

Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods

Preservation through Education and Restoration in
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Spring Joy - New Beginnings

Diane Barth



It is a time to dwell on these lovely words that represent happiness and the season of new life. Looking around us in western Sonoma County it is easy to see the glorious signs of spring. The first season of the year is about beginnings.

The Pacific gray whales are making their northern migration from Baja to the Bering Sea with their calves. The wildflowers are abundant on the coast and in the forest. The days become longer with each passing week. Sunny days bring on "spring fever," one of the best excuses for enjoying a lazy day of luxury in this beautiful area we live.

January and the new year of 2007 came in with a bright clear full moon. At Stewards the inventory got counted and the blessings of many year-end donations reminded us that we are all here to ensure that our natural resources are protected, preserved and interpreted to future generations. The year ahead is full of exciting activities and opportunities for volunteer involvement. We have set our goals a little

higher: attract more members, recruit more volunteers, expand programs, reach out to more school children, increase awareness of our mission and vision to a broader regional community and provide more opportunities to enjoy the state parks in the Russian River District.

Several recent activities have focused on the rich artistic and cultural history of Pond Farm, Marguerite Wildenhain and the many students she influenced. On Friday, January 19th State Parks staffer Laura Parent hosted a visit to the "naturally decaying" site of the studio and home of this world-renowned artist. So much interest exists that the Sonoma County Museum and the Sebastopol Center for the Arts have highlighted the works of Marguerite and her students with displays, discussions and workshops from January through April. You won't want to miss these wonderful exhibits. The Pond Farm visit scheduled for April is full. There is another opportunity to visit - the annual cleanup day is May 6th - call if you would like to be part of this effort. There are many that would like to see this historic area open to the public more frequently; this would take extensive funding and resources. The inspiration of excellence remains in the energy of the art that was produced and continues to be created and taught by her devoted students.

The Community Outreach Fair on January 20th set the stage for the many volunteer programs we offer and our upcoming trainings scheduled this spring. Stewards' volunteers presented our various programs and provided an opportunity to informally chat with newcomers.

Cold dry weather in January started talk of a drought year but several inches of rain in

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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 District.

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

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We welcome articles and
input for our quarterly
newsletter.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Michele Luna, Executive Director



With the promise of spring, the Stewards office is transforming and our staff is growing. I am pleased to introduce you to four new staff members whom we have contracted with to help us improve our outreach efforts and also assist us in enhancing our environmental education programs.

Beth Hearn, our new Marketing Coordinator is assisting with event sponsorships, developing our new internship program, and assisting with our EcoAdventure program. **Carol Farnes**, our new Event Coordinator is scheduling and coordinating the volunteers to staff our special events. She is also coordinating the posting of flyers and posters throughout the County and helping Annie with inventory. **Suzanne Abrams** is helping us finish up the Environmental Living Program (ELP) Teacher's Guide. She is also assisting with planning the docent training and compiling the docent manual. **Beth Robinson** will assist in coordinating the environmental education program including the new ELP, Tidepool and Watershed Programs.

Redwood Ed, A Guide to the Coast Redwoods for Teachers and Learners

I am very pleased to report that the new coast redwood teacher's guide, written by **Mike Roa**, is nearing completion. I am in the process of reviewing and formatting the final document and am very impressed with its content and quality. Within the next few months it will be available on both the Department of Parks and Recreation and Stewards websites. It will also be available on CD and hard copy if requested.

Mammoth Rubbing Rocks Research and Docent Program

(The Mammoth Rubbing Rocks are part of an area of Sonoma Coast officially called the Sunset Rocks)

Stewards has been supporting the work of State Park Archeologist Breck Parkman for a number of years. Soon after Breck developed his theory that the polish on the Sunset Rocks could actually be mammoth rubbings, Stewards staff, board members, and volunteers became interested. The scientific research that Breck has done with other colleagues and scientists has been well documented and well respected. He is working with the leading geological authorities on the local rock formations. Rolfe Erickson, PhD is considered the leading authority on the Franciscan Formation and Steve Edwards, PhD is an expert on rock polish. According to Breck, they "spent months looking at the samples beneath the scanning electron microscope (SEM) and atomic force microscope (AFM) in the SSU Physics Lab and ruled out all the likely suspects for natural polish (e.g., wind, water, faulting, etc.)."

