

STEWARDS of SLAVIANKA

Preserving the Redwood Coast

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State Park Challenges Advocacy Day April 7, 2003

As supporters of California's magnificent State Park system we are pleased to endorse the first annual Parks Advocacy Day in Sacramento on April 7th and join the California State Parks Foundation as a partner in that effort.

Recent studies done by State Parks demonstrate dramatic increases since 1999 in park attendance, arrests, land acquisition and state population compared to a decrease in State Parks general fund allocation. Even with the passage of bond acts and a one-time allocation by the Governor, there remains an estimated \$300 million backlog in State Parks maintenance projects.

Mission Statement

Stewards of Slavianka (Stewards) works in partnership with California State Parks to protect and interpret the natural and cultural resources of the Russian River District.

CA State Parks Supported

Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve and Austin Creek State Recreation Area

Sonoma Coast State Beach including the Willow Creek Watershed

Salt Point State Park and Kruse Rhododendron

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Staffing and maintaining our parks is at a critical point with fewer rangers and lifeguards, budget cuts and a hiring freeze continuing even as visitations increase dramatically. Not only do our parks provide Californians with a place for recreation and renewal but are a vital resource for schools, relied upon heavily by our educators. Next to schools, State Parks provide more educational programs than any other department in the state. Stewards of Slavianka has recently implemented tidepool and watershed education programs on Sonoma Coast.

Though the mission of State Parks is to protect the state's "most valued natural and cultural resources" they are susceptible to aggressive acts of legislation authorizing non-mission use of park lands. Across the state proposed uses include: road building; cemetery expansion; a private golf school; a skateboard park, a vehicle racetrack; low-income housing; and a bullet train running through the heart of one of the largest State Parks in California.

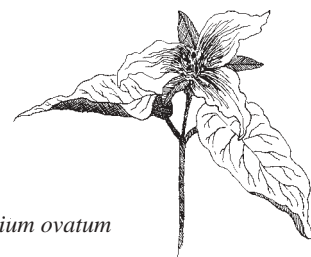
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Fisherman's Festival	April 5-6, 2003
Earth Day Volunteer Events	April 12, 2003
Armstrong Orientation	April 19, 2003
Human Race	May 10, 2003
Watershed Day	May 17, 2003
Annual Golf Tournament	May 30, 2003
Banana Slug String Band Benefit at LBC	June 7, 2003
Duncans Mills Art & Wine Festival and Duck Races	June 21-22, 2003
JVC Training	June 28, 2003
Bodega Bay Seafood, Art and Wine Festival	Aug. 23-24, 2003
Hike and Paddle for Parks	Sept. 20, 2003

**Call (707) 865-0180 or
stewards@mcn.org for info.**

Stewards of Slavianka is committed to supporting and advocating for Russian River area State Parks. We encourage our members to join us on April 7th in Sacramento where we look forward to meeting with legislators, supporting key legislation that will benefit parks and protect them from "non-mission" use and demonstrating our role in a large and growing parks constituency.

Call our office at (707) 865-0180 if you'd like to join us and we will provide you with details about our day at the State's Capital.



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Michele Luna



I'm back from my Mexico vacation and spring is here with periodic rain, green hillsides, wildflowers blooming and the usual beauty that we are so fortunate to experience in Sonoma County, particularly in our Parks.

The *Stewards* office is bustling with activity as we prepare for another busy season. Besides the support we are providing for all the VIP programs, we are preparing for a number of events and fundraisers. These are entertaining events which many of you are familiar with and enjoy volunteering for. There is a form included with this newsletter to sign up. Thanks for signing up asap. It will save us time and money for phone calls.

We are very pleased to offer the community a wonderful opportunity to support our State Park environmental education programs with a benefit concert featuring the *Banana Slug String Band* on June 7th at the Luther Burbank Center. Slug songs range from rockin' boogies to sensitive ballads; folk songs to reggae and rap. Music, theater, puppetry and audience participation create a fun-filled learning experience for all ages. Bring your students, children, grandkids and yourselves for a wonderfully entertaining and educational experience. (See enclosed flyer).

