



MEADOWLARK

Winter 2024 Solstice Photo Gallery

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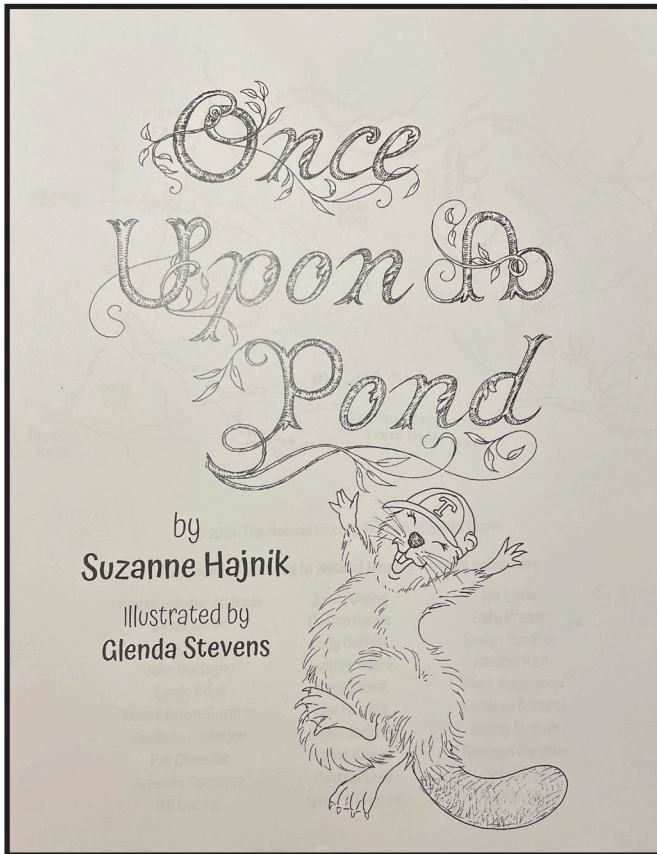
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Also January-March Winter Hours:

Wednesday-SUNDAY 1-3PM *NOTE: newly open on Sundays!

Season's Greetings



beaver in the Museum was found as road kill on Thompson Road in Nipomo by former board member Liz Wineman over 20 years ago. The telling of this story is long overdue. Museum board members and guests alike were enthusiastic about this achievement. Issues are available at the Museum for purchase for a \$10 donation. Museum's beaver was certainly a superstar that day!

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The Holiday Open House on last Sunday the 15th was one of those summer like days! We all were so comfortable outside in the story circle listening to Virginia Souza tell us these great stories.

The Holiday Open House celebrated Museum's first publication. "Once Upon A Pond" is a local folk tale written by board member Suzanne Hajnik and illustrated by local artist Glenda Stephens who were recognized at the event. The youth coloring book storyline was created to tell the story of how beavers were introduced to Nipomo Creek. The taxidermy



Along with collection of penny donations, Museum guests enjoyed a new video featuring docent short videos regarding their favorite exhibits in the Museum. This video will be featured on the Museum website very soon as well.

The prize winning penny donation was brought in by Garden Committee Member Pat Chandler. She brought a bucket full of pennies to the final collection of loose change in the Million Penny Project! Pat's son Mike Burns and his girlfriend Joyce Rebhan-Wilde have been saving all their change for a trip but parted with the pennies in their trip collection. Thanks to Mike and Joyce!

Another 200,000 pennies are needed (out of 500,000 to begin with) as of now. If you have not contributed yet, please consider your unique and special Natural History Museum for a year end donation of any amount you can spare. With thanks for your continued support!



On October 5, 2024 the “California Native Plant Society” gave a Native Plant lecture at Santa Maria Public Library, co sponsored by the Museum. Since then the Museum has developed a nice sharing with them.

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CNPS also brought everyone who attended a Douglas Iris plant and a Narrow Leaf Milkweed plant.

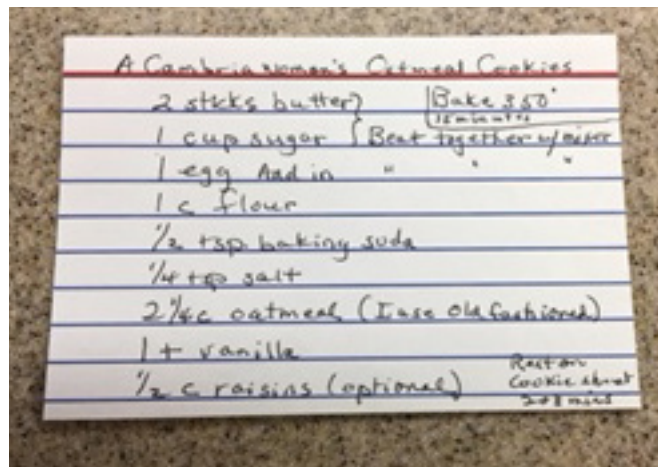


UPCOMING CNPS EVENTS IN SANTA MARIA

January 13, 2025 – Native plant talk by Zach Tanner & Bill Waycott at the Mussell Center's monthly meeting. Dinner – 5:00 pm; Speakers approx. 6:15 pm. Call the Center for dinner reservations.

February 1, 2025, 10:00 am – Garden tour and informal get-together at our Museum followed by a road trip to the Santa Ynez Valley Botanic Garden in Buellton and Manzanita Nursery in Solvang.

WE HAVE HAD MANY REQUESTS FOR A COPY OF
JUDY GARRETT'S RECIPE FOR OAKMEAL COOKIES



THEY ARE DELICIOUS AND JUDY CLAIMS EASY TO MAKE!
CALL HER IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS



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Jane Baxter decorating beach poles
with Beach shells. Come visit the Museum and go
to the Beach.

FREE ADMISSION



**From your NHM Board:
Virginia, Suzanne,
David, Annie,
Judy & Dawn.**

N H M M E M B E R S H I P

Please become a member of Santa Maria Natural History Museum.

Help us to support the activities and growth of the biggest/littlest museum on the Central Coast.

_____ Hummingbird	\$25
_____ California Quail	\$50
_____ Meadowlark	\$100
_____ Great Horned Owl	\$250
_____ Golden Eagle	\$500
_____ Red-Tailed Hawk	\$1,000
_____ California Condor	\$2,000

And speaking of membership. . .

**Dear members, we thank you for your continued support.
We presently have 62 members. These are suggested
categories, so don't feel constrained by them--feel free to
contribute whatever you can afford.**

Judy Garrett, NHM Membership Chair