

# Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods

Preservation through Education and Restoration in  
Russian River Sector State Parks

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## \$80,000 in Funding for Programs

Michele Luna, Executive Director

State Park Environmental Education programs in our parks will be funded for the next four years thanks to grants from the California Coastal Conservancy and the Dean Witter Foundation. Thanks to Richard Retecki of the California Coastal Conservancy, Stewards was awarded \$60,000 over a four-year period of time to fund docent programs for the new Willow Creek acquisition, which recently added an additional 4,000 acres to Sonoma Coast State Beach. The Dean Witter Foundation awarded Stewards a \$10,000 grant in 2005 and now an additional two-year grant in the amount of \$20,000 to support environmental education programs on Sonoma Coast and at Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve.

This funding will provide continued support for our redwood ecology program, as well as tide pool and watershed education programs, which serve over 5,000 students who visit our parks each year.

Beginning in 2006, Stewards will be developing a new Environmental Living Program on Sonoma Coast. This program will provide students will a wonderful opportunity to learn about the cultural and natural resources in western Sonoma County during a two-day camping experience. In addition, grant funds will support interpretive hikes with docents and a stewardship program for Willow Creek.

### 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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### FUNDING RECEIVED FOR COAST REDWOOD GUIDE

Stewards is very pleased to be working with Mike Roa, a teacher of 36 years, on a comprehensive guide to the Coast Redwoods. This project has been made possible through a number of generous grants. Save-the-Redwoods League has awarded funding in the amount of \$6,000, the California State Parks Foundations provided \$3,000, and the Mendocino Redwoods Company provided \$2,000. Funding from the Coastal Conservancy and Dean Witter grants will also support this project. The guide will be useful to teachers, docents, and environmental educators, and will serve the entire coast redwood region and multiple state parks. Stewards would also like to thank the Department of Parks and Recreation for their support and willingness to provide guidance, promote, and distribute the publication through their website.

### TO THE REDWOODS: THE AGELESS

*You, giants of antiquity,  
Leafy pages of ages past,  
Steadfast sentinels o'er death-filled graves,  
Guardians of secrets for us to grasp.*

*We mortals, transitory nomads,  
Rootless wanderers passing by,  
Gaze upon you, transfixed in stupor,  
At your god-like ascendancy toward the sky.*

*Oh graveless wonders, when did you begin?  
Oh silent poets, how do you persist?  
Why have the gods favored you so  
O're me, to crown you with heavenly bliss.*

Mel Ehlers, docent



*Dedicated to the Redwoods and Sequoias of this nation, man's cathedrals of reverence and humility.*

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Michele Luna, Executive Director

With the rain, flooding, sunshine, daffodils, and now more rain, we've had a dynamic winter this year. The transition to spring looks to be dramatic as well and with that the staff at Stewards is currently in the midst of our docent/volunteer training season.

### Docent/Volunteer Training

The turnout at our recent trainings has been mostly very good. Our Seal Watch training in February was very well attended and the training to recruit new volunteer for staffing the Visitor Center in Jenner was also successful. Our Willow Creek/Sonoma Coast training this past Saturday was attended by our dedicated returnees as well as new interested volunteers for the Citizen Action Team. All training days included wonderful presentations by professionals, scientists, and our well-educated docents. We look forward to our upcoming training for the tidepool programs on March 25<sup>th</sup> and three training days in April for Armstrong Redwoods volunteers (See page 5 for details). We appreciate our members helping us spread the word.

### Welcome new Board Member Rich Lawton

I am very pleased to report that retired supervising ranger Rich Lawton has been appointed to the Stewards Board of Directors. Rich will truly be an asset for us as someone who knows how to get things done within the State Park system. He has been attending all the training days, which has been a tremendous help.

