

An Unexpected Bequest; An Amazing Gift

When the mail arrived at the NALT office one day recently, it included a thick, official-looking envelope with an unfamiliar return address. We opened it without much expectation, then did a double-take and re-read the documents inside—twice!

The documents included a letter from the executor of the estate of Erika Lockwood – informing NALT of a *very* generous donation of 10% of her estate. We don't know a lot about Erika: we know that she was a generous donor two years in a row to the campaign to purchase Section 13 in the Linley Valley, and we know that she was a NALT member for several years around the same time. We can't say that we truly *knew* her—although Barbara Hourston remembers some conversations with her around the time that she made out her will, in 2002. We can say that she is someone we will remember and appreciate for a long time.

For large, unallocated donations, the NALT Finance Committee deliberates how and where to best allocate the funds. In this case, Erika's donation will most likely be applied to more than one account—possibly from operations to acquisitions. We know that the allocation process will be thoughtfully and carefully decided.

Erika, we thank you!



Erika in the garden.