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# Friends of San Leandro Creek

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### Creek Cleanup Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

**T**he Friends of San Leandro Creek need your help at our Coastal Cleanup site! We'll be meeting at Root Park (Hays and East 14<sup>th</sup> Streets, downtown San Leandro) Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to noon. We'll be removing refuse from the creek at this location as well as clearing non-native invasive species from the restoration site where we've planted native species trees in past years.

Individuals, families, service clubs and youth groups are invited to take part in our creek clean up events. We recommend that you wear long pants, sturdy shoes, mosquito repellent and gardening gloves. Call 510.577.6069 or visit [www.fslc.org](http://www.fslc.org) for more information and to download registration forms. Participants under 18 years of age are required to provide the signature of a parent or guardian on this registration form. Children under 14 years of age are welcome at creek clean ups, but must be accompanied by an adult. The Friends of San Leandro Creek will certify volunteer hours for community service.



### Come spend another fun Evening With Friends Oct. 20!

**T**he third annual **Evening With Friends** is scheduled for Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. The event committee is hard at work to ensure that this **Evening** will be unforgettable. Please watch your mailboxes, as details will be arriving soon.

Friends of San Leandro Creek is currently seeking host committee members and donations of items for our silent auction. Please refer to the insert or visit [www.fslc.org](http://www.fslc.org) for more information about these and other opportunities to support this event.

**VISIT OUR  
WEBSITE:  
[WWW.FSLC.ORG](http://WWW.FSLC.ORG)**

### Friends of San Leandro Creek receive major gift

**T**he Friends of San Leandro Creek is pleased to announce that the organization has received a \$5,000 general operating support grant from the Robert and Lois Braddock Charitable Foundation. This local foundation was founded in 1990 to effectively address problems of human need. The foundation directs its funding efforts toward projects that enhance the well being of children, youth, elderly, disabled and veterans in the areas of basic life necessities, education, and environmental issues (among others) that have an impact upon people's lives. Some other organizations that have recently received support from the Braddock Foundation include the San Leandro Public Library Foundation, the Nature Conservancy, Truckee River Watershed Council, Eden Medical Center Foundation and St. Peters Community Adult Day Care Center.

This grant will directly underwrite the annual expenses of FSLC's core programs including the Environmental Forum, Creek Cleanup and Revegetation Activities, the Watershed Festival, and Ongoing Education and Outreach Programs. Through

these programs, FSLC strives to achieve the following objectives:

- To educate the adult, youth and child residents of San Leandro, and surrounding communities, on issues relating to the Creek's history, preservation, protection, economic value and environment;
- To engage the adult, youth and child residents of San Leandro, and surrounding communities, in the preservation and protection of the Creek;
- To foster an environment that promotes knowledge of, respect for, access to and volunteerism to protect the Creek for San Leandro adult, youth, and child residents; and
- To create opportunities for like-minded San Leandro community organizations and businesses to share ideas and participate in projects that preserve and protect the Creek.

Friends of San Leandro Creek is most grateful for the generous support from the Robert and Lois Braddock Charitable Foundation.

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***It's Up To All Of Us To  
Keep Our Creek  
Healthy!***

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## Save the date – Holiday Art and Craft Sale Nov. 18 and 19

**T**he Friends are pleased to announce that we will be beneficiaries, along with Building Futures with Women and Children, of the second annual Holiday Art and Craft Sale that will be held at Creekside Community Church. This will be an excellent opportunity for you to get an early start on your holiday shopping with unique handcrafted gifts, so mark your calendar and plan to attend!

Artists and craftspersons interested in participating in the sale should contact Sharon Wallace at Creekside Community Church, 510.430.0607. The deadline to register is September 1, 2005.

The Friends are seeking volunteers to serve in a variety of areas. Please contact Susan Criswell at 510.577.6069 or [susanc@fslc.org](mailto:susanc@fslc.org) if you are interested in helping with pre-event publicity, set up, clean up, food sales, children's craft area or assisting in other capacities.

## Thanks to our terrific volunteers!

**T**he Friends of San Leandro Creek would not be able to carry out our mission without the faithful commitment of our volunteers.