In a recent report that Breck provided to the Stewards Board of Directors he communicated the following:

The chemists at Texas A&M University are slowly completing their analysis of the rock polish samples I provided them two years ago. They have been analyzing the polish to see if there are any fatty acids within the polish and if there is organic carbon for dating purposes. Apparently, there are initial signs that both are present. Unfortunately, their work has been fraught with mishaps and missteps and until I see their final report I'm taking everything with a grain of salt. The discovery of fatty acids within the polish could be significant. The problem is in separating the fatty acids of lichens from anything else that is found on the rock. The chemists in Texas probably aren't prepared to take the research to that level due to funding and experience. But that's where the bio-chemists at the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab (LBNL) could be very helpful should I enlist their assistance! [Note: Breck also reported that he now has a contact that used to work at the LBNL who may be able to enlist some of the lab's bio-chemists in his DNA research.]

The contact referred to above is David Seaborg, a PhD in evolutionary biology. He is the son of the late Glenn Seaborg, the famous chemist. Glenn Seaborg discovered Plutonium for which he won the Nobel Prize for Science in 1951. Breck was contacted by David Seaborg after the SF Chronicle article that appeared last year about the Mammoth Rubbing Rocks theory.

As you can see, Breck is working with top-notch scientists in the field and someday, through his work, the Mammoth Rubbing Rocks theory will either be accepted or refuted. Until then, the research is fascinating and has become an exciting story when interpreting the geology of Sonoma Coast.

Stewards shares the concerns expressed by local community members that vandalism has occurred at the Rocks. We feel our efforts to educate those who frequent this area the most, the rock climbers, are an important avenue towards preventing further vandalism. Breck and I have engaged the rock climbers in a positive dialog and they too want to help prevent any further vandalism in the area. They don't want to be seen as environmentally

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CAL REPORT

Ranger Dave Horvitz, Cooperating Association Liaison



Welcome to spring and another enticing summer season along the coast and in the redwoods.

Armstrong's volunteer training occurred on February 24 at the Armstrong volunteer center. A respectable number of new and current volunteers were on hand for the orientation, sign ups and park overview.

One exciting new feature at Armstrong is the development and implementation of volunteer horse and foot patrols. These groups will be starting when our trails dry out enough to be traversed by horseback without sustaining damage. The purpose is to increase staff presence on the trails in the backcountry, answer questions, provide directions and assistance as needed, educate visitors and respond for search and rescue.

There is great potential for this group to expand into other roles, functions and parks. I welcome these newcomers into the growing numbers of wonderful volunteers within the Russian River District. If anyone has an interest in joining up for patrols within Armstrong Redwoods and Austin Creek please contact Ranger Shana Gibbs at Armstrong.

Keep in mind this is a great time to start thinking of coming out to your parks and volunteering. The calypso orchids are starting to bloom and the ospreys are back in town. Come out and enjoy a park near you.

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insensitive. Just as many are inspired by the beauty, flora, and fauna of Sonoma Coast while hiking the Kortum Trail, the rock climbers I've spoken to describe their experience of connecting intimately with these ancient rocks as being a "spiritual" experience. We all have our unique ways of relating to and appreciating nature. Balancing the wishes of recreational users and the need to preserve our fragile natural resources is not an easy task. Certain recreational uses are not always appropriate in all areas.

The State Park Mammoth Rocks Program is designed to educate those who recreate at this location about the geology of Sonoma Coast, the Mammoth Rubbing Rocks theory, and how important it is to protect this cultural resource. Educating members of the climbing community to be docents makes good sense because they can more easily communicate with other climbers and engage them in helping us with our protection goal. The program also trains docents to lead interpretive hikes along the Kortum Trail from Shell Beach. Again, the goal is sharing information about the amazing geology of Sonoma Coast, including the Mammoth Rubbing Rocks theory, and the research that is being done that will either prove or refute it. The program is very much in its infancy. We need to recruit someone to coordinate the scheduling of the volunteers in order to staff the Rocks regularly. If interested, please plan to attend the May 19th training. Call for details.