### New Environmental Education Interpreter Position

With the recent multi-year grant funding that Stewards has been awarded, we are able to finally hire a program staff person again. It's been a challenge for us to keep up with all the program-related duties this time of year, so we are very much looking forward to adding another qualified person to our team. The job advertisement for the position is on our website and I hope you will help us find the best possible person for the job. Job applications are due by email on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

### New T-Shirt Design

Stewards is working to come up with a new t-shirt design that will honor all the programs that we support on Sonoma Coast and at Armstrong Redwoods. We had something in mind, but have now decided to ask a professional illustrator to come up with a very special design for us. We want something that our docents and volunteers will feel proud to wear, and also something that will attract the attention of the visiting public, and sell well in our visitor centers and at special events. Once we get the design approved, then we want to produce shirts in many different styles.

We have many opportunities this spring for you to hike and paddle with some of our dedicated docents. May the blooms of spring brighten your days. We look forward to seeing you on the trails in the redwoods, on the beaches, exploring the Willow Creek wilderness area, enjoying the glorious ridgetop views along Sonoma Coast, or paddling the mighty Russian River.

## WILDFLOWER OF THE SEASON

Red Ribbons/Lovely Clarkia, *Clarkia concinna*

Norman Hill, Docent

Have you noticed the dark pink and bright red flowers growing on the back east of the Armstrong Redwood S.R. entrance parking lot? Just to make things confusing, Red Ribbons are the pink ones; the red ones are Indian Pinks, *Silene californica*.

As with most other *Clarkia*, for instance Winecup *Clarkia*, *C. purpurea* which starts blooming earlier, and Farewell-to-Spring, *C. amoena* which blooms later, red ribbons have 4 petals; each has 3 deeply cut lobes of about equal width. They are also found on the east banks of Armstrong Wood Road just above the picnic area. They bloom from April to June on steep slopes with a fair amount of sun; in fact, any dark pink masses of flowers growing on south or west-facing road cuts during this time are probably Red Ribbons.

Editors note: Both the Armstrong and Jenner Visitor Centers have a wide selection of wildflower field guides for all ages. 10% discount to members.

Drawing  
from Peterson's Pacific  
States Wildflowers



## CAL REPORT

Ranger Dave Horvitz, Cooperating Association Liaison

Here we are with a new year ahead and many exciting projects to accomplish within our parks. New programs at Willow Creek offer a variety of different avenues for volunteer activities as well as the tried and true Sonoma Coast and Armstrong programs. Spring is a great time to think about signing up to help out. Go to the Stewards website at [www.stewardsofthecoastandredwoods.org](http://www.stewardsofthecoastandredwoods.org) to find an activity that interests you.

January has brought about a change of upper management with the retirement of our beloved Superintendent Michael Stephenson. Michael has been in the Russian River district for many years working as supervising ranger for Armstrong SR/Austin Creek SRA and Fort Ross SHP/Salt Point SP before becoming chief ranger then district superintendent for the Russian River and Marin sectors. Michael's knowledge of State Parks and California government along with his clear headedness and vision afforded our district the ability to successfully accomplish many goals. Michael consistently went to great effort to provide support, adequate staff, training and equipment that enabled us to fulfill State Park's mission. Even in difficult situations Michael always provided encouragement, assistance and a friendly word. Yes, Michael will be missed.

Rick Royer who has also been in our district for many years, very capable and experienced, is our interim sector manager until a new superintendent can be hired before the start of summer.

More personnel notes should include the addition of Ranger Shana Gibbs to Fort Ross SHP at the start of February. Shana comes from Silverwood Lake SRA and has been a ranger for several years. Shana is strongly motivated and energetic; a welcome addition to our staff.

The storms in December and January have had an effect on facilities within our parks. The boardwalk at Bodega Dunes has washed out as well as several camp sites at Wrights Beach. It is unknown yet when repairs will be completed. Armstrong Woods Road has washed out in two locations just before the Bullfrog Pond campground forcing the closure of camping within Austin Creek. This includes our backcountry sites. Repairs are weather dependent; conditions need to be dry before repairs can be accomplished. If you are planning on camping call first to see if we are open.

Flowers are starting to bloom throughout our area. I noticed one of the first Calypso Orchids of the season today near Fort Ross SHP. Looks like a great time to come on out and go for a hike.

