

Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods

Preservation through Education and Restoration in
Russian River Sector State Parks

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Nurturing, growth, & transitions

Michele Luna, Executive Director

As I complete my tenth year with Stewards, I find myself contemplating the accomplishments we have achieved together, and how much I appreciate the opportunity I have had to work with such dedicated people, both volunteers and State Park staff. For me it has been a journey of learning and personal growth. When I first came to Stewards in 1994, I didn't think of myself as a proactive environmental advocate. I had been working for years in the field of social service, nurturing families through the amazing journey of childbirth. I now find myself transitioning into a new awareness that nurturing our environment and helping Stewards grow as an organization has some similarities, and I can definitely identify with being someone who is passionate about protecting our natural resources as well as the programs we support.

In the past ten years we have given birth and nurtured many new programs within our State Parks, including the Jenner Visitor Center, the Armstrong Habitat Restoration Project, the Willow Creek Education program, Citizen Action Team, and two Tide Pool programs. In addition, we have raised over \$300,000 for watershed restoration projects as a way to rebirth the land that has been affected by past land-use practices. We have also supported hundreds of volunteers who have participated in our programs for many years.

Stewards as an organization has gone through many transitions as well. The Board of Directors has gone from infancy, through adolescence, and is now taking on a new level of leadership as they approach adulthood. They are taking on more responsibility for fund-raising, policy-making, and strategic decisions for the organization. All this means that my role is shifting. I can let go of being in the intense nurturing role of a mother and move into the role of someone who nurtures in more of an advisory capacity. I don't have to carry so much of the burden on my shoulders, as the Board is now sharing this responsibility. I am proud to say that Stewards is a healthy, functioning organization. In the coming year I am looking forward to nurturing our new Eco-tourism program through its infancy and achieving other organization goals as we move through the next transitions ahead. I wish you and your families a wonderful, safe, and spiritual holiday season.

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.

State Parks Supported

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

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VOLUNTEER HOURS DUE

Volunteers and Docents are reminded that it's time to get your volunteer hours into the Stewards office if you want a park pass for the calendar year 2005. A sector-wide pass is issued for volunteering a minimum of 16 hours, and a state-wide pass is issued for a minimum of 200 hours. A form is included with this newsletter and they are also available by emailing volparks@mcn.org, or by calling the Stewards office.

NEWSLETTER CORRECTION

I noticed some time ago that the Volume and Number of the newsletters were not correct. I finally took the time to investigate this mistake, which occurred in 1997. **Volume** should correspond to the year and **Number** should correspond to the issue for the year. With this newsletter, I have made a correction since we are finishing our 19th year and this is the 4th issue of the year. Next year we turn 20!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2005 Docent/Volunteer Training Season
Call for Location and Time

SEAL WATCH

February 12, 2005

WILLOW CREEK WATERSHED AND EDUCATION

March 12, 2005

ARMSTRONG GENERAL ORIENTATION

March 19, 2005

ARMSTRONG TRAINING

Interpretation with Children, April 2, 2005

Docent Tour Guide Training, April 16, 2005

TIDE POOL EDUCATION AND ROVING DOCENT

April 9, 2005

JENNER VISITOR CENTER

May 7, 2005

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ann Chambers, Board President



Holiday Greetings to everyone—I hope you all have a good year's end and will greet the New Year and its challenges with joy!

In planning for the new year, the Board of Stewards has been quite active, above and beyond regular meetings. We saw many of you at the Annual Meeting (thank you for coming and participating). For those who were unable to attend, among other bits of news, we announced that Parks and Stewards are developing a closer relationship, with Parks (NEW!) assuming responsibility for docent training. True, 2005 will be a collaborative effort on the trainings—no use completely redoing something that has worked well—but Parks will be taking the lead. This is something that has been happening in other Park/Cooperating Association relationships, and it seems to me to be a positive step.

Also, there is now a formal delineation of duties, relationships, and responsibilities in the many tasks undertaken by the two organizations, acceptable to both. Our Executive Director, thanks to many years experience, was able to distill this into a chart that lays out quite clearly and concisely who is responsible for what, so there should be no blurred boundaries. Good job, Michele!

