

Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods

Preservation through Education and Stewardship

Russian River Sector State Parks

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Stewards is Planning for the Future

Michele Luna, Executive Director

Stewards and State Parks have embarked on a strategic planning process that will plot a course for the next three to five years. The last time Stewards developed a new strategic plan was in 2011, before the decision was made to step up and keep Austin Creek SRA open when it was slated to close. Having successfully achieved that goal, and on the brink of signing a new co-management agreement for both Armstrong Redwoods and Austin Creek, we feel it's time to re-evaluate our strategies and envision a future for our partnership with State Parks that will help guide us towards achieving new goals for our organization's efforts to support our parks. This process involves distributing a number of surveys to our stakeholders: members/donors, volunteers, partner organizations and board/staff/park staff. If you are a constituent of one or more of these groups you can expect to receive a survey via email and we hope that you'll assist us by answering ten quick questions. You may receive multiple surveys if you fall into more than one stakeholder group. If you would prefer to complete a single survey, choose the one that best fits your affiliation with Stewards.

Beyond the before mentioned surveys, our consultant Christopher Szecsey will facilitate a number of workshops at which different constituents will be invited to participate. One of these workshops will take place at **Stewards' Annual Meeting and Potluck at noon on October 13 at Armstrong Redwoods Group Picnic Area**. All members and volunteers are invited to attend and hear an annual report from Executive Director Michele Luna as well as participate in a visioning exercise. Stewards hopes to have a new strategic plan in place to guide us soon after the first of the year.

New Artist in Residence Program at Pond Farm

Michele Luna, Executive Director

Requests for submissions for a new Artist in Residence Program at Pond Farm in Austin Creek SRA will go live on September 17th. The submittal period will be open until November 1st and a selection team has been chosen to review applications and choose artists who will participate in this program for one to three months at a time. The first round of submittals will be for the first six months of 2019.

Artists will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Former Pond Farm students may be given priority consideration.
- How the applicant's work fits with the site, within the park and with the goals of the Pond Farm Restoration and Revitalization Project.
- Creativity with regards to their community engagement proposal
- How the time-frame fits with the schedule of other requests

The Pond Farm guest house, recently renovated by State Parks to be ADA compliant, will become housing for each artist in residence. The artists will be expected to engage with park visitors and the local artist community as well. We are open to considering any forms of art that work well with the site, including, but not limited to, visual arts, music, textiles, writing/poetry, ceramics, architecture, woodworking, performing arts, educational programs and graphic design.

Applicants will submit their proposals through the website www.submittable.com and a link will be advertised when the site is ready to receive applications. For more information contact Michele Luna at michele@stewardscr.org.

CALENDAR THESE DATES

September 15 - Old Grove Festival

October 13 - 12 to 3, Annual Meeting/
Potluck & Strategic Planning workshop
Armstrong Redwoods Group Picnic Area
Bring a dish to share - All Welcome

November 10 - Whale Watch Training

December 6 - Volunteer Celebration

December 31 - Volunteer hours due

More Info at www.stewardscr.org

Mission

Stewards Promotes, Restores & Protects Your State Parks.

Vision

Stewards is the link between people and their parks.

State Parks

Armstrong Redwoods State Natural Reserve
Austin Creek State Recreation Area
Sonoma Coast State Park

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Welcoming Kathi Moore to the Board

The Stewards Board of Directors is pleased to welcome Kathi Moore as our newest board member. Kathi was appointed to the board in August 2018. She recently retired after 33 years working with the US Environmental Protection Agency and has a working knowledge of Federal and State environmental issues impacting our air, water and land. Most of her work at EPA was managing environmental restoration projects under the Superfund Program throughout California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii and Navajo Nation. Kathi is currently a volunteer at the Armstrong Visitors Center and enjoys hiking the trails of Armstrong and Austin Creek. She is excited about using her skills to assist Stewards to promote, restore and protect the parks of the Sonoma Coast and Redwoods.

Stewards is still looking for new board members. If you think you would be interested please contact Board President, Donna Roper at dodesr@aol.com or Michele Luna at michele@stewardscr.org.