## POND FARM ANNUAL CLEANUP

Laura Parent, Armstrong maintenance

Come and enjoy the springtime in Austin Creek State Recreation Area on May 7<sup>th</sup> for the Pond Farm Cleanup Day. As usual we meet at 10:00 am at the maintenance shop in Armstrong Woods and carpool up to Pond Farm. Please bring gloves and a pot luck dish to share for lunch.

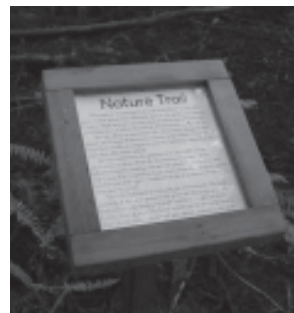
Last year's Cleanup Day was well attended and the amount of work that was accomplished was unbelievable. This is a great chance to get an inside tour of this historic art school of the 1940s that is closed to the public the rest of the year.

Stewards is still planning to have a get together of past residents from Pond Farm and Austin Creek properties to help acquire more information for the Park's cultural history of this area sometime this spring. So let us know if you are interested in this project.

Looking forward to seeing you on May 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

## NEW TRAIL SIGNS AT ARMSTRONG

Come see the new nature trail signs on the Pioneer Trail in Armstrong Redwoods. These signs are for our many visitors to enjoy as a self-guided interpretation of some of the natural features that are along the trail. Please come and see these signs for yourself; our thanks to all those involved in getting this project completed.



## GREENING OUR OFFICE PRACTICES WITH EMAIL

If you would prefer receiving an electronic pdf version of our newsletter please let us know by emailing [stewards@mcn.org](mailto:stewards@mcn.org). Also, if you are interested in getting email updates from us let us know that as well. We will not share your email address with anyone else and it will be undisclosed to others on our email distribution list.

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## WHALE WATCH

*Bea Brunn, Whale Mother*

**W**hale Watch is in full swing for this season. We started with a bang on Saturday, January 7th with beautiful weather and a total of twenty-one volunteers—several brand new to our program. We got a great show both Saturday and Sunday with many sightings in all distances from shore. To everyone's delight we had several breachings both days, all fairly close to shore. (All of us "old-timers" decided these whales were all juveniles just having fun.)

Then, of course, we had typical January weather with lots of wind creating whitecaps which makes it impossible to see any whales. We did, however, have sightings whenever the weather cooperated - and all the whales were still heading south.

February started really stormy again and as of mid February we still did not see any whales heading back north. (Maybe we are just being too impatient?)

Come and join us any Saturday or Sunday during the season.



## ARMSTRONG TRAIL CREW: A VIEW FROM AN INSIDER

*Lanny Keyston, Trail Crew Coordinator*

No doubt there are some people that will find it hard to believe we have such a dedicated and dependable group of men and women that come out to Armstrong Redwoods every second Wednesday of the month, twelve months a year; and at times, do some fairly strenuous work. The crew shows up rain or shine, ready to do what ever is assigned by the regular park maintenance staff, namely: Gary Lathan and Laura Parent.

Why do we do this? Mainly to help keep the park in good shape, but it is also somewhat of a social event. We enjoy camaraderie while accomplishing projects together. There is also the joy of being in a great natural environment among the magnificent redwoods. Then, there are the beautiful views when we work in the high country above the redwood reserve. We get to see the first of the season wild flowers. We learn something new almost every time. This summer marks ten interesting years that Stewards' Armstrong Trail Crew has been assisting with projects.

What kind of projects do we tackle? Trail maintenance such as forming rain bars, clearing brush, and removing downed trees is not all we do; we fix fences, put up signs, place benches, rebuild bridges and replace culverts. It can be toilsome labor at times, but with our good teamwork it all gets done.

Speaking of teamwork, our regular faithfuls are: Mark Anderson, Bill Bambrick, Jim Bray, Bill Dickinson, Norman Hill (our flora consultant), Vern Hodapp, Doug and Audrey King, Bob Lewek, and when they can get out Michele Mazzi, Michael Molnar and Robin Shanda.

If you would like to join in on the fun, call the Stewards office, 869 9177.

