



GREENSPACE

THE CAMBRIA LAND TRUST

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT THIS YEAR

2020 Highlights

We at Greenspace Cambria are so thankful for all the support we receive from our donors, volunteers, partners, friends and community. Without you, we would not be able to pursue our mission of protecting the natural spaces and Monterey pine forests of SLO County's north coast. So here are some things your support did this year!

Reforestation and protection of our valuable and unique Monterey Pine (*Pinus radiata*) forests is a priority for Greenspace every year. Although Monterey Pines are important globally for lumber, the largest remaining native population is right here. Early this year volunteers and local students helped us plant 3,000 seedlings just north of the San Simeon campground, and those trees are doing well. Greenspace and our volunteer tree growers also raised and provided 450 Monterey pines for San Francisco's world-famous Golden Gate Park.

Much of Cambria's coastal Monterey pine forest runs through personal and private properties in our community. Did you know that a permit is required to remove any Monterey pines or coastal live oaks and property owners are required to mitigate trees removed at a species-specific ratio? Basically, if you have to

take down a diseased, injured, old or dead tree for any reason, you're required by law to replace the tree by planting young trees as near as possible to that site. The number of new trees you plant depends on the tree species:

Monterey pines removed should be replaced by four (4) young trees and Coastal live oaks removed should be replaced by six (6) young trees (of same species).

Every year, all year, Greenspace Cambria has 1 gallon Monterey pine seedlings for purchase. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Conservation of Cambria's open space for neighbors and visitors to safely enjoy our beautiful environment has never been more important. This year we expanded Greenspace's Sterling Forest to include spectacular views of the Santa Lucias. The expansion sits adjacent to a protected watershed and the vast open ranchlands south of Cambria. Greenspace continues to seek parcels with potential ecological and community value. Did you know a property donation to Greenspace can help with your tax or estate planning? You can also designate a gift for the Property Acquisition Fund. Contact us if interested!

View of Greenspace Cambria's newly expanded pocket park, Sterling Forest. Photo: Rick Hawley.



Stewardship of Greenspace parks, improving their natural and cultural value is important to us. We are pleased to announce that Greenspace Cambria has received a beautification grant for native landscaping, interpretive signage and accessible parking for the Creekside Reserve.

If you haven't seen the Native Plant Demonstration Garden lately, call us at 805-927-2866 to stop by Pochontas Park where volunteers have planted and nurtured a lush garden of native and drought resistant plants, all of which can be used in your own garden.



Two baby Monterey pine, *Pinus radiata*, seedlings planted by Greenspace Cambria. Photo: Rick Hawley

We are also thrilled to announce that after several years of effort, the Chinese Temple at Creekside Reserve has been designated as a California Place of Historic Importance! We are so excited and honored by this state recognition.



Historic Chinese Cultural Association Hall known better known locally as the Chinese Temple at Greenspace's Creekside Reserve. Photo: Rachel Perzel

Environmental education is a major part of our mission, we are proud to have an established forestry education program. This year's pandemic posed a great challenge to our normal, in-person outreach and education events and activities. Teaching Cambria's youth about our surrounding forests ecosystems and watersheds is the mission of Greenspace's education program. Thanks to support from Harold J. Miossi Charitable Trust, this year we were able to continue working with local school groups including 8th graders from Santa Lucia Middle School. We translated our normal Monterey pine tree ecology curriculum into a digital, distanced learning unit. Each student received a learning box with supplies for students to germinate and nurture their own family of Monterey Pines from home.

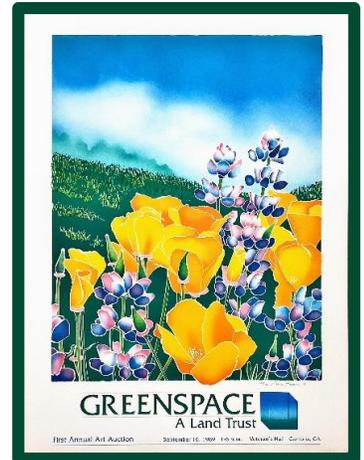
Each student was given a box with supplies to follow the field trip video and interact by completing lab from home. We are so excited and grateful for the opportunity to work with SLMS and Miossi Charitable Trust to develop this program and continue our education work through the pandemic.



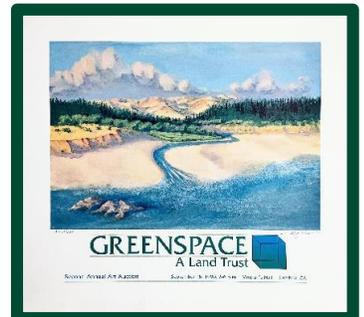
Property Manager Rick Hawley demonstrating how to disinfect pine cones for digital forest ecology field trip.

Water protection remains a priority for all of Cambria and the region. Greenspace continues to play an important role in working to ensure water security for residents, businesses, ranchers and the many plants and animals that rely on our limited water resources. Our team of volunteer water quality monitors are out there testing water quality to help inform future water decisions that can impact us all.

Website under construction, but still open for business! This year's demand for digital business has pushed us to make some updates to our website, so we've added updates on our organization, properties and work. Check out the Greenspace Cambria store for some cool holiday gift ideas! We've added original –edition posters from the first two Greenspace Annual Art Auctions. Keep an eye out for more updates to come in the new year too!



Above: Greenspace Poster 1989. Below: Greenspace Poster 1990. Both posters available for purchase online.



It is easier than ever to stay connected with us and to support our mission! Make a contribution, order a custom brick, learn about legacy gifts or submit your photos to our Greenspace Community photo album.

For over 30 years, Greenspace Cambria has worked hard with this community of friends and volunteers to protect our unique coastal forest.

Although Monterey pines, *Pinus radiata*, are an important lumber tree globally, there are only 5 places left with native Monterey pine populations, the largest of which is right here on California's central coast. For more about what makes our Monterey pines, such unique and valuable trees to our community and beyond, please visit us online at:

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