



Volunteers at SBALT's first Ranch Day in February 2022.

SBALT NEWS

SBALT's 30th anniversary celebrations

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Happy New Year from all of us at SBALT! 2023 is a big milestone for us because the Land Trust will turn 30 years old on November 29! To celebrate our 30th birthday, we are planning fun events throughout the year. Read on to learn how you can get involved.

We will continue our Ranch Days on the first Sunday of each month, starting with a New Year's Day Hike, Sunday, January 1 from 9:00 am to noon on the Nyland property in San Juan Bautista. Start the year off on the right foot as we wander through grasslands and forests and along creeks and ponds.

This year, we will also sprinkle in a few events on other days of the week, such as a Day of Service event on Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 16. We invite you to bring the whole family to help us plant native elderberries, followed by birdwatching with a local bird expert at the ponds and grasslands on the Nyland property.

On Tuesday, March 21 we will celebrate National Agriculture Day with another event on the land. Stay tuned for details.

Those of you who donate to and volunteer for SBALT have contributed to the success of the organization. As you know, last year we achieved national accreditation, established our successful monthly Ranch Days, and produced a stunning 2023 Wall Calendar, thanks to a grant from Waltz Creative.

It was our first full year managing the Nyland property, and many of you were on the land

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helping us to care for it. This year, we will receive ownership of the property, and we'll need your support more than ever to fund its stewardship. We will also complete the conservation easement for the second portion of the Foster Ranch where many of you shop every week at the Pinnacle Organically Grown Saturday Farmstand.

We hope you will join us for our 30th Anniversary celebrations! Attend one of our events on the land you help protect, volunteer on a committee, or make a donation. Visit our website to learn more: www.sanbenitolandtrust.org. ■



SBALT booth at the County Fair, back in 2005.