

Alex Jones : I appreciate all the UCSC students that get out there every day and put so much effort and joy into their naturalist learning.

Elizabeth Andrews : I appreciate my mother, Jean Andrews, who has always been unabashedly enthusiastic about small things in nature - tiny flowers, brown birds, mosquito fish, insects, etc.

Cindy Lee Scott : Kenton Parker formerly of Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve for his amazing energy and knowledge and incredible skills at sharing the wonders of nature with students and the public.

Alex Krohn : Shoutout to Alex Jones! One of the few people willing to walk in the woods while I constantly asked "What's that?" all day long. I learned a lot from that man!

Daniel Williford : I appreciate the diversity of ecosystems in close proximity that Santa Cruz County has to offer, amazing to step from redwoods to sandhills in moments!

Kathleen Rose : I appreciate the pockets of wildness that still exist in and around my farming community in south county.

Grey Hayes : I really appreciate Dylan Neubauer, who has so much knowledge about our area and dedicates herself to learning from others and passing what she learns onto others, archiving it well in writing, and keeping enthusiastic and kind through it all

Michael Bolte : I appreciate the Norris Center programs that have now inspired several generations of young, passionate naturalists! Thanks Chris

Lisa Robinson : Zane Moore, his enthusiasm, knowledge, and dedication to the redwoods, especially Albino Redwoods research, is truly inspiring.

Ryan Carle : Breck Tyler--for teaching me and many others about birds in his gentle demeanor, which inspired me completely for my natural history path/career

Ori Seron : I live on the San Lorenzo River in Ben Lomond. The River has impacted my family and me every day since 1975. I feel lucky and try to be a thoughtful guardian. It is a gift beyond words.

John Gamman: Lots of time in the field with Randy Morgan and Gary Griggs, both taught me how to observe nature and her patterns.

Cynthia Dzendzel: Daniel was my first mentor at Henry Cowell, but Dylan McManus is carrying on now, introducing me to species he discovers and sharing photos. It is definitely as Daniel said, so important to share what we discover each day.

Maggie Fusari : I am so grateful to the Stewards of the UCSC Natural Reserves. Those I worked with (Feynner, Grey, Sean) and all the rest who have followed and supported our natural reserves. I love you.

Julie Wuest : So appreciate the work gone before me from The Valley Women's Club of San Lorenzo Valley Club. I got involved and am on the Board to support the accountability of PG&E tree cutting issues

Alex Jones : I appreciate everyone I've ever pestered with questions about the natural world and land management---Dylan Neubauer, Grey Hayes, Breck Tyler, Chris Lay, so many more

Roberta McPherson : I deeply appreciate the work of two powerful naturalists and friends of Fred: Daniel Williford who inspired many new docents and invigorated the docent program at Henry Cowell, and Jane Orbuch who created many young naturalists through her work with the Watershed Academy at SLV High School. Roberta McPherson

Laurie Kiguchi : Brett Hall for all he's done for native CA plants in at the Arboretum, Breck Tyler for his incredible birding knowledge and dedication; and of course R. Morgan - and Chris Lay!

Ken Kellman : There are so many! But I want to thank Marisa Gomez, fellow CalNat, for bringing so many new community members into the world of naturalists.

Rozy B (she/her) : Katherine Chen, a NHFQ student in 2018. She was obsessed with finding the tiniest possible flowers and sharing their wonder.

Jeannine Koshear : I appreciate my former colleague in CA State Parks, Joanne Kerbavaz for her sharp observational skills, deep understanding of ecosystem processes, and her unflinching sense of humor in keeping things on the light side sometimes!

Grey Hayes : The Scott Creek Watershed, as illustrated by Jim West, is an amazing place- so full of diversity and surprises. A wild area with history and a local culture of stewardship.

