

Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods

Preservation through Education and Stewardship

Russian River District State Parks

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Full Circle: Pond Farm Revisited

Michele Luna, Stewards Executive Director

Stewards is thrilled by the attention that Pond Farm is receiving lately. The stabilization of the historic structures, specifically the barn and Marguerite's home began at the end of the year in 2015 under the expert direction of State Parks in Sacramento. We expect to see it completed by May 2016. Stewards is honored to be supporting these efforts through our partnership with California State Parks, the California State Parks Foundation and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. In addition, three events centered around Pond Farm, Marguerite Wildenhain and her students are taking place.

SFO Museum Exhibit – **A Potter's Life: Marguerite Wildenhain at Pond Farm**

Terminal 2 - Departures - Level 2 - Post-Security

December 17, 2015 - October 16, 2016

Some of us were fortunate to attend a special viewing of this show at the SFO Airport Museum. This exhibition was made possible through a generous loan from Forrest L. Merrill, art collector and friend of Marguerite. The pieces in the show are uniquely diverse and fine examples of pots, utilitarian pieces, large artistic tiles and sculptures that Marguerite was known for. Even her personal kick wheel and tools are in the show. The show is exceptional and I encourage you all to plan time to view it if you depart from Terminal 2 between now and October 16, 2016. If you would like to see the show aside from traveling let me know, as it might be possible.

michele@stewardscr.org

Healdsburg Center for the Arts

Full Circle: Pond Farm Revisited

March 10 to April 10, 2016 – Admission free

Open everyday except Tuesday at 11:00 am



Current Pottery by Pond Farm Students

This exhibit and sale features Pond Farm students (Pond Farmers) Thor Thoreson, Peder Hegland, Jeanne and David Aurelius, Kate and Jere Huffman, and Peter Deneen. Each of these students met at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa and then traveled to Austin Creek State Recreation Area and Pond Farm Pottery, where they studied multiple years with Marguerite. "The similarities and the differences in the work of these potters... is striking, and yet the common threads they share, having been students... at Pond Farm, is evident in this exciting exhibition."

Mission

Stewards Promotes, Restores, and Protects Your State Parks.

Vision

Stewards is the Link between People and Their Parks.

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Sonoma Coast State Park

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Benefit for Pond Farm – March 19, 2016

A rare opportunity to meet Pond Farm Students and hear their stories.

Healdsburg Center for the Arts ~ 1-2:00 pm – Tour with artists

Healdsburg Golf Club ~ 2-5:00 pm

Appetizers, Beverages, Auction (pieces donated by Pond Farmers)

Tickets available at www.pondfarm.org

Stewards will be providing opportunities for the Pond Farm students to socialize together, hear an update on the Pond Farm stabilization project and hear from them their input on programming proposals being considered to revitalize Pond Farm and fully restore it in the future. During the Pond Farm reunion from March 17 to March 19, about 20 Pond Farm students will be together, providing the partners with an opportunity to hear their stories about their experiences at Pond Farm. We are excited to engage the services of a Filmmaker to capture video footage of oral history conversations with Pond Farm students and other key people affiliated with Pond Farm during the time when Marguerite Wildenhain was still alive. These are exciting times and we hope that you will find a way to support our efforts.

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WHALE WATCH PROGRAM UPDATES

Norma Jellison, Whale Watch Docent

In a testament to El Niño, the launch of Whale Watch this year was stormy. Rain and high winds cancelled a number of our weekends in January. However, on January 10 and again on January 24th, we had momentous sightings of a new born mother and calf. Momentous because in the 30+ years of Whale Watch at Bodega Head we have never before seen a newly born calf in February.

After all, at this time of year, the Baja MX lagoons are teeming with newly born calves and Bodega Bay is some 1100 miles north. Not to mention that, while ocean temperatures have been relatively high for our Northern CA waters (mid to high 50s), they are no where near those of warm lagoon waters. Born with no blubber to keep them warm, the temperature and the buoyancy of the high salinity lagoon waters help the calves to float, learn to swim, as well as helping the moms to nurse them.

Even those calves born on the southbound migration are born off So California - LA and San Diego. LA ACS has seen 33 southbound calves since the December 1 season start. Those waters are also much warmer than ours and the moms continue south with the calves to the Baja lagoons. While newborns have been reported in northerly waters before (off Carmel and stranded at Bolinas Lagoon and Smith River), the January sightings caused quite a stir amongst the WW volunteers.