During this emotional time in our nation's history I find comfort in the environmental preservation and education work we can feel so proud of. *Stewards* recently helped support the effort to stop an ocean outfall plan, which was being proposed by the City of Santa Rosa—an important victory to ensure that our pristine Sonoma Coast is not violated. We have new opportunities before us to help develop trails and provide nurturing experiences for the public on newly acquired park lands. I encourage you all to visit the new Red Hill acquisition soon. It is truly a treasure!

As you read in the front page article, our State Parks are experiencing their share of budgetary cuts, making our work even more important than ever. I am very pleased to tell you that our current membership drive has provided us with 80 new members and a record amount of funding support. Some of you haven't renewed yet and we hope you will soon.

In closing, I want to thank you all—my staff, our Board of Directors, State Park staff, our dedicated volunteers, members and donors for making our work possible. My wish for you all is for a safe and inspiring springtime as you enjoy volunteering and/or spending time appreciating what we have to be thankful for.

New Board members

We are very pleased to welcome and introduce our two new board members, Ann Chambers and Tom Fujiyoshi, who were appointed to the board at the February board meeting.

Ann Chambers was the Executive Director of the Cortez Cultural Center in Colorado until she moved to Sonoma County in November 2002. She has vast nonprofit experience in the areas of long-range planning, program development and fund raising. She and her husband, Bill are avid volunteers interested in many of the programs *Stewards* supports in our parks.

Tom Fujiyoshi's background is in the area of engineering and aeronautics. He also has experience with nonprofits, fundraising and civic groups. He was the chairperson of the Asian Pacific Development Center in Colorado and is very interested in public outreach and doing presentations about *Stewards* in the community. He and his wife, Marilyn are volunteering for Whale Watch.

2002 Year End Financial Report

Revenue \$163,376

Expenses 264,080

*Deficit was covered by restricted grants
carried over from 2001.*

Assets

Restricted 149,525

Unrestricted 64,366

Total Assets

\$213,891

Expense Breakdown

Program 81%

Administrative 12%

Fund-raising 7%

CAL REPORT

Rick Royer, Cooperating Association Liaison and District Volunteer Coordinator

I'd like to take this opportunity to provide an update on 2 of the major items that are taking place within the Russian River District.

The first is the status on our volunteer enhancement projects. I'm happy to report that all 3 of our projects are back on track. The Archeological Camp project at Fort Ross will begin on March 24th. We anticipate it will be complete, or nearly complete, by the middle of June. Once that project is complete, work will begin on the Jenner Visitor Center, which we anticipate will be complete within the first 2 weeks of July. The renovation of the Volunteer Center/Stewards office should begin on or about the first of August. It is worth noting that this is a tentative schedule and subject to change. The good news is that all 3 projects are ready to get accomplished.

I would also like to include an update on the Sonoma Coast General Plan process. We have just completed the first of 3 public workshops regarding the general plan process. The next step is to begin evaluation of the input that the general public has provided. Once that is done, we will then have the second public workshop, tentatively schedule for July, to elicit more input from the public. The entire process is scheduled to be completed by the end of the calendar year. If anyone would like more information regarding the planning process, please feel free to contact me at 865-3127.

We are all busy with those items, as well as many others, but I am taking the time to enjoy the first signs of the coming spring. Everything is green, the poppies are starting to bloom, and I am anxiously waiting for the full spring bloom.

Volunteer Program Coordinator's Report

Jana Gay, VIP Volunteer Program Coordinator

Happy Spring, everyone! It's our busiest time of the year with all of the trainings and outings we have going on. So far this season we've conducted our General Orientation, an additional training for Armstrong Tour Guides, a successful Seal Watch Training, and our annual Tidepool Training. It's been a busy time and won't slow down until late April. This weekend (3/22/03), I'll be headed up to Salt Point Visitor Center for their Orientation (and Karen's cooking!).

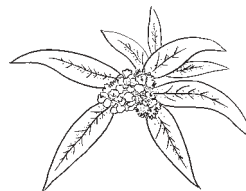
Willow Creek Watershed Education Program Training is scheduled for March 27th and April 3rd. We have already signed up some new schools and look forward to growing this program. We're still looking for more volunteers, so if you are interested or know someone who may be, put the word out. These volunteers will also be representing *Stewards* at Watershed Day in May at Salmon Creek School.

Armstrong Orientation will be held at the Guerneville Library on April 19, and then we are clear of orientations until the Jenner Visitor Center training, which is scheduled to be held on June 28. Yes, we are slated to re-open this summer!

