

Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods

Preservation through Education and Restoration in
Russian River Sector State Parks

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Our new home: Grand Opening October 16, 2004: Annual Membership Meeting & Picnic

On August 11th, the Armstrong Trail Crew once again came through to move Stewards to our newly renovated offices and Volunteer Center. It is absolutely amazing what has happened to the old CCC building in the past two years. From the magnificent redwood ceiling in the conference room, the kitchenette, large accessible restroom to the wonderful roomy office space for Stewards, it all turned out very nice. We are thrilled to have a home again, and glad we can now settle in knowing there will not be another interruption in our busy schedule.

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made this project happen, especially Rick Royer who submitted the original proposal and babysat the project from start to finish. He advocated strongly for keeping the project for Stewards and the Volunteer in Parks program, for which we are very grateful. I also want to thank Roy McNamee, John McKinney and all the folks from the Direct Construction Unit who had a part in creating such a wonderful home for Stewards and our State Park volunteers.

We can't wait for you all to come visit us and we hope that many of you will attend the Grand Opening, which will take place at our Annual Membership Meeting and Picnic on October 16, 2004.

Membership Meeting, Grand Opening Ceremony, Potluck Picnic, Meeting and Raffle

We invite you all to attend this annual event, which will take place at Armstrong Redwoods in the group picnic area. A docent-led walk will leave the picnic area at 10 am and end at the new Volunteer Center where there will be a grand opening ceremony at 11:30 am. The Potluck Picnic will begin at Noon and Stewards will provide plates, utensils, and beverages, including sodas, wine, and beer, which has been donated by many generous wineries and Lagunitas Brewery. At about 12:45 a short membership meeting will take place including the election of board members. We also expect some of our legislative representatives to attend and say a few words. Finally, the annual raffle will take place to conclude the event.

Special Notice to Volunteer who are not Members of Stewards

Volunteer who are not members of Stewards are receiving a **complimentary issue** of our quarterly newsletter in hopes that you will join Stewards and help support our efforts to provide quality interpretation and funding for State Park preservation programs. **As a special offer your membership will not expire until Feb. 1, 2006.**

Mission Statement

Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods (Stewards) works in partnership with California State Parks to protect and interpret the natural and cultural resources of the Russian River Sector of the North Bay District.

CA State Parks Supported

*Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve/Austin Creek State Recreation Area
Sonoma Coast State Beach
Willow Creek Watershed*

Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Hike, Paddle or Ride for State Parks
September 11-19, 2004 - See page 7 for details
Russian River Celebration
September 11-19, 2004, www.russianrivercelebration.org
California Coastal Cleanup, www.watertowaves.sonic.net
September 18, 2004
Russian River Cleanup, www.russianrivercleanup.org
September 25, 2004
Annual Membership Meeting & Picnic (Grand Opening)
October 16, 2004
10am: Walk, 11:30am: Grand Opening Ceremony,
Noon: Picnic, 12:45: Meeting & Raffle
Annual Volunteer Celebration
December 3, 2004, 6-7pm Cocktails, 7pm -Dinner
Details to come.

**Call Stewards for information.
707-869-9177**

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Michele Luna, Executive Director



I can't believe how quickly this summer has slipped on by. Being that we were out in Jenner for most of the season we experienced lots of cool breezy days. We also were lucky to see many incredible sightings of wildlife. In fact, the day we moved there were six river otter playing outside the Visitor Center in the estuary! We will miss Jenner, however we are blessed to have such a beautiful new office space amongst our treasured redwoods.