The History of the Armstrong Redwoods History Round includes a \$10,000 Donation

The Redwood History Round at Armstrong Redwoods has a history of its own and a legacy of controversy. The 1100 year old round was acquired from one of the state parks in northern California sometime in the early 1980s. Gary Lathen, Armstrong maintenance staff, remembers when it was installed. Within the first two years the bark fell off, making the round subject to rapid decay. Attempts were made to restore the round including nailing the bark in place, installing bracing on the back to better secure it, and replacing the history plaques that were stolen off its face. Gary said the placque about Columbus discovering America was vandalized numerous times by those who disputed the accuracy of the historic event or were offended by the events that occurred during that time in history.

In the early 1990s Betty and Herb Riess began talking to park staff about their interest in helping Armstrong Redwood State Reserve. In 1995, Betty donated \$1,000 to the Armstrong Habitat Restoration Fund. She wanted a piece of plexiglass put in front of the History Round to prevent further vandalism and she wanted a bench to be installed nearby. Unfortunately, the plexiglass didn't last long and the bench that was installed was an uncomfortable carved out log. After a change in park personnel, I became acquainted with Betty and Herb and have been working with Betty to remedy the situation.

About ten years ago, the Friends of Armstrong Redwoods (FAR) became interested in replacing the history round and a concerted effort began, much to the delight of Betty. For many years now we have been contacting other state parks, lumber companies, and anyone we could think of in our search for a round from a tree at least 1,000 years old.

In June of 2006, Herb passed away without seeing the replacement of the history round. However, we did install a nice new bench with an acknowledgment of Betty's donation, which he saw a picture of. **In February of 2007, Betty donated \$10,000** for the development and installation of a beautiful interpretive display depicting a 1,000 year old tree and it's relationship to events in history on one side, and a large mural on the other side showing the prevalent plants and animals in the redwood grove. After going out to bid, a contract was awarded to Faith Rumm Degrains to complete this project. The display will be finished and installed in the front parking lot before summer. We are very appreciative of Betty's generosity.

Because some community members were concerned about our replacing the history round with a fabricated display, we have decided to try our best to restore the natural history round by taking off all the decayed wood, securing it in place, and replacing the history plaques. This will leave a round of heartwood that should withstand the weather and last a much longer period of time. We also have not given up on acquiring a new round that is at least 1,000 years old. Whoever can find us a new Redwood History Round *will go down in history*, and we will be eternally grateful.

WHALE WATCH

Bea Brunn, Whale Mother

We have already completed two months of our whale watch season and as usual we have had windy and cold days along with some really great sunshine. On Saturday January 13 we had a most beautiful day with clear weather and unlimited visibility. In the afternoon we were rewarded for more than an hour with a show of humpbacks with huge spouts, breachings, backs and flukes—all the whales were out on the horizon but clear enough to see without binoculars.

We have had southbound gray whales on several weekends and again on February 4 we had humpback breaching.

We have had to cancel a couple of weekends because of our winter rain and gale winds. On Saturday February 24 we had intermittent rain (with a couple of hardy volunteers) and during a clear period we had our first northbound whales. Some of our new volunteers have been lucky enough to see some good spouts so everybody was excited, along with all our visitors.



Whale Watchers Trek to Baja

Michele Sokol, Docent



Joelle Peebles, Lois Benson, Mike Blick, Michele Sokol, Larry Tiller (left to right)

The excitement started months ago when I first heard of the whale watching trip. Organized by Gayle4Travel and Baja Expeditions, it was the trip of a whale lover's lifetime. Traveling down to San Ignacio Lagoon in Baja California was the first step in our adventure. Our itinerary took us from Santa Rosa to Oakland to San Diego to Ensenada, Mexico. From Ensenada we boarded a plane straight out of a 1940's movie (Casablanca???) and flew to a small airstrip near the San Ignacio Lagoon. Once we got to camp, we picked out our tents and cleaned up for the first of many excellent, freshly made meals. But the whales were calling us. In fact, we could hear them sounding in the middle of the night. Imagine a black starry sky, an endless desert and a blue-green lagoon and you're there.