We have been treated to a steady stream of southbound juveniles close enough in for good views. Some have breached multiple times right in front of us at the Head - always sure to illicit cheers and claps from visitors lucky enough to witness it.

Next up any day now, the northbound migration of newly pregnant females will start, followed by the rest of the population. In mid April, we should start to see the mothers with their calves headed north to Alaska. They hug the coast and give us the best views of our beloved Pacific Gray Whales. Hope to see you at the Head!



Mother and Calf by Guy Mohr

CALIFORNIA NATURALIST

Stewards is pleased to announce our support for the UC California Naturalist Certification Program. This 9 week, 50+ hour class will introduce you to the wonders the Sonoma Coast and engage you in the stewardship of California's natural communities. Class lectures and field trips will venture from coastal ranges to the ocean, informing about coastal prairies, estuaries, and marine tidal zones. For more information, please contact: David Berman at david5@sonic.net or (707) 484-9518 or register online today!



SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH

VOLUNTEERS MEET AT 8:30 AT THE JENNER VISITOR CENTER

9-12:30 pm North Jenner Beach Cleanup
 Location 1: Jenner Visitor Center. Take River Road to Jenner, Hwy 101. Follow signs to Jenner Visitor Center. (75 Volunteers)

9-12 pm Pomo Canyon Campground Restoration
 Location 2: Pomo Canyon Campground (20 Volunteers)
 Dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes, bring gloves and water bottle. Water, Refreshments and Lunch will be provided by PG&E. Carpooling encouraged.

CAL REPORT - YOUR VOLUNTEER DOLLARS AT WORK

Andrea Mapes, Associate Park and Recreation Specialist, Sonoma Mendocino Coast District

Educate....Inspire....Preserve....Protect....Support....Advocate....Maintain....Serve....If you are a California State Park Volunteer, this is what you do every time you don your nametag and work your shift as camp host, visitor center docent, interpretive program leader, citizen scientist, trail crew member, or other critical position. There are many reasons people choose to donate their time and talents to help California State Parks achieve its multi-faceted mission, but money is NOT one of those reasons. In fact, many volunteers also choose to donate their own money and belongings in addition to their time. While it may not be fair to monetize the invaluable contributions of our volunteers, doing so is a way to gain perspective on the significant impact made by their service. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Independent Sector, the value of volunteer time in California is \$26.87 per hour. Using this hourly rate, in the three parks that Stewards serves, the California State Park volunteer time amounted to \$784,563.70 in 2015. This number can be seen in a variety of ways: as taxpayer money saved; as increased efficiency; as a “bargain” for the high level of service and expertise our volunteers added to parks; as missions accomplished and projects completed where they would not have otherwise.

In recent years, such numbers have meant actual funding dollars being allocated to specific park units. For example, over \$130,000 of volunteer time was used to leverage additional Department matching funds to pay for park projects and staff time at Austin Creek State Recreation Area. One of the main projects funded with matching funds is now underway with the Pool Ridge and East Ridge Trail rehabilitation effort which is anticipated for completion by late 2016. Improvements to sloping, drainage and routes are being made to decrease erosion and improve the trail conditions and safety for park users. This example demonstrates how volunteer time can literally pay dividends.

SONOMA COAST FEES: UPDATES & RESOURCES

Stewards strives to keep our members and supporters informed about issues that affect our State Parks. We hope the information provided in this newsletter will help you be better informed about the issue of proposed Sonoma Coast parking fees. We have provided comments that we have collected from our members and the community - both pro and con so you can formulate your own opinion and most importantly TAKE ACTION and let the Coastal Commission and your Legislators know how you feel. Please feel free to visit our website at http://www.stewardscr.org/cms/pages/top_news_stories.html for a full description of Stewards position, and the pros and cons expressed by it's members on the issue of Sonoma Coast State Park parking fees.

