

## SBALT NEWS

# SBALT celebrates 30 years of preserving local agricultural lands

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On November 29, 1993, San Benito Agricultural Land Trust's Articles of Incorporation were filed with the California Secretary of State. Twelve visionary San Benito County residents founded the organization to provide an alternative to development for the farmers and ranchers of the area. Over the past 30 years, over 7,000 acres have been permanently protected.

One way that we are celebrating is by releasing a new recipe each day this month – 30 of them to celebrate 30 years. These recipes feature food that is produced in San Benito County, and they have been provided by local restaurants, growers, ranchers, and those who simply love to cook with fresh food. Watch for Thai Turkey Wraps, Benito Caprese Salad, Organic Heirloom Tomato Gazpacho, and many more! After we post them on our Facebook page, they will be kept on our website for you to return to anytime that you are looking for that perfect recipe.

In addition to our recipe releases, you can celebrate with us at the "Spirit of San Juan Bautista" Sip and Celebrate Beer & Wine Stroll stop at our SBALT Office on Saturday, Nov. 4, join us for our Ranch Day on Sunday,



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Nov. 5, or join our Post-Thanksgiving Hike and Picnic on Saturday, Nov. 25. We love sharing our protected lands with you.

As we celebrate, we are grateful for the thousands of hours donated by our current and former board members, committee members, advisors, and volunteers. We are equally grateful to those who have made generous financial donations, without which we could not be here to do this work. And we thank the landowners who are our partners in this conservation effort.

Follow us on Facebook @sanbenitolandtrust to catch each new recipe and visit our website at [www.sanbenitolandtrust.org](http://www.sanbenitolandtrust.org) to find them in the future. All of us at SBALT wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving. ■



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