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# Friends of San Leandro Creek

## *Currents*

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### Save the date – Holiday Art and Craft Sale December 1 and 2

**T**he Friends are pleased to announce that we will once again be beneficiaries, along with Building Futures with Women and Children, of the third annual Holiday Art and Craft Sale that will be held at Creekside Community Church. This will be an excellent opportunity for you to do your holiday shopping for a wide variety of 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 at 510.430.0607.

The Friends need volunteers to serve in a variety of areas to support this event. 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.



### Creek Cleanup Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

**F**riends of San Leandro Creek needs your help! Celebrate International Coastal Cleanup Day with us. We'll be meeting at Root Park (Hays and East 14<sup>th</sup> Streets, downtown San Leandro) Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to noon. We'll be removing litter from the creek at this location and planting native species as well as clearing weeds from the restoration site where we've planted trees in past years.

Individuals, families, service clubs, office teams and youth groups are invited to take part. 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 additional registration forms.

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

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Cleanup participants under 18 years of age are required to provide the signature of a parent or guardian on the 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.

### 2006 Watershed Festival

**A**pril 29, 2006 brought the Friends 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Watershed Festival to Root Park at East 14<sup>th</sup> and Hays Streets in downtown San Leandro. This year's festival was graciously co-sponsored by the City of San Leandro's Environmental Services Department, the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and the Robert and Lois Braddock Charitable Foundation.

EarthCapades Environmental Vaudeville amazed and delighted our guests with their magical performance of *Planetary Circus*. We were also once more privileged to host performances from the Bancroft Middle School Jazz Band and the Principled Academy's Ballet Folklórico Internacional de Isabel Loza.

Several local organizations and agencies hosted tables at this year's Festival including Alameda County Industries, Alameda County Master Gardeners, California Coastal Commission, Bay Area Air Quality Management District and Save the Bay.

We received over eighty entries from local students in the

Watershed Contests. Thanks to all who shared their creativity with us! This year's winners:

#### Art Contest K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

1<sup>st</sup> place Eun Soo Kim  
Haley Pan  
2<sup>nd</sup> place Johanna Van Galen  
3<sup>rd</sup> place Emma Iredale

3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
1<sup>st</sup> place Isaac Henderson  
2<sup>nd</sup> place Sungmi Carmody  
3<sup>rd</sup> place Justin Adsuara

5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
1<sup>st</sup> place Christie Le  
2<sup>nd</sup> place Choongil Carmody  
Masazumi Watanabe  
3<sup>rd</sup> place Ming Chung  
Albert Pham

#### Writing Contest

3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
1<sup>st</sup> place Jill Pember

5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
1<sup>st</sup> place Angela Brawner  
2<sup>nd</sup> place Sarah Cronin  
3<sup>rd</sup> place Choongil Carmody  
Masazumi Watanabe  
Michelle Thompson  
Yuki Floyd

#### Class Entries

- Ms. Papciak's Second Grade Class, Roosevelt Elementary School
- Ms. Smith's Second Grade Class, Roosevelt Elementary School
- Ms. Clive's Kindergarten Art Class, The Principled Academy

### Friends of San Leandro Creek Donors

**F**riends of San Leandro Creek gratefully acknowledges the following for their contributions to our organization. These supporters permit us to expand our work of presenting the important message of environmental stewardship to students and the community.

#### General Operating Support:

Alameda Countywide Clean Water Program  
Robert and Lois Braddock Charitable Foundation  
City of San Leandro  
Creekside Community Church

#### An Evening With Friends Event Sponsorship:

*Alameda Striped Racer Snake*  
Pacific Gas and Electric  
*Golden Eagle*  
Creekside Associates LLC  
*Rainbow Trout*  
San Leandro Mayor Shelia Young and City Council