Brock Dolman (He/Him) : Big Shout out to the amazing Ken Norris & Steve Gliessman's w/ Breck Tyler & Dawn Goley on the Natural History Field Quarter of 1990! :-)

Steven Singer : I remember Randy Morgan. He had the most all-encompassing interest in local natural history of anyone I ever met. He started out as a birder, expanded his interests to botany, and most recently was an entomologist par excellence. He was the perfect example of a naturalist.

Erika Zavaleta : I appreciate my children, whose wonder at everything keeps mine fresh.

Kathleen Rose : I appreciate Chris Lay, who has an uncanny ability to get people to really look at what they're seeing.

Suzanne Schettler : Randy Morgan was the quintessential naturalist. He was an intense observer of plants and also of insects, leading to insights on relationships between plants and pollinators. His journals range all over history for context of his observations. Have they been digitized yet?

LINDA BURMAN-HALL : well, maybe the mysterious profusion of wild turkeys. Only appearing in daytime hours that I've noticed in the last 10 years or so at UCSC, but now even to be seen in broad daylight on my street, Ocean Street Extension. Yes, we know there are still coyotes and cougars and bobcats, but the turkeys must taste just terrible that there are so many now . . .

Rozy B (she/her) : Jess Correa, FQ 17, an educator, birder and insect wizard. We saw our first micromoths together in the Angelo Reserve.

Ryan Carle : Shout out to Martha Brown, who can wrangle a bird in a mist net like no other and has been teaching students and the community about birds for ever.

Daniel Williford : someone who comes to mind is Ray Wooten, the oak aficionado,

Naya Dribinski : Dr. John Pearse was a mentor and professor to me. Through working with him and learning from him, I discovered my passion for the natural world and was introduced to close up views of the beauty of marine invertebrates through science notebook sketches.

Karen Holl : I've been enjoying learning about so many naturalists in Santa Cruz County while setting up the exhibit this week and I can't wait for us to be able to open the in person exhibit for people to come see it.

Brock Dolman (He/Him) : California Giant Salamanders deep down in Hell Hole cave

Caroline Elam : kudos to the Valley Womens Club's environmental committee for their education efforts.

Azucena Nieto (she/they) : I appreciate my parents who have connected me to agriculture and I appreciate Youth For Environmental Action for giving me a space to attend events like this

Marisa Gomez : Nancy Lenz embodies look, act, and inspire. She has learned about native plants by volunteering at the garden at the Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History. She helped create a group of volunteers to steward the garden and inspires everyone who meets her with her enthusiasm and storytelling. She developed a passion for marine plants later in life and always encourages others that it's never too late.

Lea Bond : I am so grateful for my time with Jane Orbuch, Terry Umsted, Fred and Roberta McPherson, Carter Millhouse, Malissa Stockton, and Jim West. My experiences at SLV's Watershed and Nature academies continue to guide my life's path.

Michael Lay : .As father of Chris Lay, I appreciate greatly what he does. I have been an observer of his time at the museum and actually helped him organize the center. Thanks Chris.

Anna Carver : We appreciate Jessica Carver and Fred McPherson, who have made our daily walks at the beach that much more colorful

Elsie Carrillo : I appreciate my dad who enjoys nature himself and for helping to curate my love of animals at a very young age!

Dylan Neubauer : Thanks to Brett Hall, who got me interested in native plants; Grey Hayes, who deepened my understanding of the natural world; Randy Morgan, for SO MUCH; Jim West, for SO MUCH MORE; and Al Keuter, for his unceasing good spirits and helpfulness to one and all ...

Eric Engles : Todd Newberry taught me more about how to think about organisms in nature than any other single person.

Heather Butler : I appreciate several naturalists that have taught me throughout my time as a naturalist. Specifically Randy Widera and his work throughout Santa Cruz County and creating a school to teach natural history to students has affected me greatly. Also naturalist Steve Miller and his dad Dan Miller, who have done extensive work on redwoods, oaks, and salamanders in Aptos have helped me and hundreds of others become a better naturalist. Finally, Scott Peden, who always had time to take a walk with me and others in Little Basin and Big Basin made a huge difference to us who are naturalists teaching kids throughout the Bay Area.