Whale Watch and Seal Watch are currently underway, but we are still waiting for the harbor seals to settle in at the river mouth. At this writing, the elephant seal is still very much in evidence.

Another great opportunity to volunteer is coming to a park near you on April 12th. This is the day we will be celebrating Earth Day with clean-up or restoration projects going on in Armstrong, Willow Creek, and at Sonoma Coast.

As I stated in the last newsletter, in an effort to further our mission to provide our members and volunteers with more opportunities for learning about and enjoying our environment, we have planned a series of classes that cover such subjects as the history of our area, the local flora and fauna, and interpreting to the public. So check out our schedule of upcoming classes and hikes, and by all means, take advantage of these opportunities. These classes are free of charge and are intended to help our members increase their knowledge of our local resources. Please BE SURE TO CALL AHEAD to sign up and ensure that the event is still going on. If we don't get enough people signed up ahead of time for these events, we will reschedule them.



Event Sponsors

Duck Race

Softub

Marin Outdoors

Wish List

Salt Point State Park is in need of a trailer to house our Interpretive Specialist. It needs to be about 24 feet long and in very good condition. Please contact Michele (mluna@mcn.org) at the *Stewards* office if you have a lead on such a donation or are interested in donating one yourself.

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DONORS

2001-2003

Foundations

American Rivers/NOAA

City of Santa Rosa

FishAmerica/NOAA

Restoration Program

Fisherman's Festival

Allocation Committee

Russian River Watershed

Project - Prop. 13

Sonoma County

Community Foundation

California State Parks

Foundation

Medtronic Foundation

Project Aware

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Omware, Inc.

Santa Rosa Community

Market

Summit State Bank

Washington Mutual Bank

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Susan Barreto

Terry Grant

Laura Morgan

Jean Schulz

Michael Sohigian

Timothy Temple

Brian Tuller & Thomas

Mountain

NUTTINESS OF SPRING

An Amphibian Time of Year

Ranger Dave Horvitz

Dark damp days of winter turn to frolickingly long exploding days of spring. All the flora and fauna that take refuge in our area during the winter are beginning to migrate or estivate. Up and down the coast and into the redwoods the change is becoming apparent.



Pacific Giant Salamander (Dicamptodon tenebrosus)

One of the most interesting creatures is the cute and amphibious pacific giant salamander.

The term salamander is originally an Arab-Persian word meaning "lives in fire". The name comes from people seeing salamanders crawling out of burning wood and believing the animals to be unharmed by fire. The salamanders were actually fleeing their homes to avoid being burned by the fire.

The pacific giant salamander inhabits the redwood forest and can grow to be thirteen inches long. They are one of the largest salamanders. If disturbed by humans, or from other causes, they can "bark". This actually sounds more like a person trying to clear a corn chip that has become stuck in the back of their throat. Pacific giants are one of the few salamanders that can bite a person and draw blood.

Pacific giant salamanders are inclined to be more active when their surroundings are damp. They come out at night to hunt for food, feeding on virtually anything that moves. Pacific giants will eat insects, worms, other amphibians, mice and banana slugs. It takes some time for a salamander to devour a slug, an amazing process to watch. The slug contracts becoming wider and produces a lot of sticky slime. This makes the slug more difficult to swallow.

Salamanders can go for weeks without eating. One banana slug can last for quite awhile. A draw back to eating slugs for lunch is that afterwards the salamander can feel sort of sluggish and slow moving.

During winter, some areas of the forest can harbor so many salamanders that it is very difficult to walk without stepping on them. Driving becomes an adventure in itself as you slow to avoid the salamanders then stop to move them off the road. The common adage is "if you are not seeing them you are squishing them" holds true. Pacific giants never seem to be this abundant and appear singly when you least expect to see one.

As winter gives way to spring and another summer is on the horizon you can stand in a redwood grove and ponder once season being replaced by another. As you wonder through the redwoods be aware of slight movements on the ground and you might be lucky enough to spot some of our salamanderie friends.

ARMSTRONG REDWOODS STATE RESERVE

Armstrong Restoration

Shauna Jacobs & Amelia Ryan

Thank you volunteers for another great tree planting season at Armstrong Redwood State Reserve! Approximately 1020 seedlings were planted: Coast Redwood, California Bay Laurel, Big Leaf Maple, Spice Bush, Hazelnut, Woodrose and even a couple of Woodwardia Ferns.