From the Field - Summer 2018

Scott Lawyer, Field Operations Manager

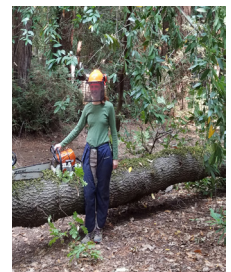
The summer of 2018 has brought some changes to the face of Field Operations. Over the past couple of years the team that tends to the campground, trails, and the entry kiosk has been mostly men. This summer Assistant Field Operations Manager, Hut Wade stepped down to pursue his goals of guiding people in nature, and Carlos Amador had an extended leave for a good part of the season. (No worries though, he's back).

It is with pleasure that I present the ladies of Field Operations. With their bright smiles and lasting energy, they are a force to be congratulated for their hard work.

Rachel Hallaway has been with us for a couple of years, but only as a part-time employee. She has graced the kiosk during the busiest of times, and always seems to come out standing in the end. She has been working at the coast with Regional Parks for the past 6+ years, and I finally lured her to our team full-time as our new Assistant Field Operations Manager. Little did I know that she was also a secret trail crew worker, and has been rolling up her sleeves, and keeping up with us on trail work and fallen tree removal. She keeps the campground clean, as well as maintaining the entry station and has taken on administrative duties in the office. She also has an interest in maintaining the shop equipment, and is looking forward to leading stewardship groups.

Jannike Allen has also been with us over the past 2 years. She tends to be the all-round help we always need. She is entering her 3rd year as an environmental science major at Portland State University. She is helping us again this summer as we start to close out the busy season. We are now trying to get some of our projects taken care of before the season changes. Jannike is primed for any project that comes her way, and has been working side by side with the trail crew, volunteer groups, and Youth Ecology Corps.

The newest member of our femme force is **Madison (Madi) Lee-Rosen**. She started with the Sonoma County Youth Ecology Corps in 2017 and left such an impression that I asked if she would consider applying for an operations position as a summer job. Carrying cases of water, boxes of maps, and weed whacking the excessive growth has been just a taste of the chores she has been carrying out this summer. She also has been working with the trail crew, as well as clearing trails with me on many occasions. Madi is currently enrolled at Sacramento State University taking courses in environmental science and park management.



Closing another Seal Watch Season

Greg Armstrong, Seal Watch Coordinator

As one more testament to the ever changing seasons, once again a Seal Watch season came to a close. As all the seasons before it, few things were the same; the river opened its mouth at a location of its choosing, the storms swept the beach and sculpted the rolling sands with originality, the jetty and pillions revealed a history of stories and a time long past. In concert, the constants emerged, as they have time and again. The Seals returned to claim the shores of the estuary, birds of all kinds dusted the sands with their feathers, the wind and fog asserted their ownership of the coast, and once again the committed volunteers of Seal watch shared their dedication and experience with the hundreds of annual visitors that come from all over the world to witness the grandeur of the Sonoma Coast.

The late powerful storm gifted us, not only with a much needed rain, but also carved a deep and season lasting channel at the river mouth. The belated strong flow hugged the western edge of the estuary carving a perfect amphitheater around the jetty for visitors to enjoy the inspiring life cycle of our California Harbor Seal. From the top of the jetty a broad beach filled with seals could be observed by everyone. It was the perfect viewing station. Our equipment could be set up with ease, an orderly imposing line of signs was easily set along the southern edge of the jetty, and the natural boundary of the river's flow provided a safe distance for the seals to rest.