Georgia Stigall : There are so many, but I want to acknowledge in particular Steve Singer, Stephanie Singer and Linda Brodman. Originally it was my parents (RIP) Tom & Margaret Stigall who brought us to this bioregion, to Big Basin, the beaches and all of it. We were taught from before memory to appreciate and care for wild Nature. I am also fortunately to have had Fred McPherson as a colleague on the Santa Cruz Mountains Bioregional Council. I am honored to be a "landowner" in the bioregion and to manage "my" land as a nature preserve. Of course it belongs to wild Nature, not to me. Thank you!

Jennifer Anderson : I cannot select one naturalist. Rather, I think about all of the birders that I spend time with. Bruce Lyon, Stephanie Martin, Stephanie Singer, Martha Brown, Breck Tyler. They make my life so much richer and are always willing to share their knowledge and awe and spend time learning together. And, I have to thank Tonya Haff for dragging me in and getting the Quail Hollow Nestbox Program going. That has connected me to a wide array of other naturalists. Concentric circles moving out to other naturalists. So special.

Brock Dolman (He/Him) : Marbled Murrelets of Big Basin and SC Long-toed Salamanders of Freedom rd area

Addie O'Hanlon she/her : I appreciate my best friend and housemate Jessica Carver!! She inspires me to slow down and take in the beauty of Santa Cruz. I wouldn't want to go on a rainy forest walk with anyone else.

Brock Dolman (He/Him) : Field methods class with the wonderful Maggie Fusari!

Alex Jones : Shout out to Christian Schwarz for his passion!!!

Erika Perloff : Kudos to Jeremy Lin, former Interpreter at Rancho del Oso, who has done so much to engage people in natural history, from special events to starting the backpacking program to volunteer patrol and field trips for underserved schools.

Jeannine Koshear : I also appreciate my old and dear friend George Merilatt, who has been involved with environmental education in the Santa Cruz area for decades and who is an extraordinary naturalist as well as teacher!

John Gamman : Learned a lot in the field with Randy Morgan and Gary Griggs; both taught me how to observe the treasures of Santa Cruz County.

Julie Wuest : But I must say Nancy Macy is truly an amazing founder of the VWC

Stephanie Singer : I appreciate that there are still so many parks & other undeveloped areas left in the county, and I hope we can maintain them in the face of so much pressure of population and development.

Cindy Lee Scott : All the folks at the Watsonville Wetlands Watch for not skipping a beat in their amazing work

Mackenzie Morris : I appreciate all of my nhfq professors, TAs and guest instructors! Their sustained, compassionate love for the natural world and their students is inspirational. Learning from them has been a gift of a lifetime!

Marisa Gomez : I appreciate everyone at the Norris Center of course! An ever evolving team of naturalists, both emerging and longstanding.

Nicole Berridge : As a resident of Boulder Creek and the Valley, I am amazed to see the recovery that has started from CZU Lightning Complex Fire, the green burst on the charred redwoods. It gives me hope that we will recover like our resilient redwoods. Thank you so much for partnering with the SLV Museum to bring Look, Act, and Inspire Exhibition. I hope it inspires our Community during our recovery. Nicole Berridge

Jane Orbuch: Fred was my naturalist mentor. I met him in the mid 80's in his summer San Lorenzo River Course. It was my intro to Santa Cruz and its watershed and met many life long friends and water whisperers from Bruce Van Allen to John Kinder. I TA'd Fred's Santa Cruz

Mountains course and continued to expand my knowledge of the Santa Cruz Mens Bioregion. I maintained contact with Fred as we were both connected to San Lorenzo Valley School district. Fred was an inspiration and guide for the Watershed Academy at the high school and a force behind the Environmental Monitoring Program at the high school. Roberta and Fred remained close friends and video collaborators. Thanks forever Fred!