

# *Escape to the Country:* at the Arroyo Hondo Preserve

**S**EVERAL HUNDRED PEOPLE were introduced or re-introduced to one of the special spots on the Central Coast recently when several local companies banded together to sponsor *Escape to the Country*, a client appreciation day at the Arroyo Hondo Preserve on May 17th.

Called the “Jewel of the Gaviota Coast,” the 782-acre preserve set the tone for a day that included local artists painting en plein air, live music by Tom Ball and Kenny Sultan, food by New West Catering, drinks from Alma Rosa Winery & Vineyards, and docent-led hikes through the preserve.

“The event is all about thanking our clients, giving back to the community by raising awareness for the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County and of course, just having fun,” noted Seth Streeter, host and President of Mission Wealth Management.

Guests took hosts up on the opportunity to enjoy a relaxing day exploring the preserve with family and friends while unwinding from the week’s

busy activities.

Paint Jam set up 15 art stations that allowed children and adults to paint alongside the featured artists throughout the day. The professional artists included Susan Belloni, Chris Chapman, Camille Dellar, Kerri Hedden, John Iwerks, Margaret Nadeau, Ann Sanders, BJ Stapen, and Gerry Winant. Art pieces were sold with 50 percent of the proceeds going to benefit the Land Trust and their open-space preserving projects.

**Hosts and sponsors** for the day included Bartlett, Pringle & Wolff, LLP; Mission Wealth Management, LLC; Bank of Santa Barbara; Brownstein Hyatt Farber/Schreck; Charles Schwab; David Jaffe of J.P. Morgan Chase; Maurie McGuire of Coldwell Banker; and the Santa Barbara Auto Group.

For information about the Arroyo Hondo Preserve visit [www.sblandtrust.org](http://www.sblandtrust.org) or call 966-4520.



John Warner and Morgan Coffey, with the Land Trust for SB County



Andy Penso, Allison Schwartz, Seth Streeter, Jessica Rossman, Kimberly Horn and Sage and Hansen Streeter (kids) of co-host firm Mission Wealth Management.



Pam Geremia, Sigi McCormack, and Mike McCormack



Ruth and Todd Mesnik, SB Auto Group with the Smart Car they brought.



Margaret Nadeau



Jason Janzen B,P, & W and Ziggy Peake



Music by Tom Ball and Kenny Sultan was enjoyed by all.