It seems to me this year pupping season started early. By April the small perfectly formed bodies of pups began to mix amongst the herd. It seemed to me that this season saw the birth of numbers greater than I have experienced in my seven years doing Seal Watch. Around June, I reached out to Joe Mortenson to hear what he was noticing. Joe's numbers were astounding, in excess of several dozen births. His numbers matched informal counts I did during the season. It also felt like the pupping season extended beyond the usual. Nevertheless, the haulout appeared abundant and vibrant,

Tidepool Program update

Hollis Bewley, Tidepool Coordinator

Tide Pool Education and Weekend Roving docents enjoyed a fun spring season, leading classrooms and park visitors in their exploration of the intertidal with their safety in mind as well as the well-being of the animals which inhabit this special intersection between land and sea. A highlight for us was the return of healthy ochre stars after 4 or 5 years of the wasting syndrome. Sea stars are a keystone species, determining the biodiversity of the entire neighborhood, so they've been a welcome sight. Recent studies have determined that a gene mutation is enabling these survivors to better tolerate warmer temperatures, increasing their ability to resist the virus responsible for their demise so we've been observing an adaptation in real time. Negative tides shift from the morning to afternoon hours following the equinox, so check your tide books for good afternoon opportunities to view intertidal life beginning in late October.



with some informal counts of 320 plus individuals.

It's such a rewarding moment to point out to visitors the presence of the young ones, always followed with questions and appreciation for the wondrous sight. As the season aged and the other stages of seal behavior appeared, the visitors kept coming with their questions or to just sit and watch the serene spectacle of the life of the harbor seal.

For me, the end of the molting phase of the seals was spectacular this year. I arrived early on one of my shifts in mid August, as I looked through the binoculars to check for any injured individuals, I noticed how every single seal had its perfect granite coat, each wearing the rich patterns of dots, crisp and unworn. A week later, as the wind began to change, flocks of hundreds pelicans had began to replace the seals as the owners of the river's mouth.

Once again Seal Watch volunteers did what they do best, to be of service to the visitors, and to politely encourage everyone to respect and honor this special place. But as recent seasons keep reenforcing, the lack of volunteers challenges our mission continuously. This season we were lucky enough to attract a small number of new volunteers, but not enough to fill every shift, let alone have two volunteers per shift. Out of the 104 shifts we like to fill per season, 29 had no coverage, and three entire days had no one at the beach at all. All available volunteers put in their time and then some. The equipment held out with resilience. Our new tripod is a welcome addition and partner to the scope. The new abbreviated log sheets proposed by Mary Follis help keep the logs as an organized day to day record. The use of natural material ropes has been a tremendous success, in spite of the relentless challenge of the weather and sun, they withstood the whole season and are likely to take another one.

Looking to the future, with the hope of strengthening the Seal Watch program, I ask you to share your ideas on how we can build our volunteer base. And better still, if you have some time to give, join us on the beach. Contact Kat Rawhouser at kat@stewardscr.org for more info.



What do Gull Rock and the Arctic have in Common?

Ellie Rilla & Patrick Laherty, Seabird Citizen Science Docents

July 30, 2018 Spitsbergen, 79 degrees north: Out of the foggy haze from a mountain hundreds of feet above us came the Murre chick (also called a Guillemot). Below was an Arctic Fox and waiting along the rocky ledges near the waters edge were Glaucous Gulls, the largest of the Arctic gulls, a wholly carnivorous gull.

We all cheered for these little birds that had jumped or were nudged by their parents in their perilous journey from the cliff ledge past the permafrost tundra to the Greenland Sea. As they descended we saw their parents right behind them nudging and pushing them along.

The Thick-billed Murres are part of the Alcid family (penguins also). They live across the world's northernmost seas. Most of their lives are spent out on the water, where they hunt fish, squid and other tasty seafood by diving as deep as 450 feet beneath the waves.



In the late spring, the birds take to land, congregating on sea cliffs in breeding colonies that can number in the hundreds of thousands. Both parents guard and feed their one yearly chick. When summer comes, the chicks make their death-defying jump, leaping off the nesting cliff. The chick is about a third of the size of an adult. On its maiden voyage, it's accompanied out to sea by its father, where they live together for several more weeks.

August 17, 2018: Gull Rock, 38 degrees north. Eight hundred feet offshore near Goat Rock Beach is a large white guano covered rock called Gull. For the past 4 seasons Patrick and I and others have monitored colonies of Common Murres, two species of Cormorants, Western Gulls and Pigeon Guillemots during their breeding season from mid-April to mid-August. We are part of a monitoring program administered by Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods in partnership with the Gulf of Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, Seabird Protection Network and BLM.