The annual Board Retreat was quite painless—in fact, we had fun! Heavy issues became much lighter with a lovely location (Bill Dickinson's home), good food and drink, and breaks for physical and mental exercises every 30 minutes. We left with a PLAN for the coming year, after much evaluation of the things accomplished in 2004 and a soul-searching session on “where do we want to go and how do we get there without totally wearing out our Executive Director, staff, and Board members?” (not to mention the many, many volunteers) I really like the plan, and I came away invigorated and looking forward to working with the Board in the coming year.

We also had an after-the-retreat reception that included Program Coordinators, DPR staff and their spouses, those poor souls who stay home and suffer alone while we are working our fingers to the bone for Stewards. All kidding aside, it was nice to get to know the “other half” of the team.

If any of you have comments, concerns, encouragement, or anything that you would like to communicate to the Board, I am easily reachable by email at sebastapple@neteze.com. Talk to me!

Wildflower of the Season

*Fetid Adders Tongue, *Scoliopus bigelovii**

Norman Hill, Docent

In late January and February, in dark damp places, a plant with delicate, easily missed flowers and a terrible sounding name: Fetid Adders Tongue (*Scoliopus bigelovii*) blooms. The small, purple and green or purple and white flowers are on long, limp stems coming out of wide, green leaves with brown spots. A member of the lily family, its flowers have three petals and three sepals. The plants can be reliably found at Armstrong Redwoods on the south edge of the Forest Theater, or in the swales on the south side of the trail from the Picnic Area to East Ridge, just up from the east parking lot. Last season they were seen in abundance on a hillside on the east side of Armstrong Woods Road, a short distance north of the kiosk. Its unpleasant odor has been described as similar to that of a wet dog. See if you can find them.



CAL REPORT

Dave Horvitz, Cooperating Association Liaison

The year 2004 has sped by quickly and is rapidly coming to a close. This year has been especially productive for the Department of Parks and Recreation and Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods. Each organization has weathered operational changes and less-than-desirable financial conditions. Each organization has rebounded back to excellent positions, operations, flexibility, enthusiasm, and service. New projects, ideas, and energy abound. Although 2005 may bring about additional challenges, we should make outstanding progress in achieving our goals.

One change that has occurred is that park staff will now be transitioning to a more active role in volunteer trainings. Upcoming trainings will be similar to past years. Park staff will participate in logistical planning and will be more active during the actual trainings themselves. Stewards will be contributing financial and office staff support by assisting in the numerous details and duties that are required to produce a high quality training program.

Volunteer training involves much behind the scenes effort, planning, and coordination. Sharing the workload means more time and energy will be available to enhance the actual trainings. This should evolve to incorporate more information and interpretive techniques. One benefit is that interpretive volunteers will now be classified as "docents." The term "docent" implies that an individual has achieved a high degree of proficiency and elevates the status of all our interpretive programs.

Another change is that, beginning in 2005, DPR staff will take the lead role for coordinating a sector-wide volunteer appreciation event. Similar to volunteer trainings, the appreciation event entails a high degree of planning and coordinating. With this transition in mind, DPR participated in a small scale, informal appreciation event in 2004 at Fort Ross SHP during the mini Cultural Heritage Day. Fort Ross offers a good setting with suitable facilities, beaches and forests to explore before and after the event. Some volunteers chose to camp within the Fort compound, quite an experience.

A larger more grandiose appreciation event will occur sometime in 2005. This event will take place outdoors in one of our parks. The date, time, and location have yet to be finalized. This will provide a great opportunity for volunteers to attend two wonderful events each year, the winter Volunteer Celebration, sponsored by Stewards, and the Volunteer Appreciation in 2005, sponsored by DPR. I look forward to seeing many of you at both events.

These changes will lighten some of the duties that Stewards has previously been tasked with and have performed with exceptional success and skill. This will allow the Stewards staff to concentrate more effort on the strategic goals of the organization in 2005.