The following provides a summary of proposed fee collection in select, existing developed State Park facilities within the Coastal Zone of Sonoma County. This new State Park proposal is an effort to balance the input from the local community, the requirements of the Coastal Act and the inherent challenges of managing and protecting natural and cultural resources of the State Park System. The proposal is a product of State Parks and was developed over the course of seven meetings with the input of the Sonoma Coast Fee Issue Working Group, whose members consist of; California State Parks, County of Sonoma (Board of Supervisors, Permit Resource Management Department and Sonoma County Regional Parks), Sonoma County Surfrider Foundation, Sonoma County Conservation Action, Coastwalk, Bodega Bay Fire Department and Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods.

Administrative Actions

- \$8/day for new fee areas or up to \$3/hour where possible. Free “surf checks” of 30 minutes.
- Sonoma Coast State Annual Park Pass (Fort Ross, Salt Point, Sonoma Coast).
- Disseminate Low Income Pass information to Sonoma County residents.
- Work with Sonoma County Regional Parks to find alternatives for low income, undocumented residents.
- Minimize future service reductions in areas where no fees are collected.
- Retained revenue, pursuant to Public Resources Code §5010.7(d) from new fee collection used for services along the Sonoma Coast.
- Implement Sonoma Coast Advisory Group to build and maintain community involvement.

Fee Collection Key Criteria

- Natural & Cultural Resource Protection
- Public Safety
- Traffic and Parking Impacts
- Services and Activities
- Entrance Station v. Fee Collection Devices
- Revenue
- Spatial Arrangement

SONOMA COAST FEES CONTINUED

Proposed Locations

- Entrance Stations; Bodega Head, Willow Creek, Goat Rock
- Entrance station (two ingress lanes). Staffed peak times, fee collection device when not staffed.
- Miscellaneous improvements; road repair, ADA upgrades, gates, barrier and landscaping improvements.

Fee Collection Devices: Shell Beach, Stump Beach, Freezeout Cree

- Fee collection device in parking area and any needed site improvements including ADA upgrades.

What you can Do

Stewards recommends that you send your comments to the California Coastal Commission today so they can be included in the staff report.

They can be sent to: SonomaStateParksAppeal@Coastal.CA.gov or by mail to: Nancy Cave, 45 Fremont Street #2000, SF, CA 94105. In addition, we strongly encourage you to send letters to our state legislators letting them know your opinions about fees and to advocate for their support in adequately funding our State Parks and addressing the need for a sustainable funding source that will end the struggle to fund your State Parks forever. Become a Volunteer in Parks - Volunteers do not pay fees when they are fulfilling their volunteer duties and they can also earn District-wide day-use passes for volunteering 24 hours a year or a Statewide pass for volunteering 200 hours a year.



Sonoma Coast by Kevin O'Connor

2016 YOUTH CAMPING SUMMIT

April Moran Reza, Outreach Coordinator

In January of 2014, I had the opportunity to travel with my fellow peers from Dominican University of California to El Salvador. The program, Crispaz, introduced us to various associations addressing pivotal issues such as health care, climate change, and migration. Together, we took in the country, its history, its people, their stories, their smiles, their tears, their reality, and most importantly, the profound strength of their resilience.

Near the end of our trip, we had the opportunity to stay in the community of El Papaturro. During the late 1970s to early 90s, El Salvador experienced a civil war, where many families were displaced into refugee camps in the neighboring country of Honduras. Toward the end of the war, the Peace Accords of 1992 allowed for lands to be redistributed amongst refugees and ex-combatants through the Land Transfer Program. El Papaturro was established by a large group of refugees who migrated together from Honduras to land on the outskirts of Suchitoto, El Salvador. The community has since maintained a reputation for being autonomous, proactive and self-sufficient. Throughout the country, you will find communities like El Papaturro who have deep seeded values for justice and advocacy, which have sprouted directly from the resilience of Salvadoran civil war survivors. Today, the youth of El Papaturro continue the progression toward justice in their community by spearheading projects in areas of environmental justice and conservation.

It was the youth of El Papaturro who introduced Dominican University students to the term, *concientización*. This single word is an all-encompassing term for “consciousness raising, environmental awareness and mindfulness”. These youth have an action oriented conscience. They are dedicated to seeking out opportunities that will bring environmental awareness to their community. They have implemented many projects including the creation of their own garbage disposal system, organizing community sanitation of their water supply, attending permaculture classes, as well as cultivating native seeds. At a young age, they recognize the importance of stewarding the land for the benefit of the environment, their community, and their future generations. The youth of El Papaturro left a lasting impression on the entire group from Dominican University. They left me with several questions in mind, such as: Where are our environmentally active youth? Where are the programs rearing our next generation toward more sustainable and resilient lifestyles? What can we do to help spread *concientización*?

