

Chapter Chair Chat, May 2024

By Mila Vujovich-LaBarre

Dear All -

What a glorious Spring it has been! Enough rain to keep our hills emerald green and reservoirs full, and enough sunny days to go out and enjoy the sites in our beautiful county.

The volunteer staff of the Santa Lucia Chapter has been working diligently these past few months. They have expanded work in their committees and helped to organize our office on Marsh Street in San Luis Obispo.

We have been well-represented at the Beaver Brigade and Earth Day celebrations with volunteers tabling to spread the word about the goals of the Santa Lucia Chapter locally and at the Sierra Club national level as well.

As a group, we have also been so touched by the financial donations large and small to help us reach our goals. Thanks to each of you who has taken the time and resources to donate to our causes and Mother Earth.

Our push for 2024 is to communicate and continue to establish events where people can socialize, learn, and /or volunteer.

Although our General Meetings will remain on Zoom, please keep an eye on our [website](#), email blasts, and Facebook page to find out how to be present at some in-person events if you care to do so! If you have an idea for an engaging group activity, feel free to [contact me](#) to help develop an invite!

The tree planting to recognize our retired Director of nearly two decades, Andrew Christie, was postponed due to torrential rain. It is now scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 2024, at Santa Margarita Park from 11 am-2 pm. I hope that you can come to celebrate and enjoy the beautiful setting and potluck.



*Janine Rands, Carole Mintzer, and Alex Mintzer
at the Earth Day Celebration in Cambria, 2024*

It will also be a chance for you all to meet the VIP of the Month - our new Santa Lucia Chapter Coordinator Gianna Patchen. She is now in the office daily and has assumed all of the responsibilities to make our Chapter even more diverse and active! Gianna was selected from a terrific pool of over 40 applicants. I know that she will assist our Chapter with her incredible skill set, vision, and understanding of environmental concerns.

I remain deeply appreciative of all of the members of the Santa Lucia Chapter. Thank you so much for your heartfelt dedication to our goals.

With gratitude,
Mila Vujovich-La Barre
Santa Lucia Chapter Chair