Next day, after a bird watching kayak trip down the estuary, it was off to see the whales. Six people on a small boat called a panga set off twice a day in great weather and fairly calm waters. We were treated to the magical sight of grey whales, breaching, spy hopping, fluking and mating. Some mother whales even shoved their babies our way as if to say "Play with Jr. while I rest."



Happy hour and dinner and a naturalist recap topped off our evenings for four great days. Back in Santa Rosa, all we could say was, "We had a whale of a good time!" I'm planning to go back next year, are you coming? Contact gayle4travel.com to get on a list for next year.

Wildflower of the Season

Baby Blue Eyes, *Nemophila menziesii*

By Norman Hill, Docent

Once you have seen the sky blue flowers with white centers it is hard to forget them. The $\frac{3}{4}$ inch diameter flowers grow on soft, foot long stems with deeply, innately divided leaves, which are usually wider at the tips. They can be found on Armstrong Woods Road just above the Picnic Area, on upper Gilliam Creek Trail where it drops off a short ridge, and downslope from East Austin Creek Trail just beyond the crossing of Gilliam Creek.



There is also a white version, *N.M. atemaria*, which has gray spots radiating from the center of the flower.

There are two other close relatives with very similar leaves in this area: Vari-leaf *Nemophila*, *N. heterophylla*, which has white flowers less than half the size of baby blue eyes, and Small Flowered *Nemophila*, *N. parviflora*, with even smaller, cup-shaped white flowers, which can be found at the beginning of the East Ridge Trail.

DON'T MISS THIS!

The new outside display case at the Armstrong Visitor Center has been a real treat for everyone. It displays beautiful photos of the plant life in the park, especially the current and upcoming wildflowers, (as well as a banana slug). Many thanks to Joyce Bacci for putting together this display of her photos.

SPRING JOY

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mid-February brought creeks and river levels up and brought much needed moisture to our gardens and pastoral landscapes.

Our yearly membership renewal response is coming in at a good rate. A large number of you have been loyal members for many years and that is extremely gratifying. A very large appeal for new members went out in mid-February thanks to the efforts of our terrific office volunteers. They made the task fun with lively conversation and good energy. This group is continuing to work on a wide variety of projects from assembling training manuals, creating visual display panels of our programs, projects and events and organizing a new volunteer lending library. Please call the Stewards' office if you would like to join this effort on Wednesdays and Fridays.

The Seal Watch training on February 10th was well attended, in spite of heavy rains. Over fifteen new volunteers attended this informative session along with many returning veterans who love coming to the coast to help protect our important harbor seal colony at Goat Rock. We have also had successful trainings for Armstrong and the Jenner Visitor Center. Tidepools, Willow Creek, ELP, and Mammoth Rock are upcoming. We encourage you to attend any, or all, of these great sessions. You will be inspired by the dedication of our long-time volunteers and you will increase your knowledge and appreciation of this fabulous Russian River District of California State Parks. In addition to our spring trainings we look forward to our upcoming wildflower hikes and paddling event.

Also keeping us busy at the Stewards' office are scheduling of the spring school visits to Armstrong Redwoods, Sonoma Coast Beach for exploration of the intertidal, and watershed programs at Willow Creek. Thousands of school-age children visit our parks each spring free of charge, many getting docent-led tours by our dedicated volunteers. These visits are highlights of the school year for these students and teachers.

The trail crews continue to work on projects, both at Armstrong and at the Coast. A couple of weeks ago a large (non-native) tree cutting project, funded by a grant from REI, took place. Laura Parent mentioned that one of the volunteers celebrated her birthday by working at the park. Start a new personal tradition - share your skills, work to make this a better place.

There is so much beauty to behold during this glorious season - get out and explore, make new friends and expand your appreciation for this wonderful world.

