



Photo by Scott Wintermute

Remembering 'Chemo'

Mary Quijada, left, and her daughter, Mimi Elliott, of Rainier, Wash., admire the oak tree planted Sept. 2 in front of the Ojai Police Station on South Ventura Street. The tree, complete with a commemorative plaque, was planted in memory of Anselmo "Chemo" Quijada, who served as a popular Ojai police officer from 1955 to 1980.

Benjamin earns 2008 Conservation Award

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The Ojai Valley Land Conservancy has selected Sara Benjamin as the recipient of the 2008 Conservation Award. Each year the organization recognizes the achievements and commitment to conservation of an individual at its annual "Moonlight on the Meadow" event.

In 2007, OVLC presented the award to Ventura County Supervisor Steve Bennett for "unparalleled leadership in preserving open space and the quality of life that we in the Ojai Valley hold so dear."

Benjamin is the director of "Once Upon a Wetland," a student-based watershed education and wetland restoration project of Oak Grove School in partnership with the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy, Meiners Oaks Elementary, and Nordhoff High School. She holds a master's degree in marine geochemistry and a bachelor's degree in earth systems.

Benjamin is passionate about the interconnected, interwoven nature of the Earth, with an emphasis on local-scale watershed education and connecting people to the watershed within which they live. She works diligently to connect school students to the local watershed and to each other through hands-on outdoor activities.

Through her work students are engaged in stewardship activities such as water quality monitoring, propagating and transplanting native plants and trees, and litter removal. In the process of caring for a local wetland under Benjamin's tutelage, students learn about the importance and value of a healthy watershed community and the direct connection of the Ventura River Watershed to the ocean.

"Sara demonstrates a commitment to conservation and

sustainable living," said Roger Essick, OVLC president. "Her tireless efforts to connect school children to the natural environment around them are incredibly important to the work of the conservancy. We are proud to be associated with Sara, and proud to present this award to her."

The award will be presented at the upcoming "2008 Moonlight on the Meadow," scheduled for Saturday. For more details on the event, go to ovlc.org or call 649-6852.



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Activities with children earned Sara Benjamin awards of recognition.

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