Like their Arctic cousins, once the Murre fledglings drop to the ocean below they raft up, fatten up on fish and fly off to parts unknown until the following April when they return. Beach Watch volunteers monitor their success by the number of (sad to say) carcasses of fledgling and adult birds that wash up on our beaches in the summer and fall.



For the Arctic population, they will spend several weeks fishing and gaining weight before heading south to spend the winter in the North Atlantic. Tracked south from a west Greenland colony, one father-youngster pairing swam south together for 1,800 miles.

Researchers have confirmed that paternal accompaniment of the chick is also the norm in Common Murres, and perhaps also occurred in the extinct Great Auk. Just why the male rather than the female should shoulder this task is not known. During the journey, contact is probably maintained by a combination of sight and call. The work of organizations like BirdLife International, Cornell Bird Lab, Point Blue combined with professionals and citizen scientist volunteers like ourselves and many others, help us understand the mystery and beauty of bird breeding, migration and their amazing annual journeys.

A Summer of Volunteerism ~ Snapshots of Service

Kat Rawhouser, Volunteer Programs Manager

Wow, my first summer with Stewards is almost over. As the days shorten, nights lengthen and fog drips throughout the mornings, I am looking back on this summer as I look towards the coming fall and winter. Although I am furiously taking school reservations, recruiting docents and planning for 2019, I would like to take this space to give thanks while highlighting and reflecting on a few of the unending accomplishments and feats our volunteers have done this season.

Festivals

The Steward Ship (SS) has sailed from Fort Ross to Bodega to visit festivals throughout the summer. While we focused on outreach and environmental education at the Fort Ross Festival we had huge sales success at the Bodega Seafood, Art and Wine Festival, of which we are a beneficiary. Volunteers like Amy Racina, Beth Lamb, Casey Marks, Mike Roa and Jan de Wald are a few of the many that helped with these events.

Special Events

As a nonprofit organization we rely on our special events to bring in much needed revenue. This is why the work volunteers did this season was so important to us. From Family Day, Gourmet Walk, Poetry in Parks, Auctions, Sunset Dinner to the upcoming Old Grove Festival we have volunteers staffing events from parking lots to concessions. Volunteers have and continue to make these events possible. Special acknowledgment to Marcy Beck for coordinating the successful Poetry in the Redwoods event this year.

Trail Crew

What wonders the trail crew can accomplish! The trail crew removes down trees, maintains trails, rebuilds cable steps on coastal trails and construction of fencing with seeming ease. With commitment to hard work, camaraderie and skill the trail crew has worked tirelessly through the summer to ensure access and safety for our park visitors.

Summer Docent-led Walks (& Talks)

Throughout the summer we have received some traditional and non-traditional requests for docent-led walks. From forest to sea, docents have led seniors, adults and children through our magnificent landscapes. Stewards staff and board welcome the invaluable help of dedicated docents to guide visitors on educational hikes along the Sonoma Coast, through the redwoods of Armstrong and up the slopes into Austin Creek.



Park Visitors enjoy the Decomposition Time-line created by Mike Roa



Amy Racina and Casey Marks at the Fisherman's Festival in April.



Marcy Beck at Poetry in the Redwoods



Scott Johnson & Beth Lamb at Gourmet Walk in the Woods

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Interested in a program?
Call Stewards at
(707) 869-9177 or email
kat@stewardscr.org!

PROGRAMS

Armstrong Redwoods/ Austin Creek

Visitor Center Staffing
Docent Tour Guides
Trail Crew/Maintenance
Pond Farm Docent Tours
Roving Docents/Public
Assistance
Lizzie Armstrong Welcome Ctr

Sonoma Coast State Park

Visitor Center Staffing
Seal Watch
Whale Watch
Tidepool Program
Watershed Program
Sonoma Coast Trail Crew
Willow Creek Trail Crew
Pinniped Monitoring
Seabird Monitoring
Roving Docents/Public
Assistance
Other Projects
Mobile Marine Van
Forest to Sea Nature Store
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Upcoming Events

Register & get details at stewardscr.org/upcoming-events-programs.html or (707) 869-9177.