After the holiday rush is over, keep in mind that the Bay Area Environmental Educators Resource Fair (BAEER Fair) will be upon us. If you have never gone to the BAEER Fair this is your chance to attend. The fair will be held at the Marin Civic Center on Saturday, January 29, 2005, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This is one of the best Bay Area events to gain new ideas, information, material, and contacts for interpretation. Seminars on a variety of subjects are available throughout the day. There will be a wide array of organizations and agencies all with free information. If you would like new ideas and material to spice up your interpretive presentations, this is the event for you. General admission is \$7.00 for more information call (510) 657-4847.

Next time you are at Armstrong Redwoods be sure to stop by and see the newly opened Volunteer Center beyond the picnic area next to the maintenance shop. This building contains offices for Stewards and DPR maintenance staff along with space for meetings and trainings. This is the facility that was renovated by the State of California construction staff. They did a great job of providing us with a much needed facility.

I would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season and a prosperous new year.



Volunteer Celebration 2004

This year's Volunteer Celebration was another wonderful event with about 100 volunteers, Stewards staff, and State Park staff in attendance. The delicious squash lasagna was prepared by Al a Heart Catering in Santa Rosa. (They said they would give us the recipe so let us know if you want it.) Again, the El Molino High School Culinary Arts Department did a superb job of serving fabulous appetizers and desserts. We really appreciate their annual contribution. The wine and beer was donated by various wineries and Lagunitas Brewery and everyone had a great time socializing, watching the slide show, and bidding on great auction items. The auction netted Stewards about \$800, thanks to everyone who contributed. The highlight of the evening was when volunteers got up and shared their stories with enthusiasm and excitement. Thanks to everyone for making this such a fun event!

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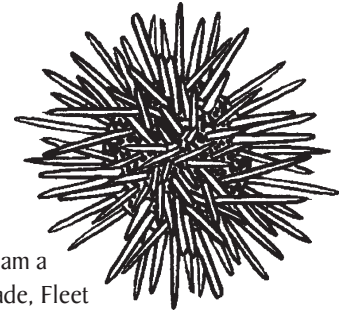
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TIDEPOOL PROGRAMS

Bill Chambers, Tidepool Coordinator

Let me begin by introducing myself: I'm Bill Chambers. This year, I will be the coordinator for both of the tidepool programs: the Education Program with the school and adult tours and the Roving Naturalist Program. My background is in biology with a BA in Zoology from the University of South Florida and a Masters in Education (Biology) from the University of Arizona. I am a veteran, having served as a Navy Hospital Corpsman with the First Marine Brigade, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific 1961-65. Most of my working career was as a part-time farmer/teacher and a full-time Certified Emergency Nurse. In 1998, I became a certified Permaculturist.



My wife Ann and I moved to a small, 5-acre farm (Sebastapple Farm) outside of Sebastopol from rural Colorado, where we had participated in farmers markets since 1981. We are Sonoma County Master Gardeners, have a landscape project at Libby Park in Sebastopol, and participate actively in Stewards' programs. We are docents at Armstrong and Tidepools, do shifts for Whale Watch and Seal Watch. Both of us feel that the activities of the Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods are critical components of environmental protection, education, and restoration in Sonoma County.

For the 2004 season, the Tidepool Education Program conducted educational assistance for about 480 students and their teachers and parents. The volunteers active as education tour guides were Bill Bambrick, Bill and Ann Chambers, Darlene LaMont, Mel Ehlers, Lisa Bacon, and Lori Wagner.

Roving Naturalists Darlene LaMont, Diana Dunkells, Brandan Aronoff, Mark Aronoff, Ginny LaVine Barrera, Ann and Bill Chambers, R. Fleur, Keary Sorenson, Sally Sorenson, Mel Ehlers, Joyce Carlson, Alexandra Carlson, and Melissa Carlson were on the beaches on various weekend days when the low tide was during daylight hours. Roving Naturalists make themselves available on the beach to inform and educate the general public about the tidepool life and ecology.

More education and networking with schools is needed to prevent situations like the one that happened last May. It was a minus 1.7-foot low tide, and our docents were waiting for 90 students to arrive at Shell Beach. Before our scheduled group arrived, we counted well over 200 students, parents, and instructors heading down to the beach. When our group arrived, we took them to other beaches to avoid more tidepool damage as well as getting lost in the crowd.