Restoration staff has been busy propagating new seedlings and ferns. If you are interested in caring for the recently planted seedlings and our new sprouts, please call (707) 869-2015. Volunteer activities will include watering seedlings in the grove, transplanting, fence repair, and greenhouse maintenance. We will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month, at 10 am at the Visitor Center (9am starting in June). Dress for weather of the day and bring a sack lunch. We will work from 10 am-1 pm. We are also looking for greenhouse monitors for the summer. Please call if interested.

Volunteer Program Coordinator's Report

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This month Norman Hill did an early plant walk in Armstrong, Ranger Jason Smith gave an excellent multimedia presentation (which he and Mike Wisehart created themselves) on life in the tidepools, and this Saturday the Marine Mammal Center is hosting a small group of our volunteers for a behind-the-scenes tour. There's more to come!

These classes and interpretive events can be counted towards training hours on your volunteer hours form. Please be sure to keep good track of your hours as we use this information for tracking our program effectiveness and for such things as requests to the State Parks and grants. Plus you get your free parks passes.

Speaking of learning experiences, do you have more time to volunteer? We are looking for a

volunteer coordinator for the Jenner Visitor Center, which is slated to be opened again this summer. Training will be held on June 28, 2003.

We also still have an opening for Armstrong Tour Guide volunteer coordinator. I will work closely with the coordinators to complete training and program planning for the 2003 season. If you are interested please, contact me for details.

That's it for now. As always, if you have any questions about these "Volunteers in Parks" program happenings, give me a call.

See you in the parks!



Interpreter Chris Lods with Salt Point volunteers, Rich and Colleen Draffin, Kieth Nelson and Bea Brunn during a recent training..



ARMSTRONG TRAINING

Saturday, April 19, 2003

10:00am to 4:00pm

(Meet at the Guerneville Library)

POND FARM CLEAN-UP

Sunday, May 4th, 10-4, Potluck

Meet at the Maintenance Yard

Call Laura for info. 869-0485



Armstrong Trail crew: (left to right) Lanny Keyston, Norman Hill , Vern Hodapp, John Buckhorn, John Cole, Bill Bambrick

How to Volunteer for VIP Programs

Call the VIP office
at 865-0180 or email,
volparks@mcn.org

Program Activities

Armstrong Redwoods

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

Sonoma Cst State Beach

Visitor Center Staffing
Seal Watch
Whale Watch
Tidepool Programs
Watershed Programs

Salt Point State Park

Visitor Center Staffing
Nature Walks
School Programs
Junior Ranger Program

Other Projects

Recycling & Firewood
Office Help & Events

Volunteer Program Coordinators

Joyce Bacci, ARVC
Lanny Keyston, AR Trails
Joan Bacci, AR Restoration
Laura Parent, Pond Farm
VACANT, Jenner VC
Amy Smith, Seal Watch
Bea Brunn, Whale Watch
John Cole, Recycling
Ginny LaVine Barrera,
Willow Creek Education
Rob Dickerson, CAT
Dawn Kline, Marine Debris
Sandy Horn, Tidepool Prog.
VACANT, Tidepool Roving

State Park Volunteer Coordinators

Ranger John Kolsrud,
Armstrong/Austin Creek
Ranger Jason Smith,
Sonoma Coast State Beach
Ranger Karen Broderick
Salt Point State Park

**NEW MEMBERS
2003**

Special Gifts \$500

*Jim and Lynda Allen
Summit State Bank*

Terry Davis

Business \$100

*Hernandez Realty Co.
Mendocino Redwood
Co.*

Supporting \$100

*Peggy & Churchill
Colbern*

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Roger & Irene Stewart

Contributing \$50

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Fred Cresswell

Claudia Esparza-

Mudgett

Cliff & Pat Hansen

Bill & Beth Hearn

Larks Drugs

Billy LaFreniere

Jo and Don Pettit

David & Carolyn

Schaal

Joe and Eileen Tenn

Family

Earl & Gail Aagaard

Scott Adams

Bruce Bell

Ann & Robert Blacker

Bill and Ann Chambers

Candice Clayton &

Brian Corzilius

Linda Curry

Terry Dale

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Bob and Marge Foulks

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GIS FUNDAMENTALS

Ranger Jason Smith

The concept of a Geographic Information System (GIS) basically involves the linking of traditional databases with computer generated graphics to produce a user-friendly environment which provides a visually oriented method of accessing information. GIS was developed by Ian McHarg in the late 1960's. He overlaid a number of maps representing various aspects of land use, including topographical features, forests, aquifers, and other features and then analyzed the spatial attributes to discover the most promising sites for mining, urbanization, etc.