I am excited to announce that Stewards has partnered with the non-profit Raizes Collective to organize the first annual Youth Camping Summit this July. This 4 day 3 night campout experience will allow 25-30 youth to be exposed to outdoor recreation receive educational workshop on environmental literacy and public policy issues, as well as an opportunity to participate in art-focused empowerment activities. Our goal is to inspire youth to be the next environmental leaders and catalysts in their communities.

Resilience is something admirable in nature itself. Survival of the fittest is almost a self-proclaimed law. Sonoma County has a rich history of environmental resilience. Armstrong Redwoods alone stands 1000+ years strong. Our vision is to cultivate a generation who is just as resilient as the drought resistant seed, the dessert cacti, the ancient ferns, or the majestic redwood giants. We strive to nurture values of environmental awareness and a passion for environmental justice that will ripple through the generations to come.

UPCOMING ORIENTATIONS, TRAININGS & SEMINARS

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED - To register use our Online Reservation Form at www.stewardscr.org

For more information contact: sequoia@stewardscr.org, jazzy@stewardscr.org or call (707) 869-9177 ext. 1#.

Members receive a 20% discount where fee applies



Armstrong Redwoods Guide Training Thursday, March 10, 9 AM - 1 PM **FREE**

Learn to share redwood ecology with tour groups, park visitors and school groups.

Tracking: Seeing Patterns on a Landscape Saturday, March 12, 9 AM - 3 PM

Join in as Meghan Walla-Murphy shares the discipline and mechanics of tracking. **\$20**

Forest Therapy in Sonoma Coast State Park Saturday, March 19, 10 AM - 1 PM

Explore how to support your overall well-being through intentional sensory immersion in nature. **\$20**

Redwood Education with Mike Roa Saturday, March 26, 10 AM - 1 PM

Interdisciplinary workshop providing knowledge, skills & resources for teaching redwood ecology. **\$20**

Geology of Sonoma Coast Saturday, April 2, 9 AM - 3 PM

Learn about unique geological formations, history, and plate tectonics along the Sonoma Coast. **\$20**

Pinniped Monitoring Program - Orientation Tuesday, April 5, 10 AM - 12 PM **FREE** **- Site Visit & Training** Wednesday, April 6, 10 AM - 12 PM **FREE**

Collect data to ensure the protection of harbor seals during Russian River estuary activities as they pertain to mandated work required by the Sonoma County Water Agency for the Biological Opinion.

Edible and Medicinal Plants of Austin Creek Saturday, April 9, 10 AM - 1 PM

Explore the abundance of food and medicine that grows all around you! **\$20**

Archaeology and History of Sonoma Coast Saturday, April 23, 9 AM - 2 PM

Guided stroll through Armstrong Redwoods. Open your senses to the natural world around you! **\$20**

Jenner Visitor Center Orientation Saturday, April 30, 10 AM - 12 PM **FREE**

Interact and inspire visitors from all over the world at our center on the Russian River estuary!

The Legacy of Pond Farm Potter Saturday, May 7, 1 PM - 4 PM

Discover the inspiring story of Marguerite Wildenhain, an internationally renowned Bauhaus potter. **\$20**

Cultural History of the Lower Russian River Saturday, May 14, 1 PM - 4 PM

Unearth the stories of the inhabitants of this land, from the Kashaya Pomo to present. **\$20**

Introduction to the Coastal Prairie Saturday, May 21, 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Unearth the stories of the inhabitants of this land, from the Kashaya Pomo to present. **\$20**

Birding on the Sonoma Coast Saturday, May 28, 9 AM - 12 PM

Explore birds of the Sonoma Coast, learn about gulls, grebes, loons, murrets and more! **\$20**

Harbor Seal Viewing by Kayak Saturday, June 4, 9 AM - 12:30 PM

View harbor seals safely, as you glide across the waters of Jenner at the Russian River estuary. **\$20**

From Exploitation to Stewardship Saturday, June 11, 10 AM - 12 PM

Explore hopeful developments & continuing tensions between forestry & timber companies. **\$20**



2016 Whale Watch began in January and will run through the end of May. FREE

Volunteer Opportunities

Call the Stewards office:
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WILD FLOWER ECOADVENTURES

El Niño rains have arrived, mushrooms and wildflowers emerge daily, and our staff are in full-swing planning a variety of community education seminars and volunteer orientations and trainings!