When we are on the beach for a Stewards-supported event and an unscheduled school group arrives, we plan to get the name of the unscheduled school so Stewards can make contact in the future. We will mention that docents and teaching aids are available for their science teachers to help them achieve their instructional objectives.

In the Roving Naturalist Program, one idea is to have a portable display with educational materials developed by Stewards. The display could be set up on the beach to attract visitors to one spot—then an informational, informal tour could be arranged.

Please email any other bright ideas to improve our Tidepool Education Program to me at sebastapple@neteze.com. Ideas do not have to come from only the tidepool volunteers—we all have a stake in educating the public about our shoreline.

Before I finish, let me thank Sandy Horn for being instrumental in starting this program and ram-rodging it for the past two years. THANK YOU, SANDY!!

WHALE WATCH

Bea Brunn, Whale Mother

Our Whale Watch orientation on Saturday November 13 was again very successful—50 people in attendance from some of our seasoned “old-timers” to brand new faces.

Ranger Greg Probst gave us an overview of the State Park “Volunteers in Parks” program and interpretation in general, followed by Michele Luna, who advised us about Stewards’ various programs and achievements.



Whale Watchers, Roger Mamer and John Walton on Bodega Head.

After a short break, we saw our beautiful video of gray whales in the lagoons in Baja followed by Bea’s talk about whales and what is required by our volunteers during the whale migration.

Annie Cresswell took care of the necessary State Park volunteer forms, and then we had our usual calendar sign-ups. After this, we were on our way to Bodega Head where lifeguard Brit Horn talked to us about ocean safety and water conditions on our coast. To make this beautiful day complete—in the middle of Brit’s talk we had a whale sighting—to everybody’s delight. This most probably was a young “confused” gray whale.

Thanks to everybody who made this day possible, and special thanks to Annie for all the goodies and coffee, etc. provided—you are great.

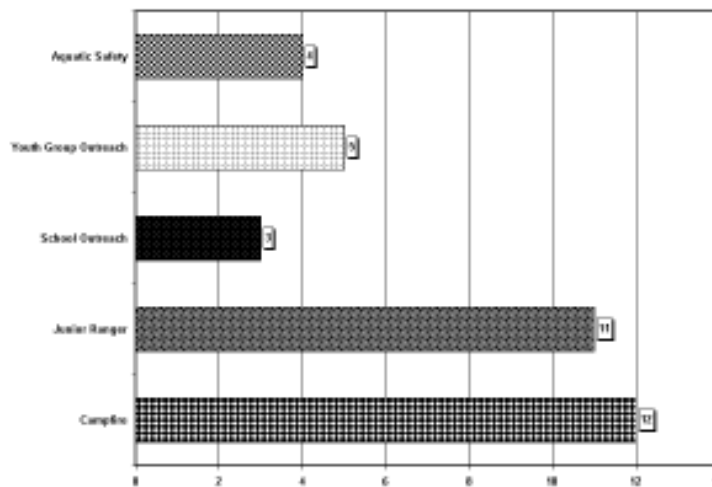
Editors Note: Special thanks to Bea for another wonderful season and the beginning of a new season. We would have a very hard time doing this without her!

AN INTERPRETIVE SUMMER FOR SONOMA COAST SB

Ranger Mike Wischart

Sonoma Coast Lifeguards and Rangers conducted numerous programs throughout the summer months, presenting 35 programs to approximately 1,440 park visitors from Memorial Day through Labor Day weekends. Twenty-six of the programs were presented during the weekend timeframe, Saturday or Sunday. These programs ranged from Bodega Dunes campfire programs to Junior Ranger programs conducted at Wright’s Beach campground. Topics for campfire programs were the most diverse, ranging from outer space to insects

to birds. Most Junior Ranger programs conducted at Wright’s Beach campground focused on aquatic safety due to the hazardous ocean conditions found nearby. Our robust park outreach program is inactive during the summer, as most schools are out until fall—so much time was spent developing new programs. We look forward to the coming year with enthusiasm and a commitment to provide high quality interpretive programs for our Sonoma Coast park visitors.