The Eco-Ring

I have kept very busy with our new projects. On August 3rd, Stewards and the Russian River Chamber of Commerce launched the Eco-Ring. This innovative partnership blends businesses with environmental programs with the intent to develop a new tourism strategy in our community, which will result in economic stability and environmental responsibility. We envision that the program will revitalize our fragile economy and engage our residents, businesses and visitors in a stewardship relationship with our environment. Stewards will be assisting this effort by educating residents about natural resource issues and promoting our programs as Eco-Adventures that can be enjoyed by residents as well as tourists. We will also be helping to compile a list of all the Eco-Adventures offered by other community groups. The Eco-Ring made a presentation to the Russian River Redevelopment Oversight Committee on August 19th and hopes to hear that the proposal will receive funding on September 16th. We would love to have any of you attend the meeting to offer your support. This program has great potential for Stewards in being able to book our environmental programs online. This means that state park visitors can not only book their hotel and dinner reservations from home but also find out about our Whale Watch, Seal Watch, and tidepool programs and let us know they are coming. They will even be able to make a tax-deductible donation to our organization in support of our programs in this way. I think this is an exciting way for us to spread our stewardship message and also increase our support.

New Osprey Circle

As many of you know, we have also launched our new Osprey Circle donor program. I am very pleased to tell you that we have four new Osprey Circle members who have given \$500 to Stewards in 2004, and we look forward to adding more of you to our circle of special donors. As an Osprey Circle member your name will be added to one of the new donor plaques we are constructing for either the Armstrong Visitor Center or the Jenner Visitor Center. You also may designate your contribution for one of our new funds, the Volunteers in Parks Fund, Public Education and Outreach Fund, Habitat Preservation and Restoration Fund, or our General Operating Fund. Many of you have been contributing to our efforts throughout the year with your membership and/or by supporting our fund raising efforts, and you may be very close to becoming an Osprey Circle member. We would be very happy to let you know what your total contribution amount is for the year so you can add to it and join our special circle of friends. Just call the Stewards office and any one of us can assist you.

New Stewards Polo Shirts

Natural with green embroidered pocket logo with our name around it.

***Special Pricing for
Members and Volunteers***
\$20 for S - XL
\$22 for 2XL

New State Park Resale Items

State Park Lapel Pin (4-Color) \$4.00
State Park logo travel mug (Blue) \$8.00
State Park logo fanny pack (blue) \$18.00
State Park Hat \$12.00
I love California State Parks shirts
M - L - XL - 2XL \$16.00

*The above pricing is special for Members,
Volunteers, and Park Staff.*

***Call the office to order or visit one of our
Visitor Centers. (707) 869-9177***

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEER CENTER RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (RSVP)

Stewards is very appreciative to the Volunteer Center of Sonoma County's Retired Senior Volunteer Program for all their help in stuffing envelopes for our mailings. In April they stuffed 10,000 envelopes for the Duck Race mailing and in July they stuffed 5,000 envelopes for our Hike, Paddle or Ride mailing. This group of dedicated volunteers works very hard supporting many nonprofit organizations in Sonoma County in similar ways. Their contribution saved Stewards lots of time and money.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ann Chambers, Stewards Board President

I am sure others are mentioning things about being in the new building, but—it is simply wonderful for Stewards to be moved in, (a huge "THANKS!" to the trail crew for their help with that!) with brand new carpets, fresh paint smell, lots of good office and meeting space. I can't say enough about how well Parks has renovated the building. The redwood touches, some original beams showing, lots of windows and lots of meeting space and storage! How sweet it is.

The first Stewards Board meeting there was last week, and I think that we were all in an enhanced frame of mind, driving to the back of Armstrong through the huge redwoods, and looking out the windows during the meeting—well, I hope the board mostly paid attention to the business at hand. I feel like Stewards is home.

I also want to take this opportunity to introduce two of our newest board members, **Judy Peterson and Rich Draffin**. Both come to Stewards with a good financial background. Judy is very interested in the health of the Russian River and knowledgeable about the programs we support. Rich is a long-time Whale Watcher and we are very pleased to have a representative from Whale Watch on the board again. Both were appointed in the past few months and will be elected for three year terms at our membership meeting in October. If anyone is interested in joining the board please contact Michele at the Stewards office.

We have some openings.

Volunteer Recognition Changes

Beginning this year, State Parks will be taking over the responsibility for volunteer recognition. As per DPR policy it is an important function of the State Park Volunteers in Parks Program. While Stewards will still contribute financially to this effort, we will no longer be involved in the planning of volunteer recognition events. This year, Stewards will still support the Volunteer Celebration, which will be an event to celebrate the end of the season for the programs we support on Sonoma Coast State Beach and at Armstrong Redwoods and will not include volunteer awards.