## NEW TRAIL AND STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM FOR SONOMA COAST

The Willow Creek Citizen Action Team (CAT) has been monitoring three locations on Willow Creek for water quality for the past four years. This program is now expanding to include trail and stewardship projects for the entire Sonoma Coast State Beach. State Park's staff can't keep up with the maintenance of park trails and needs volunteer support. Funding is being sought to help train and outfit the expanded CAT with tools and supplies. Avid volunteer Bill Bambrick will continue to coordinate this program under the State Park leadership of Alfredo Pereyra. Volunteers who are interested in working at least one day a month should contact the Stewards office to sign up. Volunteers will also be assisting with stewardship projects on the new Willow Creek Acquisition. Stewards is proud to be partnering with LandPaths in this effort.

## VOLUNTEER CENTER OF SONOMA COUNTY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR - BILL BAMBRICK

This year Stewards is honoring Bill Bambrick at the annual Volunteer Center recognition luncheon on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Bill is a docent with Seal Watch, Whale Watch, Tidepool programs, Willow Creek programs, the Armstrong trail crew, Armstrong docent guides, and most recently he has spearheaded an expansion of the Citizen Action Team (CAT) on Sonoma Coast. Bill took the initiative to generate interest in expanding the duties of CAT by starting a much needed volunteer trail maintenance program for Sonoma Coast. Under Bill's coordination CAT also does bi-weekly water quality monitoring in Willow Creek. Bill is working directly with park staff to schedule trail projects so if anyone is interested in working with him please let us know at the Stewards office and we will put you in touch. Board president, Ann Chambers will accompany Bill to the luncheon.



## STEWARDS HONORED AT THE SONOMA COUNTY CONSERVATION COUNCIL ANNUAL AWARDS

On March 4<sup>th</sup> Stewards was honored for our Russian River State Park Environmental Education Programs at the Sonoma County Conservation Council's 30th Annual Environmental Awards. The event was well attended by politicians and members of other local environmental organizations. Michele Luna accepted the award for Stewards and also received certificates from Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey Assemblymember Patti Berg and Senator Wesley Chesbro.

### Office Volunteers Needed

Volunteer help is needed periodically in the Stewards office for mailings, stuffing volunteer packets, putting together manuals, and other mundane tasks. Treats provided. Call Diane for more information.

### Volunteer Coordinators Needed

Volunteer Coordinators are needed for the Tidepool Education Program and the Willow Creek Watershed Education Program. Contact Annie for details.

*For information on these and other volunteer opportunities call (707) 869-9177 or email [volparks@mcn.org](mailto:volparks@mcn.org).*

## VOLUNTEER/DOCENT TRAINING CONTINUES

### Sonoma Coast Tidepool Program

**March 25, 2006 - 9:00 am to 3:30 pm**, Bodega Bay Grange, afternoon at Shell Beach

Volunteers are needed for the Tidepool Education program that serves school groups and also for the Roving Naturalist Program that provides education for park visitors on low tide weekend days.

### Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve Programs

**April 1, 2006 - 9:30 am to 3:15 pm**, Armstrong Volunteer Center  
General Orientation and Nature Hike

Volunteers are needed to staff our visitor center, lead hikes with adult and school groups, participate on the trail crew, and help with stewardship projects as needed.

**April 8, 2006 - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm** - Armstrong Volunteer Center  
Interpretation with Children - Training will focus on techniques and tips for performing interpretive programs with children. Guest speaker: Ben Maki from Alliance Redwoods

**April 29, 2006 - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**, Meet in front lot by Visitor Center  
Get to Know the Park Trail Hike - East Ridge and Pool Ridge trails with experienced docents

**June 10, 2006 - Time TBD** - Mammoth Rock Training for Docents with Archeologist Breck Parkman

**PLEASE CALL TO REGISTER AHEAD OF TIME - (707) 869-9177.**

## How to Volunteer for VIP Programs

Call the Stewards office  
at 869-9177 or email,  
[volparks@mcn.org](mailto: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 Programs  
Watershed Program

### Sonoma Coast Citizen Action Team

### Other Projects

Recycling & Firewood  
Office Help & Special 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  
Bill Bambrick, CAT  
The Sorensons, Marine Debris  
Vacant, Tidepool Programs