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, FAR
- Skaidra Smith-Heisters, AR Restoration
- Laura Parent, Pond Farm
- Linda Fisher Jenner VC
- Bob Caricato, Seal Watch
- Bea Brunn, Whale Watch
- John Cole, Recycling
- Vacant, Willow Creek Education
- Rob Dickerson, CAT
- The Sorensons, Marine Debris Programs
- Bill Chambers, Tidepool Programs

State Park Volunteer Coordinators

- Ranger John Kolsrud, Armstrong/Austin Creek
- Ranger Jeff Mecchi, Sonoma Coast State Beach

NEW MEMBERS IN 2004

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Frances Tyrnauer

SPACE CORNER

Ranger Jason Smith

The next few months will provide skywatchers with occultations, meteor showers, two new years events, anniversaries, a probe striking into a moon, and the launch of a probe to strike a comet. Fasten your seatbelts, adjust your eyes, grab a pair of binoculars or telescopes if you have them, and watch the heavens for a wonderful show. Maybe next issue we'll have those hard trivia questions I promised.



- 12/5: Look to the east just before sunrise where Venus will pass within 1.2° of Mars.
- 12/9: Early risers should look before dawn for a pairing of the moon with Venus and Mars. The moon is just above and to the right of Mars and Venus in the southeastern sky.
- 12/13: From 5 pm onward watch for the Geminid Meteor Shower. They will rise over the eastern horizon with the radiant (or apparent origin) near the star Castor. At peak time 75-100 meteors per hour may be seen.
- 12/21: Marks the winter solstice, which is the shortest day of the year. On this date, the northern hemisphere is tilted most away from the sun. As a result, the sun rises to its lowest noontime height of the year, and astronomical winter begins in the northern hemisphere. In the southern hemisphere, summer begins.
- 12/22: The Ursids Meteor Shower should be seen directly overhead between about 1am and 3 am with about a dozen meteors per hour.
- 12/28: At 1 am the moon will pass about 5° north of Saturn in the constellation Gemini. This again will be directly overhead.
- 1/1: Welcome to the year 2005 on the Gregorian calendar.
- 1/7: Today we celebrate the 395th anniversary (1610) Galileo's discovery of Jupiter's moons Io, Europa and Callisto through a homemade telescope.
- 1/8: NASA will launch Deep Impact, with the objective of forming a deep crater in Comet Tempel 1 to study the formation of the solar system.
- 1/14: The Huygens probe will impact Jupiter's moon Titan. Live broadcasts are available on NASA's website.
- 1/31: The moon occults Jupiter. An occultation is an eclipse of one celestial body by another. In this case, the moon will eclipse, or occult Jupiter.
- 2/20: Mercury will pass within 1° of Uranus.
- 2/18: Clyde Tombaugh discovered the ninth planet, Pluto, on this date 75 years ago (1930).
- 2/27: The moon occults Jupiter for a second time within 30 days.

Office Volunteers Needed

Stewards is organizing a group of regular office volunteers to help with mailings, data entry, answering phones, and special projects. If you are interested, call the office, and we will tell you more about this fun opportunity to get together with other volunteers in our lovely new volunteer center.

Walks in the Laguna

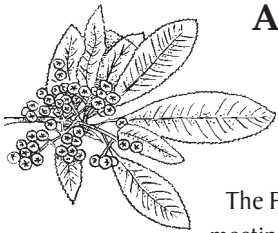
Join a Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation docent for a guided walk in the Sebastopol Preserve. Meet Saturday, December 11, January 8, or February 12 at 9:15 am behind the Youth Annex (425 Morris St., Sebastopol). Bring questions, binoculars, good walking shoes. \$5 donation requested for non-members. Heavy rain cancels. Light rain, it's a go. For more information and to reserve a space email mary@lagunadesantarosa.org or call 527-9277. Visit www.lagunadesantarosa.org to learn about the Laguna.

Armstrong Night Hike

Join Cathleen Cannon for her popular Night Hike through Armstrong Grove on March 19, 2005 from 6 to 9 pm. Space is limited, so call the Stewards office at 869-9177 to register early. \$15 per person, includes black light rental.