Sometime in 2005 DPR will plan a volunteer recognition event for all the volunteers in the Russian River Sector. We look forward to hearing more about this upcoming event. We are also thankful that DPR recognizes Stewards' need to thank the State Park volunteers we support with our annual celebration event that has been enjoyed in the past few years.

Volunteer Celebration 2004

Save the Date

Friday, December 3, 2004, 6pm

A special occasion to celebrate the end of another successful volunteer season and mingle and share your experiences with fellow State Park volunteers from Sonoma Coast and Armstrong Redwoods.

Beverages, Appetizers, and Dinner provided by
Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods

Details to follow

Donors to date: Lagunitas Brewery, Rodney Strong Vineyards, Dry Creek Vineyards, Chateau Souverain, Korbel Champagne Cellars, Clos du Bois, Martin Ray Winery, and Quivira Vineyards



WISH LIST

*Carpeting for the Jenner
Visitor Center
Spotting Scopes, Tripods
Binoculars
Laptop Computer
Data Projector
Digital Video Camera
Two drawer file cabinet*

RAFFLE DONORS & SPONSORS Golf Tournament

Raffle Donors

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Sonoma County Fish and
Wildlife Commission
Russian River Community
Trust

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Osprey Circle Members

\$500 or more
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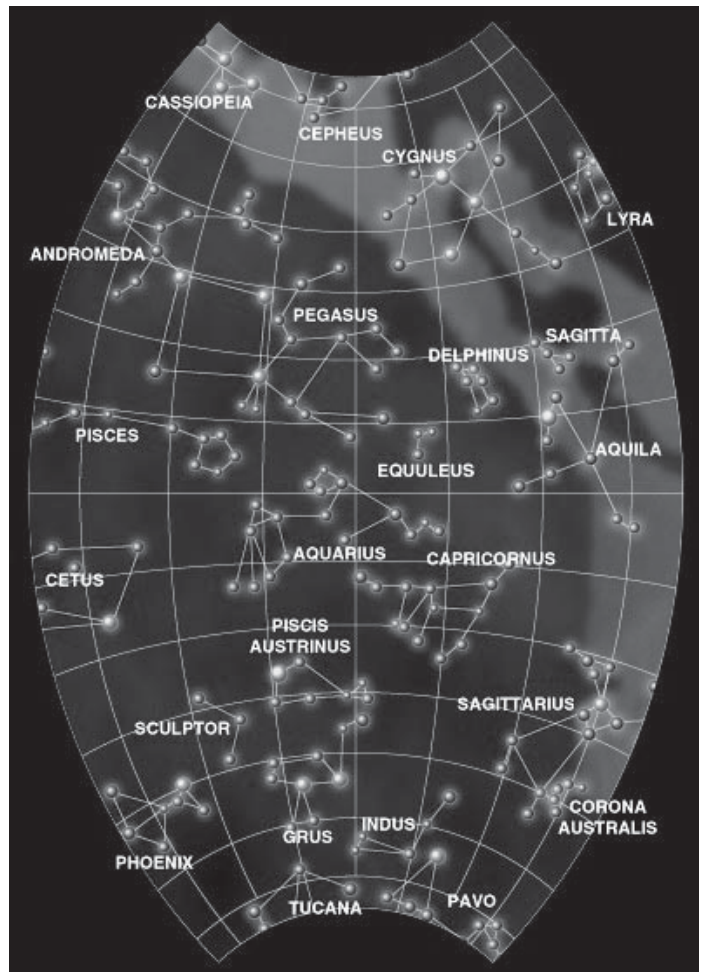
Ranger Jason Smith

The next couple of months should be a treat to astronomy fans and those who are awestruck at the vast expanses of the universe. Several planets and a couple comets will be visible to stargazers during the next few months. Uranus and Neptune can be seen with binoculars near midnight due south. Saturn and Venus pair up in the eastern morning sky. The stars Castor and Pollux will be nearby. Mercury can be seen very brightly for the first half of September near the Moon's crescent. On September 22nd autumnal equinox occurs at 9:30 pm. As darkness falls in the western skies look for Comet K4 (LINEAR) with a pair of binoculars. Also, Comet Q4 (NEAT) is visible looking north just above the horizon. Now that I've got you interested, it's time to test your IQ about space. If these are too easy, wait until the next Stewards newsletter.