Currently most state and federal agencies use GIS to support their scientific endeavors. Habitat mapping, land use, species distribution, and numerous other activities can be examined within the GIS environment. Other agencies also use GIS in conducting investigations concerning air quality, archeology, Antarctic experiments, and oil and gas exploration to name a few. Within the wildlife management arena, GIS has been used in many studies such as: monitoring stream flows, designing reserve systems and parks, mapping bird densities, and recording changes in habitat.

GIS uses a geospatial layering effect, similar to placing transparencies in a stack [Figure 1]

in conjunction with queryable databases. Queries containing logical operators ("not", "and", "or", etc.), mathematical operators ("+", "-", "/", "*", and "^"), comparison operators (">", "<", "=", etc.), geographic operators ("contains", "within", "intersects", etc.), and others can be used on numerous data tables. These queries can include geospatial references and time references as well. Results of various queries are then processed and an output table containing the chosen values and a map showing the requested information is then generated. Various queries result in different projected outcomes. Each outcome can then be required,

saved, or printed. GIS can be used to answer five basic questions. They are: (1) what exists at a particular site or location? (2) Where are certain conditions met? (3) What changes have occurred over time, and where have these changes occurred? (4) What are the social, economic, or environmental impacts of a particular change in the use of land? (5) And what will happen if the existing land use for a particular site is altered to another type of use? Using a Global Positioning System (GPS) provides land managers the ability to obtain on-the-site measurements and download them into a data structure into a GIS.

A Global Positioning System is just that. It is a series of 24 satellites orbiting the Earth and 5 ground stations to monitor and manage the satellite constellation [Figure 2].

These satellites provide 24-hour-a-day coverage and three-dimensional positioning anywhere on Earth. Development of the \$10 billion GPS satellite navigation system was begun in the 1970s by the U.S. Department of Defense, which continues to manage the system, to provide continuous, worldwide positioning and navigation data to U.S. military forces around the globe. GPS permits a researcher to gather measurements at specific sites and download each site coordinate (using latitude/longitude, UTM, or any number of systems, and elevation) into the GIS environment. These points are then plotted as points, lines, polygons,

or themes in a graphical overlay onto a raster image (aerial photo, satellite picture, map, etc.). Correlation and regressions studies can then be analyzed for the degree of overlap of each variable, and some conclusions about the cause/effect relationships can be discussed. In addition to the numerous uses of a Geographic Information System already listed, it can also be used for analyzing radiotelemetry data. Radiotelemetry is basically a collar that transmits a given radio frequency that can be picked up and triangulated to a precise location, but we'll save that for another article.



Figure 1



Figure 2

RED HILL ADDED TO STATE PARKS

Red Hill Ranch, 910 scenic acres containing 40 acres of old growth redwood, has been added to Sonoma Coast State Beach, thanks to the unprecedented collaboration of six public and private nonprofit conservation organizations.

On March 9th, a crew of 25 LandPaths volunteers placed signs and markers along footpaths. The paths will guide hikers off sensitive areas.

Working for more than three years to convert the once privately held property to state park land, the key conservation partners include: the **Sonoma County Agricultural and Open Space District**, provided \$1.37 million toward the land purchase; the **California State Coastal Conservancy**, provided \$1 million for the purchase; the **Sonoma Land Trust**, structured the deal, managed the acquisition process, acted as interim owner and secured funding for property clean-up; **LandPaths**, recruited and organized volunteer crews to prepare footpaths; **Stewards of Slavianka**, prepared to take over the volunteer stewardship functions in support of the Russian River District of State Parks; and **California State Parks**, readied to own and manage the land for the public, working with the other partners in the planning and transfer process.