#### An Evening With Friends Host Committee:

Congressman Pete Stark  
State Senator Liz Figueroa  
State Assemblymember Johan Klehs  
County Supervisor Alice Lai-Bitker  
County Supervisor Nate Miley  
Mayor Shelia Young  
Councilmember Bill Stephens  
East Bay Municipal Utility District  
Heidi Finberg  
Tom Guarino  
David and Janet Owen  
T. W. "Rick" and Pamela Richards  
Donald Sampson, GRI  
Janice and Paul Woycheshin

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#### **An Evening With Friends Auction Items:**

Aloha Pet Services  
Marsha Amaral, Independent Sales  
Director, Mary Kay  
Bally Total Fitness  
Phil Cantor, Barons Jewelers  
California Conservatory Theatre  
Committee to Elect Diana Souza  
East Bay Municipal Utility District  
Face Reality Acne and Skin Care  
Clinic  
James Maslach, President –  
Firelight Glass  
Guarino and Friends  
Jack's Bistro  
J & P Productions  
Margaret Kennedy  
State Assemblymember Johan  
Klehs  
County Supervisor Alice Lai-Bitker  
Nancy La Torre  
Frank Mellon, East Bay M.U.D.  
Director  
Monarch Bay Golf Club  
George Nassab, Russell Heath  
Cleaners  
Oakland Athletics  
David and Janet Owen  
Christopher Roscoe, Roscoe Art  
Glass  
Danett Rose, InSPArations Day  
Spa  
San Leandro Chamber of  
Commerce  
Congressman Pete Stark

#### **Annual Fund donations:**

Robert Kimberling  
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Susan and John Rampa  
Gail Schino  
Linda Skaar and Alistair Sharman  
Tom and Suzanne Snedden  
Claudia Taurean  
Tom and Cheryl Tyler  
Rhea Williamson

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

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**Enjoy another Evening  
With Friends in October  
2007!**

#### **Thanks to our terrific volunteers!**

**F**riends of San Leandro  
Creek would not be able  
to carry out its mission  
without the faithful commitment  
of our volunteers. We'd like to  
acknowledge the following  
people for their help:

#### **Administration/Bulk mailing:**

Jerry Criswell  
Jan Woycheshin

#### **Field trips and in-class activities:**

Jan Woycheshin

#### **Water Quality Monitoring:**

Donald Eliason, coordinator  
Bob Condap  
Erica Eliason  
Revital Katznelson  
Dave Owen

#### **Watershed Education Center Exhibit Development Committee:**

Amy Chovnick  
Janice Gardner-Loster  
Nancy La Torre  
Adrienne McGraw  
Claudia Taurean  
Jan Woycheshin

#### **2006 Watershed Festival preparation & publicity:**

Gail Schino  
Jan Woycheshin

#### **2006 Watershed Festival:**

Diana Oswald  
Dave Owen  
Pam Richards  
Rick Richards  
Gail Schino  
Jan Woycheshin

#### **2006 Watershed Festival sound:**

Chris Richards

#### **2005 Art and Craft Sale:**

Bob Condap  
Dennis Criswell  
Dave Owen  
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).

#### **Our Mission**

**F**riends 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 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

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### Other Representatives:

Don Eliason, Water Quality  
Monitoring Specialist/Trainer  
Susan Criswell, Watershed  
Awareness  
Coordinator/Newsletter Editor  
Chris Richards, Webmaster

## Our Membership

**E**very member is vital to  
support the work of  
FSLC!

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

Please renew or become a  
member by sending your name,  
address, e-mail address & dues  
to our mailing address:

P.O. Box 202  
San Leandro, CA 94577

## Our Meetings

**M**eetings are held at  
7:00 PM on the  
second Tuesday of  
every other month at the San  
Leandro Library, 300 Estudillo  
Avenue. Everyone is welcome  
to attend! Check [www.fslc.org](http://www.fslc.org)  
to confirm meeting dates and  
find out what topics will be  
discussed.

### **2006 – 2007 Meeting Dates**

*October 10, 2006*  
*Feb. 13, 2007*  
*April 10, 2007*  
*June 6, 2007 (Wed.)*  
*August 14, 2007*  
*October 9, 2007*

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