Questions

1. Who was the first human to walk on the surface of the moon?
2. What was the name of the first artificial satellite to orbit the Earth?
3. What is the largest planet in our Solar System?
4. What is the event called when the Moon passes directly between the Sun and the Earth and casts a shadow on the Earth's surface?
5. Which country sent the first human into space?
6. What does NASA stand for?
7. From which state are the Space Shuttles launched?
8. Name the first Space Shuttle that traveled to Earth's orbit?
9. Which came first: the Apollo program or the Gemini program?
10. Which planet is known as the Red Planet?
11. Is Cassiopeia the name of a constellation, a nebula, or a star?
12. About how fast does the Space Shuttle travel on orbit?
13. Who became the only person to hit a golf ball on the Moon?
14. Name a country other than the United States that is building part of the International Space Station.
15. What do you call a rock that enters Earth's atmosphere from outer space and reaches the ground?
16. What is the closest planet to the Sun?
17. What do you call the pulling force that keeps us on the surface of the Earth?
18. What is the name of the Galaxy in which we live?
19. What is the name of the rocket that launched the astronauts to the Moon?
20. Where did the Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo spacecraft land when they returned to Earth?

Answers on Page 5

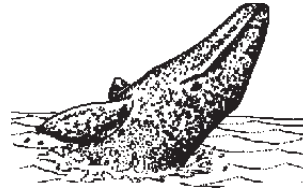


WHALE WATCH

Bea Brunn, Whale Mother

This, as usual is the quiet time for our Whale Watch program - a well deserved rest for all our volunteers after the fantastic end to the northward migration of our gray whales this spring.

Hope everyone is having a good summer and gaining strength for our upcoming season. I look forward to seeing all our faithful "old-timers" and lots of newcomers at our orientation meeting on November 13th. You will be properly notified in time.



Whale Watches at Bodega Head assisting the public in viewing the annual migration.

Answers from Page 4.

1. American astronaut Neil Armstrong
2. The Soviet Union satellite Sputnik
3. Jupiter
4. Solar eclipse
5. The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR)
6. National Aeronautics and Space Administration
7. Florida
8. Columbia
9. Gemini
10. Mars
11. Constellation
12. About 17,600 miles per hour
13. Alan Shepard on Apollo 14
14. Canada, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Japan, Russia, Brazil
15. Meteorite
16. Mercury
17. Gravity
18. Milky Way Galaxy
19. Saturn V
20. They landed in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

How to Volunteer for VIP Programs

Call the Stewards office at 869-9177 or email, volparks@mcn.org

Program Activities

Armstrong Redwoods

- Visitor Center Staffing
- Nature Walks
- School Program
- Trail Maintenance
- Habitat Restoration Project
- Pond Farm Interest Group

Sonoma Cst State Beach

- Visitor Center Staffing
- Seal Watch
- Whale Watch
- Tidepool Program
- Watershed Program

Other Projects

- Recycling & Firewood
- Office Help & Events

Volunteer Program Coordinators

- Joyce Bacci, ARVC
- Lanny Keyston, AR Trails
- Skaidra Smith-Heisters, AR Restoration
- Laura Parent, Pond Farm
- VACANT, Jenner VC
- Bob Caricato, Seal Watch
- Bea Brunn, Whale Watch
- John Cole, Recycling
- Ginny LaVine Barrera, Willow Creek Education
- Rob Dickerson, CAT
- The Sorensons, Marine Debris
- Sandy Horn, Tidepool Prog.
- Bill Chambers, Tidepool Roving

