-tailed Kites.

Volunteer teams remove invasive plants, especially new arrivals that can be stopped before they get established. Stewardship helps with volunteer days, takes photographs for CLT's records, and works to share, restore, and protect the Coastside's beautiful coastal open space.



Team Zimmer

Team Zimmer takes a different approach from the Volunteer Workdays allowing the Stewardship Committee to take a more immediate role in overseeing the properties we monitor. The Stewardship Committee is able to mobilize a group of volunteers under John Zimmer's guidance to address a problem quickly.

Some examples of problems that need immediate attention are weed management, removal of invasive plant species before they can spread, and sign maintenance.



The Stewardship Committee is the committee with "boots on the ground" and Team Zimmer represents our foot soldiers.

Community Webinar Series

■ *Kate Dickey, Social Media Manager*

2022 was a robust year of participation and learning for the Coastside Land Trust community and friends. Coastside Land Trust hosted six webinars from a variety of environmental vantage points, each geared at educating our community about the local ecosystem. The webinar series saw an average of 276 registrants per event in 2022, and a current count of 1,223 total recording views. We were delighted to observe the sustained interest and valuable learning shared through this virtual environmental education.

Here is a brief recap of the presentations:

Native Bees: Our Coastal Pollinators. Within this presentation Sarah Caso and Dr. Gordon Frankie of the UC Berkeley Urban Bee Lab explored the general biology and ecology of native bees and their communities, as well as efforts to help in population growth.



Dr. Stephanie Frischie, of the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation, discussed **Soil Health, and the Ecology and Role of Soil Invertebrates.** Frischie also discussed management strategies to increase beneficial microbial populations.



Local botanist and author Toni Corelli gave two presentations this year. In March Corelli presented **The History of Botanical Exploration Along The San Mateo Coast,** including the pioneer plant collectors and what has been collected and documented through time.





In August Corelli shared **The Wetland Plants of the San Mateo Coast**, and how the diverse wetland habitats support many plants and animals that live along our coast.



The renowned international bird guide, Alvaro Jaramillo, returned to present **Fog Belt Birding**, in which he explored the rich diversity of birds that live and pass through the San Mateo coast.



Dr. Grey Hayes presented **Rebuilding Coastal Prairies**. Dr. Hayes talked about the many facets of the coastal prairie, including an in depth talk about what lives within it, and why we should care.

*Please take a peek at the **Upcoming Webinars in the News and Events** section of our website to see what is happening in 2023. (Click here)*

*You can also view and share the recordings of all of these presentations on our **Blog**. (Click on the webinar title you wish to view)*

Junior Land Stewards 2022/2023

■ *Haley Peterson, Junior Land Stewards
Program Manager*

This year the Junior Land Stewards Program reached 228 students in the Cabrillo Unified School District, including 4th graders and high school students from the AP Environmental Science and Marine Science classes.

Students participated in 4 field trips where they:

- **Removed invasive species through sheet mulching**
- **Made a habitat restoration garden using indigenous California plants.**
- **Went on naturalist scavenger hunts**



- **Created sounds maps**
- **Journalled about all of the magnificent flora and fauna that the Coastside has to offer.**





On these field trips students hiked anywhere from 1-3 miles through open space and parks to learn more about their local landscape.

Weekly labs and journaling curriculum were enhanced this year because of four educator nature journaling workshops for our teachers. This was possible because of a grant from the Land Trust Alliance and CLT's journaling educator, Elexis Padrón. High school volunteers also participated in a journaling workshop.



The Junior Land Stewards removed invasive plants and planted over 400 pollinator plants to help restore the natural beauty of our coastal lands while providing food and shelter for the amazing creatures that live here. These gardens can be viewed at Wavecrest open space just south of the Seymour bridge, El Granada Elementary along the new trail and at Farallone View Elementary on campus near the parking lot.



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2022

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | 1,497,244 |
| Grants and contributions receivable | 24,107 |
| Merchandise inventory | 119 |
| Prepaid expenses | 8,079 |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | 1,529,549 |

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|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Security deposits | 1,380 |
| Certificates of deposit | 76,124 |
| Right-of-use asset | 36,618 |
| Property and equipment, net | 7,575,094 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 9,218,765 |

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 18,030 |
| Lease liability, current portion | 27,109 |
| Long-term Liability | 9,509 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 54,648 |

COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

NET ASSETS

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|---|--------------------|
| Without donor restriction | |
| General fund | 557,360 |
| Board designated | 313,492 |
| With donor restriction | 8,293,265 |
| TOTAL NET ASSETS | 9,164,117 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | \$9,218,765 |



How You Can Help Preserve Open Space

Donation of Land: Since CLT is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, the full market value of any land donated may be tax deductible.

Bargain Sale of Land: Sell your property to CLT for less than its fair market value (FMV). This provides you with cash, helps decrease capital gains tax, and may entitle you to an income tax deduction based on the difference between the land's FMV and its sale price.

Stock and Real Estate Gifts: By donating appreciated assets, you can make a lasting contribution, while potentially receiving tax deductions and savings.

Bequest: Make a planned gift naming CLT as a beneficiary of your will or trust.

Charitable Trust: By contributing your appreciated assets to a Charitable Trust, you obtain a tax deduction as part of the market value, no tax on any assets sold in the Charitable Trust (except to the extent the gain is withdrawn), and receive all the income for the life of the trust. At death, the remainder of the assets would pass to CLT.

IRA: If you are over 70 1/2, you can reduce the taxable amount of your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) annual Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) in years where required by donating part of it directly to CLT from your IRA. This Qualified Charitable Deduction (QCD) can reduce your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI). Reducing your AGI could then increase your other personal deductions, versus taking the RMD first into your AGI, then donating it. The annual limit for a QCD is \$100,000.

Matching Gifts: Many companies will double (and sometimes triple) the value of their employees' gifts. To see if your company participates, contact your Human Resources Department.

Sustainer: Become a CLT Sustainer and donate monthly, quarterly, or biannually via credit card or through a bank. To sign up, please contact us. Please consider donations of \$20, \$50, (\$83 per month makes \$1,000 annual donation easy), \$100 or more.

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Vehicle Donation: It's easy. We have a contract with Charitable Auto Resources. They do everything, including pick up the vehicle and handle the paperwork. You can arrange a pickup through our website.

Volunteer: Last year our dedicated volunteers donated hundreds of hours planning and running events, supporting administrative operations, restoring protected land, fundraising and much more.

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Click here to go to our website to make a gift:

<https://www.coastsidelandtrust.org/donate>

or give us a call to discuss any of the options above: **650.726.5056**



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