

Fall 2009 Newsletter for Transition Habitat Conservancy

for more details visit our newly updated web site www.TransitionHabitat.org

Transition Habitat Conservancy- an all volunteer organization- is dedicated to preserving open space and natural wildlife habitat for passive recreation and outdoor education.

Your support makes this happen!

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All volunteer organization

Land you saved in September 2009 in Pinon Hills

Thank You All! Your donations were used to purchase land in September- Congratulations! We purchased 2 parcels in 2009 and have plans to purchase more in 2010. This small land trust is thinking BIG!

Thank you all for coming to the Red Mango October 6th where we celebrated our success.



Leopard Lizard - Help save their habitat!



Jill and Bert at Land Trust Rally in Portland

What else has been happening?

- ✚ We currently have two large grants pending - one for land acquisition and one for funding to hire a conservation consultant to mentor us in 2010 and a fund development expert to raise foundation funding. Announcements will be coming soon. *Keep all fingers crossed!*
- ✚ THC directors participated at **Rally**, which is the annual Land Trust Alliances' National Conference where 1700 dedicated people converged to learn. THC directors attended classes. We had five full days of school and came home with valuable information to reinvigorate and advance our local conservation efforts.
- ✚ ERSI donated GIS software worth \$1800 so we can make our own maps.
- ✚ Connectivity donated Exceed Software worth \$745 so we can organize our records.
- ✚ Cisco donated 2 camcorders worth \$450 so we can add videos to our web site.
- ✚ Our updated web site has a new puzzle each week thanks to our web master Bert.
- ✚ Now you can donate using your credit card on the web site or by filling out the new membership card, thanks to services donated by NPC Secure Card Processing Service.

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Upcoming Events

- ✚ We plan to have a **Thank You Reception** for our friends and supporters in January at the new Phelan Memorial Library in collaboration with Friends of the Phelan Library. First our application must be approved before we set the date. See our web site www.TransitionHabitat.org for the date and time.
- ✚ We are holding a 2010 Event Planning Workshop where we will map out all of next year's activities. Please sign up to come to this meeting and volunteer to help with one of our fun events next year. See the web for date/time of this meeting and look for our Save the Date Postcard with a calendar of all of our 2010 events, due out in January.
- ✚ We are forming a Legacy Club for those in THC's family circle who want to leave a lasting gift or donate a planned gift of any kind. Please let us know if you are interested in knowing more about the Legacy Club and planned giving. Call Jill at (760) 868-5136, or check the box on the membership card when you renew your membership.



The short joint beavertail cactus (*Opuntia Basilaris* Var *Brachyclada*) that grows here is a special status plant species, and is listed as such with both state and federal agencies as a species of concern, meaning it is rare indeed!

Did you know?

Every day 5,000 acres of land in the United States is converted for development. Land Trusts around the country are saving the best places in their communities for future generations. Southern California has it **ALL!** The region's biological diversity exceeds that of its geography and population. Our state is one of the most biologically diverse areas in the world and harbors more unique plants and animals than any other state, Southern California has the richest diversity of plant and animal life of any region in the continental US. **We are proud to be part of saving our last great places!**

----Transition Habitat Conservancy - Donations are *TAX DEDUCTABLE*----

Donate for our 2010 land campaign, or become a member, or renew your membership.

\$35 Individual \$50 Friend 100 Sponsor or donate online at www.TransitionHabitat.org

Check here if you would like to **make a monthly donation** of any amount and we will contact you.

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

Check here if you would like more information: Volunteering Legacy Club

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