State Park Volunteer Coordinators

- Ranger John Kolsrud, Armstrong/Austin Creek
- Ranger Jason Smith, Sonoma Coast State Beach

**NEW MEMBERS IN
2004**

Business \$100

Bill Crane

Fred Euphrat

Supporting \$100

Peggy & Churchill Colburn

Harold Hahn & Tania

Amochaev

Marcia Muller

Contributing \$50

Barbara Biebush

Terry Dale

John & Mary Enriken

Rita Evans

Alan Kay

Charles and Elvira Lavell

Barry Moon

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Leiderman

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Family

Mary Abbott

Adams Family

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Michael & Claudia Berger

Diane and Michael

Caruana

Marilyn Cannon & Leslie

Markham

Joyce Carlson

Rosemund Crownover

Susan and Tiburcio

Gonzalez

Valerie Hanelt & Hans

Hickenlooper

Ayris Hatton

Anne Hill

Don & Marilyn Hoard

Susan Jungfrau & Joan

Langfeld

Susan Miranda

Nadenia Newkirk

Janet and Carter Partain

Herbert and Bette Riess

Joel & Phil Slaton

Temple & June Smith

Keary & Sally Sorenson

Martin & Susan Tierney

Frances Tyrnauer

Ted & Nancy Waldman

Stewards Annual Membership Meeting Saturday, October 16, 2004

Come join us at:

Armstrong Redwoods Group Picnic Area

- 10:00 Hike at Armstrong with one our docent Lanny Keyston, meet in the picnic area
- 11:30 Grand Opening Ceremony - Volunteer Center/Stewards Office
- 12:00 Potluck Picnic - **Bring a dish to share**
- 12:45 Annual Meeting, Talks by Legislative Representatives
Stewards Board Member Election **Don't forget your ballot!**

All Stewards members, DPR staff, volunteers, friends and families are invited to attend .

Followed by: *Steward's* Annual Raffle

Win:

- A Grand Prize Package - Includes a \$150 Club Raven 3 month membership donated by Ravenswood Winery plus more... value will be at least \$500.
- A table for eight at Paradise Ridge Winery - Value \$50
- Wine Baskets
- Gift Certificates **and much more...**

Watch for the mailing later this month.

Donors include: Lagunitas Brewery, Rodney Strong Vineyards, Dry Creek Vineyards, Chateau Souverain, Korbel Champagne Cellars, Clos du Bois, Martin Ray, Quivira Vineyards, Bay Nature, Windsor Golf Club, and Bodega Harbour Golf Links

**Stewards will provide beverages, eating utensils and paper plates.
For more information call the Stewards office, (707) 869-9177 or email
stewards@mcn.org**

Hike, Paddle, and Ride for State Parks

September 11-19, 2004 - Naturalist Events to support Stewards



Sat., Sept. 11, 2004

9:00am

Russian River Paddle from Jenner (Easy-Moderate), Add'l \$30/person for kayak rental. View numerous water fowl, river otters, harbor seals, blue heron and osprey nesting areas. Paddle the estuary and/or to and from nesting areas and back.

Sun., Sept. 12, 2004

9:00am-10:30am

Armstrong Redwoods Grove Hike (Easy) 1.5 mile walk through Sonoma County's old growth redwood giants. Come experience the Armstrong and Icicle trees in their native habitat at Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve. Meet in the front parking lot.

8:30am-12:30am

Willow Creek Mountain Bike Ride (Strenuous) Meet in Duncans Mills for an invigorating ride up to 1400 feet and enjoy views of the Willow Creek watershed. Bring water and helmet.

Wed., Sept. 15, 2004

11:00am-2:00pm

Armstrong Equestrian Ride (Moderate) Pool Ridge Trail ride through the redwoods, oak woodlands and up to an expansive ridgetop view. Call for details. Add'l \$60 for horse rental required.

