



Monthly Meetings

June 20—Veronica Wunderlich and Hillary Hodge of Biological Monitoring & Assessment Specialists (BioMaAS) will discuss balancing the needs of native special-status species with invasive plant removal.

July—No meeting.

Successful Earth Day and Plant Sale Events

Earth Day was a huge success in the Sausal Creek watershed. We had over 100 volunteers working in Dimond Park and Dimond Canyon, ten volunteers cleaning, weeding, and planting at Barry Place, and another 20 mulching, weeding, and transplanting at our Native Plant Nursery. In Dimond Park and Canyon, we weeded the Demonstration Garden, installed erosion control, planted natives in riparian areas, and picked up trash. We continue to remove invasive species at this site, gradually replacing patch after patch with diverse, local native plant communities. There were also projects in Shepherd Canyon, Beaconsfield Canyon, and along Ascot Drive.

Our second annual Native Plant Sale at the Joaquin Miller Native Plant Nursery was also red hot! The day was sunny, and temperatures exceeded 90 degrees on the nursery's hillside. A steady stream of native plant enthusiasts strolled by, shopping for native plants and enjoying cold beverages and lunch under the shade structures we erected for the day. In total, the sale brought in over \$5,000 in funds for the operation and maintenance of the nursery, and we made sure not to sell the plants needed for fall's restoration activities.

A heartfelt "thanks" goes out to all the volunteers and leaders who came out for both events. For all of their donations to Earth Day and the plant sale, FOSC would especially like to thank Saag's Sausages, Council Member Jean Quan's office, and the City of Oakland.

—Kathren M. Stevenson

Monthly Workday in Beaconsfield Canyon

Join us May 26 from 9-noon for our second work day in beautiful but little-known Beaconsfield Canyon. The five-acre canyon runs between Ascot and Chelton Drives and harbors many native (and too many non-native) species. We'll be pulling thistle, hemlock and Cape ivy and discussing ideas for creek restoration. We meet at the bottom of Beaconsfield Place (*second street on the right off Chelton as you go up. From Montclair Village, take Mountain south, curve to the left onto Ascot, then Ascot to Chelton.*) Bring work gloves and tools if you have them. We plan to host these Saturday work parties monthly, so if you can't

Friend of the Month: Nancy Rosenlund

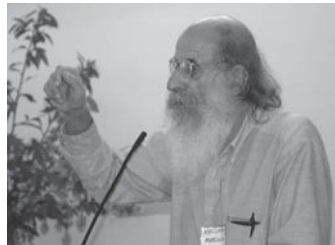
Think globally, act locally. That's the motto of Nancy Rosenlund. Nancy, with the help of her husband Wade and daughter Lauren, has adopted her local spot near the trailhead at El Centro Avenue. Since the City of Oakland's Tree Service removed a dying oak there, Nancy has spent countless hours beautifying the trailhead. Nancy organizes planting parties, implements erosion control measures, keeps an eye out for nefarious deeds, and is helping to build a fence. Nancy and her family have landscaped their yard, which is contiguous with the creek, with native vegetation. Nancy is a one-person graffiti buster, repainting signs and fences in the canyon that get "tagged" regularly. She even adopted a stray dog that was abandoned on the El Centro trail! For her stewardship work and being a true model of what all neighbors in the Sausal Creek watershed could do, we recognize Nancy Rosenlund as Friend of the Month. —Mark J. Rauzon

make May, join us another time. For more information, contact me at 510-531-1237 or richard@rkcommunications.com. Thanks!

—Richard Kauffman

Tenth Anniversary Party a Big Hit!

Ten years in the making—a real reason to celebrate—brought out over 200 supporters to the Friends of Sausal Creek's 10th anniversary party. It was a classy affair held at the Joaquin Miller Community Center (JMCC). Thanks to the Board and staff of the Friends of Sausal Creek, the event flowed effortlessly like the creek, helped by many donations (*see donor list, opposite side*). The JMCC



was filled with living local native plants and tables festooned with donated items collected for the silent auction.

Through talks given at the party, our local luminaries Wendy Tokuda and Malcolm Margolin recognized the contribution that

FOSC has made to the Oakland community and regional creek groups. Malcolm asked how FOSC has managed to survive so long, reminding us that our work will never be done. He quoted

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Thank you, Funders, for supporting us these past ten years!

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FOSC ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Unless otherwise noted, call 501-FOSC or email coordinator@sausalcreek.org to get information about all activities. For details about ongoing projects, check the Volunteer section of the Friends' website at www.sausalcreek.org.

Monthly Meetings

3rd Wednesday of the month.

- Wednesday 6/20.
7pm-9pm at the Dimond Library,
3565 Fruitvale Ave.

Board of Directors Meetings

2nd Wednesday of the month.

- Wednesday 6/13, 7/11.
7pm-9pm at the Chabot Space
& Science Center. All welcome!

Saturday Workdays

For info about upcoming workdays in the field and at the nursery, contact Kathren M. Stevenson, 388-5676,

field@sausalcreek.org. Or go to www.sausalcreek.org/volunteer/calendar.html.

Aquatic Insect Sampling

3rd Sunday of the month.

- Sunday 6/24, 7/15. 9:30am-noon;
call Emma Brown to confirm,
527-2507.

Bird Monitoring

*Quarterly, Sequoia Arena,
Joaquin Miller Park.*

- Saturday 7/7. 8am-noon;
call Mark Rauzon to confirm,
531-3887.

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The Beat,
Eddie Brown Center for the Arts

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Triple Rock Brewery
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continued from front > Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. "Problems will always torment us, because all important problems are insoluble; that's why they are important. The good comes from the continuing struggle to try and solve them, not from the vain hope of their solution." And so we left the party three hours later, \$4,000 dollars richer, with our marching orders for the next ten years and beyond.

We have survived for ten years because of you, our community of funders, supporters, and inspired local leaders. Please continue to join our ranks as we take back our creek and watershed.

—Mark J. Rauzon

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