Sonoma County Supervisor Mike Reilly, whose district includes the Sonoma Coast, and who chairs the Coastal Commission said, “The Open Space District’s participation with this magnificent acquisition illustrates its commitment to preserving land that meets the public’s desire to hike and experience Sonoma County’s wild landscapes.”

Located across Highway 1 from Wright’s Beach between Jenner and Bodega Bay, and contiguous to Pomo State Campground, Red Hill Ranch has long been popular with coastal enthusiasts because of its spectacular vistas and pristine landscape.

Bill Kortum, long time Board Member of the Sonoma Land Trust, said, “This is a grand complement to the public land that is on the coastal bench. Stunningly beautiful coastal uplands, instead of being threatened by development, are being made available for public access and enjoyment.”

“Those who know our Sonoma Coast State Beach know that it is 16 miles of some of the most spectacular coastal scenery in the world,” said Ruth Coleman, Acting Director of California State Parks. “We eagerly accept this extraordinary addition to our park and we applaud all those who came together to reach this unprecedented milestone.”

Red Hill Ranch was purchased in 2000 from the Sequeira family. Its transfer to State Parks occurred in early March.

WHALE WATCH

Bea Brunn, Whale Mother

Whale Watch is in full swing – but, as always, our southward sightings are very sparse, although whales have been sighted off and on going south.

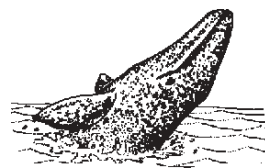
On our opening day, January 4th, we had beautiful weather – and 22 volunteers on hand – but only one sighting. This one, as best we can describe, was a “confused juvenile” swimming very close to shore.

Then we had a couple of weekends with the usual fog, rain and heavy winds, until January 18th when we had several sightings, all going south.

On Sunday January 19th Ruby finally connected with us bringing her usual delicious whale cookies. This was her third weekend making cookies, so thank you very much Ruby - you are great. And, needless to say, we all enjoyed the treat.

There have been whale sightings during the week and a few on the weekends, all going south until Saturday February 8th and Sunday February 9th when we saw our first whales heading north. Sightings are still very few, although seemingly the whales are now heading north right on time.

In addition to all our faithful “old-timers,” we have a whole group of very enthusiastic new volunteers – thank you very much. We are now looking forward to the best part of the migration going north when the whales usually swim much closer to the shore.



FAMILY - CONT.

*David Shatkin
Martin & Susan Tierney
Gilbert & Florence Van
De Water*

*Ken & Victoria Wikle
Wendy Wiley
Jurgen Woelke*

Individual

*Janet & Gary Bradford
Nancy Burrage*

*Carol Farnes
Jennifer Harris*

*Jackie Kenilvort
M. C. Key*

*Carolyn Losee
Sandra & Harlan*

*Proctor
Greg Schuessler*

*Jo Ann Triebel
Francis Tymauer*

*Paula Wershiner
Seniors/Students*

*Mirabai Baker
Jerry Bender*

*Mae Bragen
Donald & Anne Clodfelter*

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*Harold Einhorn
Barbara Fletcher*

*Stuart Floyd
Nancy & Howard*

*Gilliland
Adele Harrison*

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*Shirley Mitchell
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*Shahbaz Samii
Phyllis Schmitt*

*Janice Stenger
Kenneth Sullivan*

*Rebecca Work
Betty Vess*

Where does our name come from?

"Slavianka" was the Russian name given to the Russian River by 19th Century settlers at Fort Ross; it means "little Slavic maiden."

Stewards members receive this quarterly newsletter with information about the District's parks, special events for members and opportunities for volunteering. Members are also entitled to discounts on purchases at Stewards run visitors' centers. VIP volunteers earn annual day-use passes.

Consider giving a **GIFT MEMBERSHIP** to Stewards to a relative or friend. Use the form on this page as a guideline and let us know who the gift is for and from. We'll send a note to the recipient letting them know they have received this special gift from you.

STEWARDS of SLAVIANKA

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
- Special Gift \$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 Slavianka, 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.

WE HAVE DECIDED TO DROP THE ACRONYM SOS AND CALL OURSELVES STEWARDS FOR SHORT. PLEASE HELP US MAKE THIS ADJUSTMENT AND UPDATE OUR EMAIL ADDRESS IN YOUR ADDRESS BOOK.



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