OLD GROVE FESTIVAL

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September 15, 2018 - Gates open at 4:30
New Monsoon and the Kathy Kallick Band
Info and tickets at www.oldgrovefestival.org
Get your tickets soon - we will be selling out!

FOR YOUR HEALTH AND WELFARE

WELLNESS WALKS

Every Wednesday at Armstrong Redwoods.
Meet in front of the Welcome Center at
10:00 - Easy walk with a docent, Free

FOREST BATHING

Thursday, September 13 and 27, 10 to 12.
\$20/\$16 for members
Meet in front of the Welcome Center.
Registration required. Event cancels with
fewer than 5 participants.

POND FARM POTTERY TOURS

POND FARM POTTERY DOCENT TOURS

Upcoming dates: Sept. 22, Oct. 20, Nov. 17
9:30 to noon, \$20/\$16 for members
Meet at the Stewards office/Vol. Center
Registration required

DOCENT ORIENTATIONS & TRAININGS

WATERSHED DOCENT FIELD DAY

September 7 - 9 to 3, Free
Training takes place in the Willow Creek
watershed. Meet at the first bridge on Willow
Creek Road. Registration required.

GENERAL VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

September 29, 9 to 3, Free
Learn about the many volunteer opportuni-
ties in Russian River area State Parks.
Registration required.

HIKE WITH MIKE

October 5, 9 -12, \$20/\$16 for members
For docents wanting to learn use curriculum
when leading redwood ed walks with groups.
Meets at the Armstrong Redwoods Visitor
Center. Registration required.

SONOMA COAST SEMINAR/TRAINING

October 6, 9 to 3, \$20/\$16 for members
Learn about botany, archaeology, and geol-
ogy of the Sonoma Coast presented by Laura
Morgan, Breck Parkman and Scotty Lawyer
Registration required.

WHALE WATCH ORIENTATION

November 10, 9:30 to 2, Free
Bodega Bay Fire Protection District

Waiting for Whale Watch 2019

Norma Jellison, Whale Watch Coordinator

Most of the Pacific Gray Whales are north in Alaskan waters feeding and increasing their blubber layer to sustain them in their southbound migration to the warmer waters of Baja for mating and calving.

This time of year an occasional Humpback offshore and dolphins closer in let us know that many marine mammals call the Pacific Ocean home. And with the fall migration of birds in full flight, we know soon enough the Gray Whale migration will begin as well.

Mark your calendars for **Saturday November 10th for this year's Whale Watch Training and Orientation**. Recruit a few friends to join you as a Whale Watch volunteer at Bodega Head (weekends Noon to 4 from January through May) to search the ocean for the blows of passing whales. WW volunteers also share interpretive displays about these amazing leviathans who spend their lives between icy northern and warm southern waters, making an annual average 12,000 mile migration. Its always fun to talk with visitors from around the world and see their excitement when they succeed in seeing a whale blow or, if lucky, a breach.

2018 WW volunteers, don't forget to turn in your volunteer hours to Stewards staff.

Hope to see you at the Head for the 2019 Whale Watch season. Thar She Blows!



Guy Mohr Photograph at Bodega Head

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Designate Stewards as a Beneficiary on your IRA - These days, many people have a large percentage of their wealth in the form of traditional IRA accounts. Consider designating Stewards as one of the beneficiaries of your IRAs.

New Members ~ 3rd Quarter

Osprey Circle

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Sheralyn Listgarten
Dwight Cary

Bobcat

Esther Bullitt
Phil Weil

Contributing Harbor Seal

Jeremiah Hanes
Michael Milbourne
Danielle & Jason Franco-Malone

Christopher Silk
Catherine Willis
Christie Fanton
Ellen Tyler
Paul Ciccolella
Diana Jameson
Christopher Reiger
Rebekah & Nathan Rabirotf

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- \$250 Gray Whale Patron
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For more information and other planned giving options, please contact Michele Luna at michele@stewardscr.org and your legal advisor.