We'd like to acknowledge the following people for their help:

**Bulk mailing:**  
Barbara Tierney  
Jan Woycheshin  
Jerry Criswell

**Field trips and in-class activities:**  
Dennis Criswell  
Jan Woycheshin

**Water Quality Monitoring:**  
Donald Eliason, coordinator  
Bob Condap  
Erica Eliason  
Revital Katznelson  
Dave Owen

**Watershed Festival preparation:**  
Gail Schino  
Jan Woycheshin

**Watershed Festival event:**  
Bea Bolesworth  
Linda Bulkeley  
Bob Condap  
Dawn Ernst  
Diana Oswald  
Dave Owen  
Chris Richards  
Pam Richards  
Rick Richards  
Donald Sampson  
Gail Schino  
Claudia Taurean  
Jan Woycheshin  
Paul Woycheshin

The Friends of San Leandro Creek offer many opportunities for volunteers to assist with our programs. Whatever your interest, whether it's fundraising, water quality testing, helping with special events or cleaning the creek, we have a place for every pair of hands! Call Susan Criswell at 510.577.6069 or [susanc@fslc.org](mailto:susanc@fslc.org).

## 2005 Watershed Festival

**A**pril 30, 2005 marked the Friends 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Watershed Festival, which was graciously co-sponsored by the City of San Leandro's Environmental Services Department and the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. The mild afternoon was enlivened by performances from the John Muir Middle School Choir and The Principled Academy's Ballet Folklórico Internacional Mexicano de Isabel Loza. Rock Steady Juggling delivered an important message of environmental stewardship in fun filled performances of "H<sub>2</sub>O Yeah!" Festival attendees enjoyed viewing over 80 entries that local K-12 students submitted to the Watershed Contests.

An impressive number of organizations and agencies participated in this year's Festival including Alameda County Industries, Alameda County Master Gardeners, Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District, Alameda Creek Alliance, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, California Coastal Commission, East Bay Municipal Utility District, San Francisco Estuary Project, Save the Bay, Sulphur Creek Nature Center and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service/CalFed.

The Friends of San Leandro Creek appreciate the donations that *Bay Nature Magazine* and Carlton Plaza made to the raffle.

Our volunteers were especially grateful for the refreshments

that Carlton Plaza provided to keep their energy up for the day!

## The Friends Mission

**T**he Friends of San Leandro Creek is a group of citizens, businesses and students dedicated to improving community understanding and awareness of San Leandro Creek and its watershed.

The mission of the Friends of San Leandro Creek is to restore and enhance San Leandro Creek, to increase its potential as a visual and recreational amenity, to preserve its cultural and natural history and to make San Leandro Creek an economically attractive resource, and to promote a healthy environment for its native flora and fauna.

### Officers and Board of Directors:

- T.W. "Rick" Richards, President
  - Dave Owen, Vice President
  - Jan Woycheshin, Secretary
  - Paul Woycheshin, Treasurer
  - Claudia Taurean, Membership Coordinator
- Other Representatives:**
- Don Eliason, Water Quality Monitoring Specialist/Trainer
  - Susan Criswell, Watershed Awareness Coordinator/Newsletter Editor
  - Chris Richards, Webmaster

## FSLC Membership

Each membership is vital to support our organization and its work to bring the message of responsible environmental stewardship to our community!

Student	\$1.00
Individual	\$5.00
Family	\$15.00
Non-Profit Corp.	\$25.00
Business	\$100.00

Please renew or become a member by submitting your name, address & dues to our mailing address:

P.O. Box 202  
San Leandro, CA 94577

## Friends of San Leandro Creek Meetings

**O**ur meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the second Tuesday of every other month at the San Leandro Library, 300 Estudillo Avenue. All members of the public are welcome to attend!

**2005 Meeting Dates**

August 16<sup>th</sup> (date change!)  
October 11<sup>th</sup>

The Friends Board of Directors is working to update our bylaws and will submit the revisions to the Friends membership for approval at the October 2005 meeting. Please plan to attend!