WALNUT CREEK OPEN SPACE FOUNDATION

The Foundation relies on volunteer labor and member contributions to accomplish its goals. We are proud of what we’ve been able to achieve and so is the community, we have received recognition for some of our efforts over the years and have awarded several grants to help us achieve even better results.

Awards

WALNUT CREEK ACTION FOR BEAUTY COUNCIL - Peg Kovar Poppy Award

October 10, 2012 - The Foundation received the Poppy Award from the Action for Beauty Council for one work on the occasion of a native ridge. The Poppy Award is given only occasionally and only for environmental work. This project was a collaboration between WCOSF, the Walnut Ridge Committee, the Heritage Land Trust, the City of Walnut Creek, the City of Lafayette, and the East Bay Regional Park District.

WALNUT CREEK ACTION FOR BEAUTY COUNCIL - Special Recognition

October 18, 2012 - The Foundation received a Special Recognition award from the Bayberry Pond Restoration Site in Lime Ridge. This is an on-going habitat restoration site that the Foundation has been working on since 2006. For more information about our work and current progress visit our Bayberry Restoration Project page.

November 2003 - The Foundation received a Special Recognition Award for our Oak Habitat Restoration Project. The project was started over 20 years ago and has planted more than 500 oaks in our Open Spaces to date. The project now focuses on tree care maintenance. For more information about our work and current progress visit our Oak Habitat Restoration Project page.

California Park and Recreation Society - Outstanding Non-Profit Organization Partner

April 5, 2006 - The California Park and Recreation Society (CPRS), District III, recognized the Walnut Creek Open Space Foundation as an Outstanding Non-Profit Organization Partner for its work in our Open Space and Heather Farm Park. CPRS is a professional society for city and other public agency workers in the parks and recreation field.

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April 5, 2006 - Foundation board member Bill Hunt was also recognized as an Outstanding Volunteer in a separate award for his work in restoring the Heather Farm Park Native Area.

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April 5, 2006 - The CPRS Commission honored Ralph Kraetsch and Dick Daniel for their many years of dedicated work at the Bayberry Pond Restoration Project.

WALNUT CREEK CITY COUNCIL

October 3, 2006 - The Council recognized Ralph Kraetsch as a Champion Citizen for his work on the Oak Habitat Restoration Project.

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Threads of Hope Award - Volunteer Nominations: Bill Hunt and Ralph Kraetsch

One of the Foundation’s volunteers and Board Members, Bill Hunt, was a finalist for the Diablo Magazine’s Threads of Hope Award for his work on various Open Space projects. The previous year, Ralph Kraetsch was a finalist for his leadership of the Oak Habitat Restoration Project.

FIFTH SYMPOSIUM ON OAK WOODLANDS - Volunteer Speaker: Ralph Kraetsch

October 2001 - One of the Foundation’s volunteers and Board Members, Ralph Kraetsch, was invited to speak at the Oak Habitat Restoration Project at the Fifth Symposium on Oak Woodlands: Oaks in California’s Changing Landscape. For more information about our work and current progress visit our Oak Habitat Restoration Project page.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF ARBORETISTS - Gold Leaf Award: Ralph Kraetsch

May 1, 2000 - Foundation Board Member Ralph Kraetsch was recognized for his efforts on the Oak Habitat Restoration Project by the International Society of Arborists in Maui, Hawaii.

ON THEIR TERRITORY

Native Plant Nursery

In May, 2008 we received a grant from the Contra Costa County Fish and Wildlife Committee to build a Native Plant Nursery.

OAK HABITAT RESTORATION

The Oak Habitat Restoration Project has received various grants from Chevron and in 2004 the project received a grant from the Rose Foundation.

IEHEART FARM NATIVE AREA RESTORATION

The Heather Farm Native Area Restoration Project received various grants from the Contra Costa County Fish and Wildlife Committee in 2003 and 2005. The project also received a Civic Pride Grant from the City of Walnut Creek in 2003.

SHELL RIDGE OPEN SPACE Bench addition

July 1, 2003 - The Foundation received grant funding from the Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority to cover the purchase of ten recycled-content benches that were installed by the City of Walnut Creek along various trails in Shell Ridge Open Space.