California Native Plant Society

General meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 7:30 to about 9 pm, usually with a slide presentation and speaker. They are held at the Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center on Yulupa Dr. in Santa Rosa (south of Whole Foods). The Annual Plant Sale takes place the 2nd Saturday of October at the Veterans Memorial Building in Santa Rosa. Website address: www.cnpsmb.org.



ARMSTRONG REDWOODS STATE RESERVE & AUSTIN CREEK STATE RECREATION AREA

Lanny Keyston, Trail Crew & FAR Coordinator

FRIENDS OF ARMSTRONG REDWOODS (FAR)

The Friends of Armstrong Redwoods(FAR) have started meeting again. We have had two meetings in the new Volunteer Center next to the Stewards office. The attendees have been

Norman Hill, Doris Dickenson, Joyce Bacci, John Cole, Michele Luna, Jim Bray, Ranger Horvitz, and minutes taker Annie Cresswell. The topics discussed have included:

- ◆ Replacement of the bench near the Visitor Center that was crunched by a tour bus. Removal of the planters, which could be placed near the door of the Stewards office. The tour company is supposed to send payment for materials to build a new bench.
- ◆ Additional training for our tour guides. Needs further planning.
- ◆ Removal of the exotic plant, lemon balm, which is growing near the Visitor Center.
- ◆ Determine if the gravel put under the ramp near the Armstrong tree is producing an alkaline condition that could harm the tree's roots. Norman Hill tested it, and the soil appears to remain acidic, thus not a problem.
- ◆ The status of the manual being developed as a teaching guide for educators who use the Park for nature curriculum. Doris Dickenson and Jim Bray are working on it.
- ◆ There was some concern about the donation benches that John Cole is building and whether they meet Park standards. Ranger Horvitz will look into this and facilitate the Project Evaluation Form (PEF) required for their placement. *(For information about donating a bench in honor of a loved one, call Stewards.)*

We changed the meeting day with the hopes that a Park staffer could attend. The next meeting is scheduled for the 4th of January, 2005 at 10:00 am in the new conference room. Anyone interested in attending meetings is welcome. Call the Stewards office to confirm dates and times.

ARMSTRONG TRAIL CREW

Armstrong trail crew activities have varied throughout the year, but whatever the task, we always have a good time. In the winter months we repair rain bars, washouts and remove limbs and trees knocked down due to the storms. When the rains slow up in the spring, we fill in gullies on the trails and clear culverts that may get plugged with debris. At this time of year we also get to see the wildflowers emerging as the weather warms. One of our regulars, Norman Hill, is very knowledgeable about the flowers, so keeps us well informed as to what we are seeing.



Lanny Keyston and Michele Mazzi preparing for Pomo fence project.

Trail work also includes repairing fences, repairing and rebuilding bridges, occasional painting projects, and many miscellaneous jobs. The new ramp by the Armstrong tree was done by the crew this past spring to keep folks from climbing over the fence to take pictures. Some of the crew have worked on fencing for the Sonoma Coast at Pomo Canyon Campground with the help of students doing service learning projects.

The crew meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month and gathers at the Armstrong maintenance shop. The turn out varies from 5-10 people. The folks that come out frequently are Norman Hill, Bill Bambrick, Vern Hodapp, Bob Lewek, Bill Dickinson, Mark Anderson, Bill Louch, Randy Wheaton, Michele Mazzi, Jim Bray, and Larry Philipson.

ARMSTRONG VISITOR CENTER

Joyce Bacci, Coordinator

After several months of a busy Visitor Center at Armstrong (from 4849 visitors in July to 2720 in October), things have settled down to a winter schedule. Not everyone headed for the mall the day after Thanksgiving, as we had over 300 visitors that day. Thanks to Katie Killifer, we were open on Thanksgiving Day (148 visitors). If you're looking for a unique gift for Christmas, check out our new items and remember your 10% discount. Remember, also, that we can always use more volunteers...especially half-days on weekends. Call the Stewards office for details.

Family - continued

Ted & Nancy Waldman
James & Linda Weathers

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VIP docents earn annual day-use passes.

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Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods

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Renewal

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 Family \$25.00
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 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 2, 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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