## State Park Volunteer Coordinators

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

## NEW MEMBERS

**Patron \$200 plus**

*Sarah Burkdoll*

**Business \$100**

**Supporting \$100**

*Peter Catlin*

**Contributing \$50**

*Joan Barnes*

*Sandra & Don Brandlin*

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*Lucas*

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*McLaughlin*

*Diane Pery*

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*Marjorie Clark*

*Dianne Delfino*

*Susan Gardner*

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*Rich Lawton*

*Roberta Schepps*

*Gary Stern*

*Lorrain Stribling*

*Michael Von Der Porten*

*Valerie Watt*

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## Senior/Student

*David & Sheila Baker*

*Norman Hallam*

*Anne Higgins*

*John & Carol Norick*

*Tom Pringle*

## STEWARDS SPONSORED DOCENT LED OUTINGS

*Reservations are required for all hike. Please call (707) 869-9177 or email [stewards@mcn.org](mailto:stewards@mcn.org).*

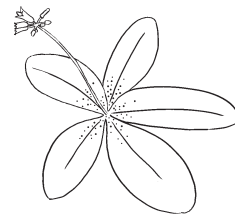
*All outings are free of charge however donations are always appreciated.*

### PHOTOGRAPHING WILDFLOWER IN WILLOW CREEK

Friday, March 24th and Friday, April 7th, 2006, 9 am

Led by Docents Darlene LaMont, Keith Nelson, and Bob Nelson

Meet at the Freezeout Road parking area. A special treat for those who want to learn how to take lovely photos of wildflowers. Bring a camera, lunch, and water.



### MONTHLY DOCENT-LED HIKES AT WILLOW CREEK

April 15, May 13, June 3, July 1, August 5, 2006 All hikes begin at 10:00 am

Meet at the Freezeout entrance for an "Islands in the Sky" hike. Each hike will provide participants with interpretive information about the flora and fauna in this new state park. Bring a snack and water.

### SATURDAY WHALE WATCH HIKES, Bodega Head, Sonoma Coast State Beach

April 22 and May 27, 10am

Led by Joelle Peebles & Mike Blick

Join us on Bodega Head to look for whales and enjoy a picturesque coastal bluff hike. We'll start at the oceanside Bodega Head parking lot. Meet near the bathrooms at 10am. First we'll hike the flat cliff trail to the overlook of Seal Rock and back to the parking lot (about 2 miles round trip). Anyone who wants to do more after that can join us on the steep cliff trail to the top of the hill for an awesome view of Bodega Bay, and back (about 2 miles round trip). Expect about 2 hours for both treks. Bring binoculars and dress in layers.

Tip: You may want to bring a folding chair and a bag lunch to enjoy the view from the overlook at the parking lot after hiking.

### WILDFLOWER HIKE TO GILLIAM CREEK, Austin Creek S.R.A.

with docents Norman Hill and Joyce Bacci

Saturday, May 6, 2006 10 am to 4:30 pm

Meet at the entrance parking lot at Armstrong Redwoods S.R. where carpooling will be arranged. The full loop will be moderate to difficult hiking, with several fordings of School House Creek. Bring lunch and extra water.

### RUSSIAN RIVER PADDLE TO VIEW NESTING BIRDS,

Put in at Willow Creek Environmental Campground

with Expert Paddler George Zastrow

Sunday, May 7, 2006, 9:00 am to Noon

A wonderful opportunity to see nesting Osprey and Blue Heron. We'll also see many ducks, possibly a river otter, and harbor seals. No experience necessary, instruction provided. Kayak rental information available upon request. Bring a snack, water, and wear layers of clothing with a waterproof layer on top.



### REDHILL HIKE, Meet at Shell Beach, Sonoma Coast State Beach

Saturday, May 20, 2006, 10 am

Led by Docents Norman Hill and Joyce Bacci

Come on out for an enjoyable hike where you will view wildflowers and expansive ridgetop views overlooking Sonoma Coast, the town of Jenner, and the Russian River. Bring lunch and water.