Being a Steward is not just caring about the environment; it is so much more! Our volunteers have the power to inspire every person who visits our Parks, be it through interaction at our Visitors' Centers, or sharing the mystery and thrill of venturing inside a goose pen on a docent-guided redwood hike. We invest in our docents and the community at large because volunteers make us great! Not only is it our responsibility to develop and contribute to an eco-literate society, it's our passion! Stewards brings people together, forges friendships, shares scientific and ancestral knowledge, and proudly offers a variety of programs that appeal to varied audiences. For this reason, we recruit new supporters from all walks of life by offering recurring General Volunteer in Parks (VIP) Orientations, as well as tailored Seminars and EcoAdventures!

Along with old favorites, we continue to expand our offerings for 2016! This spring, Stewards enlisted Peter Warner and Laura Morgan, two floral experts, to guide our Wildflower EcoAdventure Hikes, which will highlight the beauty of meandering creekside and coastal trails, and provide opportunities to observe and appreciate the abundant flowering plants that brighten Austin Creek SRA and Sonoma Coast SP.

Peter Warner, former National and State Parks employee, worked in urban forestry/landscaping and as an ecological consultant. Peter has taught several botanically oriented classes and workshops, and organized hundreds of trips throughout California and beyond to explore ecological diversity.

Laura Morgan, MD, is the author of *Three Jewels: A Field Guide to Three West Sonoma County Trail Systems*. Laura will be happy to autograph copies of her book, which is available for purchase at the Armstrong and Jenner Visitor Centers and through our online E-Store (\$16.95 + tax/shipping, 20% discount for members). Laura can also bring copies to her hikes (must reserve in advance by calling (707) 869-9177 x 1#).

Note: Hikes will be oriented towards all ages and experience levels. However, participants should be in good physical shape – able to hike at a leisurely pace and carry fluids/picnic lunch. Sorry, no dogs. There will be a \$10 Fee (\$8 for members) for all hikes. Register early! Maximum 20 hikers per hike:

Wildflower Hike in Austin Creek (Peter Warner)

Sunday, March 27th, 9 am – 5 pm *Easter Sunday

Meet at the Armstrong Visitor Center Parking Lot to arrange carpools

Discover Austin Creek's marvelous plant and animal sanctuaries of seldom-seen beauty and delight! Hike through grassland, oak woodland, Douglas-fir forest, and perhaps serpentine chaparral. Digital plant list will be provided upon registration.

Austin Creek Wonders for Intrepid Hikers (Laura Morgan)

Sunday, April 3, 8 am – 4 pm

Meet at the Armstrong Visitor Center Parking Lot to arrange carpools

Spectacular hike with some bouldering down East Austin Creek. 7 miles, over 2000 feet of elevation change, on a rough trail to the creek and surrounding forest.

Civilized Adventures on the Coastal Prairie (Laura Morgan)

Sunday, May 1, 9 am – 3 pm

Meet at the Wright's Beach turn-out at the top of the road (just off Hwy 1), NOT at the campground lot. This 7-9 mile out-and-back along the Kortum Trail will be flush with coastal wildflowers, small beaches, and geologic wonders.

2015 was a great year, and we believe 2016 could be even better! We invite everyone to check out our website and register for these great opportunities at www.stewardscr.org. You can also learn more about upcoming programs and events by signing up for our E-newsletter or following us on Facebook!



Wildflowers by Kevin O'Connor

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Your Gift to the Future of State Park Preservation

With your help, future generations will enjoy the State Parks in the Russian River District, including education and stewardship programs supported by Stewards. A gift to Stewards is a rewarding form of giving from your estate. There are several types of charitable bequests by will (or beneficiary designation).

Sample:

I hereby give and bequeath to Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods, a nonprofit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of California, with a principal address at P.O. Box 2, Duncans Mills, CA 95430, _____ percent of my estate, (or) the sum of _____ dollars, (or) the following assets _____, Tax ID # _____ provided upon request. Contact your legal advisor for further information. There are also other planned giving options for your consideration.