Sat, Sept. 18, 2004

10:00am-1:00pm

Willow Creek Watershed Hike (Easy) Meet on Willow Creek Road in Jenner by first bridge and enjoy a leisurely hike from 1st bridge to 3rd bridge and back again. Learn about the efforts to restore this significant watershed as a viable fishery again. Bring a snack and water.

2:00am-4:30pm

Armstrong Equestrian Ride (Moderate) Pool Ridge Trail ride through the redwoods, oak woodlands and up to an expansive ridgetop view. Call for details. Add'l \$60 for horse rental required.

Sun., Sept. 19, 2004

9:00 -11:30am

Coastal Trail Mammoth Rocks Hike (Easy) Meet at Shell Beach on Sonoma Coast State Beach for a wonderful hike along the Kortum trail to the mammoth rocks. Learn about this fascinating archeological find.

Noon to 3:00pm

Sonoma Coast Red Hill Hike (Strenuous) Join Stewards' naturalists for a hike up to Red Hill. Learn about the flora, fauna and enjoy spectacular coastal views. Meet at the Shell Beach parking lot.

Registration forms available by phone (707) 869-9177, email stewards@mcn.org, or on our website, www.stewardsofthecoastandredwoods.org

One event \$15 donation/person, Two events \$25/person, Three events \$35/person

Registration donation includes a special thank you gift.

For participants who choose to collect pledges there will be chances to win a kayak donated by Watermark or an overnight stay at Camp Tacoma plus other great prizes!



Board Member, Kathie Lowrey and Dick Stringall paddle the Russian River during Stewards' Hike Paddle or Ride event last year.

Individual

Tom Banks
Theresa Carroll
Anthony Copioli
Sharon Curry
Juanita Davidson
Gerda Dinwiddie
Claire Eschelbach
Judith Franchi
Kate Gajda
Anil Gangolli
Bill Gottlieb
Carol Hart
Alvar Larson
Helen Meistrich
Susan Pappan
Richard & Jennifer Palmer
Diana & Roger Rhoten
Elizabeth Sample
Janice Stenger
Kathryn Swafford
Roland & Adam Wiebe
Adele Wikner
Katherine Wylie

Seniors/Students

Sandy Bush
Valerie Byrd
Bob Cortelyou
Linda Fisher
Joan Grosser
Roselyn Hendy
Thelma Jorgensen
Walter & Mildred Magnuson
Roger & Marilyn Maslin
Shirley McDonald
Louise Morrison
Jean O'Donnell
Mert Preston
Gloria Joan Rogers
Phyllis Schmitt
Norma Sonosky
Barry Stinemates
Loralyn Wagner
Elaine Welke

Stewards members receive this quarterly newsletter with information about Sector parks, special events for members and opportunities for volunteering. Members are also entitled to discounts on purchases at Stewards run visitor centers and at special events.

VIP docents earn annual day-use passes.

Give a **GIFT MEMBERSHIP** to Stewards to a relative or friend.

Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods

Membership Form

Renewal

YES, I'd like to become a member.

- Senior/Student \$15.00
 Individual \$20.00
 Family \$25.00
 Contributing \$50.00
 Supporting \$100.00
 Business \$100.00
 Patron \$200.00 plus
 Osprey Circle \$500.00 plus

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I'd like to help with an additional donation of \$_____

Payment type: Check Charge Card Visa MC Total tax deductible donation \$_____

Make check payable to Stewards. Account # _____ Exp. Date _____

Annual Renewal Date: February 1 Signature: _____

Bequests

Your Gift to the Future of State Park Volunteerism

With your help future generations will enjoy quality interpretation through "Volunteers in Parks" programs for many years to come. A gift to Stewards is the simplest form of giving from your estate. There are several types of charitable bequests by will (or beneficiary designation).

Sample:

I hereby give and bequest 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 221, Duncans Mills, CA 95430, _____ percent of my estate, (or) the sum of _____ dollars, (or) the following assets _____.

Contact your legal advisor for further information. There are also other planned giving options for your consideration.

For Information on contributing to Stewards' **Endowment for the Armstrong Restoration Project** please contact Michele Luna at the Stewards Office (707) 869-9177.

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