### JENNER ESTUARY BIRDING PADDLE, Meet at the Visitor Center in Jenner

Saturday, June 24, 2006, 9:00 am

with Docent Mary Follis

The morning will begin with a short presentation in the Visitor Center showing the birds we will be looking for and where we might see them. The paddle will take us around the estuary to view all types of birds, as well as harbor seals and maybe a river otter or two. Bring a snack and water and wear layers of clothing with a waterproof layer on top.

## EARTH DAY 2006

### Volunteer to Work for the Earth!

**Join Stewards Saturday, April 22, 2006 from 9:00 to 1:00 at  
Sonoma Coast State Beach and Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve**

As part of the California State Parks Foundation's Earth Day 2006 Restoration and Cleanup, Stewards is seeking volunteers for a beach and river cleanup on Sonoma Coast State Beach and a trail maintenance project at Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve. On April 22, beginning at 9am volunteers will help clean up the enormous amount of debris that washed up on north Jenner beach during the floods. In addition, there will be a paddle cleanup of the Russian River estuary organized by the Suki from the Segouis Paddling Club. At Armstrong volunteers will be spreading shredded redwood bark on the trails.

We thank our sponsors: California State Parks Foundation, PG & E, North Bay Corporation, Food for Humans, the Press Democrat to name just a few. Call the Stewards' office for additional information, (707) 869-9177 or email [stewards@mcn.org](mailto:stewards@mcn.org).

## Fisherman's Festival 2006

**April 8 & 9, 2006, 10 am at Westside Park in Bodega Bay**

Don't forget the Annual Fisherman's Festival is on April 8 and 9 of this year. A wonderful event at which Stewards will have our resale trailer. Stewards benefits from this event through a grant program so come on out and support a great cause.

## Salt Point Shoreline Walks with Keith Nelson

Meet at the Gerstle Cove Visitor Center.

- Saturday, March 25, 1-3 pm - Salt Point Training Day
- Saturday, April 8, 3-5 pm
- Saturday, April 22, 1-3 pm
- Sunday, May 21, 12-2 pm
- Sunday, June 18, 11-1 pm
- Sunday, July 16, 9-11 am



## OTHER COMMUNITY SPONSORED EVENTS

### The Laguna Foundation

**Take a Walk in the Laguna!** The water is high and spring has sprung in the Laguna. Learn more by taking a docent led walk. Meet BEHIND the Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris St. at 9:15 am Saturday, March 18. \$5 donation is requested. Heavy rain cancels, light rain does not cancel. For more information contact Mary Abbott, [mary@lagunafoundation.org](mailto:mary@lagunafoundation.org). To learn more, visit: [www.lagunadesantarosa.org](http://www.lagunadesantarosa.org)

### LandPaths

Willow Creek Permit Orientations

Saturday 3/18, 10 am, Trail Watch Training at 11:30 am, 4/13 at 6:30 pm, and 5/16 at 6:30 pm.

Call LandPaths (707) 524-9318 or email [willowcreek@landpaths.org](mailto:willowcreek@landpaths.org) for details and to sign up.

Forms are available at [www.landpaths.org](http://www.landpaths.org).

### Classes taught by John Klobas, Naturalist

SRJC Community Education, 527.4371

Tidepool Adventures on the Sonoma Coast (adults), May 13, 5:45-11:00

Family Day in the Tidepools (families), May 14, 6:30-11:00

Sonoma State University Continuing Education

Seals, Sea Slugs, and Whate Tales (marine science survey of the Sonoma coast)

Sunday, June 11, 5:30-11:00 a.m.

SRJC Ag and Natural Resources Department (General Catalog)- [santarosa.edu](http://santarosa.edu)

Marine Science survey & training (Save Our Seas) 1 day at SRJC, 4 days along the Sonoma coast

July 10-14, varying times and locations

Open and protected rocky intertidal organisms, mud flats, zonation, birds, marine mammals.

Stewards members receive this quarterly newsletter with information about Sector parks, special events for members and opportunities for volunteering. Members are also entitled to 10% discount 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  \$20.00  
 Individual  \$25.00  
 Family  \$35.00  
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## 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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