PARK ADVOCACY DAY - MARCH 26, 2007

Join Stewards and the California State Parks Foundation at the State Capitol on March 26, 2007 for the Fifth Annual Park Advocacy Day. Each year, over 100 park supporters travel to the State Capitol to advocate for the protection and support of California's 278 State Parks. **Call the Stewards office if you are interested in joining us. We will be carpooling to Sacramento.**

Participants meet with policymakers to discuss the important issues facing state parks throughout California.

These meetings make a great impact in legislators' support for key park policies and issues. Participating in Park Advocacy Day is meaningful, fun, and most of all, easy! Park Advocacy Day 2007 will begin with a kick-off meeting at the Secretary of State's building in Sacramento. Afterward, participants (in small groups) will begin meeting with legislators and other policymakers at the State Capitol. At the conclusion of Park Advocacy Day, park advocates are also encouraged to attend the annual Legacy Awards Reception from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. honoring legislators who have demonstrated commitment to the protection and enhancement of state parks.

Online registration is quick and easy by going to the website for the California State Parks Foundation, www.calparks.org.

Stewards' Lending Library

We now have a new benefit of membership and volunteering – a lending library located in our Volunteer Center at Armstrong Redwoods. We will eventually have all our resale books, reference books noted in our training manuals and many other special publications that will help you become better interpreters of our area. Come by any weekday, browse our selection and check out a book, or two, for a short period

Are you interested in donating to this library? Many of you have extensive libraries of you own at home and might be "downsizing" your collection – please think of us if you have extra nature-related books that others could benefit from reading.

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
FAR

Docent Tour Guides

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 (CAT)

Other Projects

Recycling & Firewood

Office Help & Special Events

Volunteer Program Coordinators

Joyce Bacci, ARVC

Lanny Keyston, AR Trails, FAR

Laura Parent, Pond Farm

Linda Fisher Jenner VC

Bob Caricato, Seal Watch

Bea Brunn, Whale Watch

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Vacant, Willow Creek

Education

Bill Bambrick, Sonoma Cst CAT

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Lisa Bacon, Tidepool Programs

State Park Volunteer Coordinators

Ranger Shana Gibbs,

Armstrong/Austin Creek

Ranger Jason Smith,

Sonoma Coast State Beach

Outdoor Adventures

ARMSTRONG REDWOODS STATE RESERVE

Early Wildflower Walk

With docents Norman Hill and Joyce Bacci

Saturday, March 24, 2007, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. - FREE for members and volunteers, \$5 donation requested for others.

Meet in the East Parking Lot, next to the Stewards' Building. We will be hiking near the Picnic Area and on the lower Pool Ridge Trail; it will be moderately difficult, with one long, steep stretch. For those planning to complete the hike bring water, lunch, and be ready to ford a creek several times.

Armstrong Summer Tours Every Saturday at Noon beginning May 26th

FREE for members and volunteers, Donations requested for others. Reservations not required.

Take a fascinating tour of the largest grove of protected old-growth redwoods in Sonoma County. Learn about the unique characteristics of the coast redwoods, about the other plants and animals that interact with them, and the effects of time on the system. Also learn about the history of the efforts to protect and preserve this very special place.

AUSTIN CREEK STATE RECREATION AREA

Wildflower Hike to Gilliam Creek

With docents Norman Hill and Joyce Bacci

Saturday, May 12, 2007 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - FREE for members and volunteers, \$5 donation requested for others.

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



SONOMA COAST STATE BEACH

Willow Creek Seasonal Hikes - First Saturday of the month beginning in May, 10:30 a.m.

FREE for members and volunteers, Donations encouraged for others. Reservations not required.

Meet at the park entrance on Freezeout Road in Duncans Mills for a docent-led *Islands in the Sky* hike. Learn about the flora, fauna, and experience magnificent coastal views. Bring water and a snack.

RUSSIAN RIVER PADDLE

Duncans Mills to Jenner

With naturalists Suki Waters and George Zastrow

Sunday, April 15, 2007 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - FREE for members and volunteers, \$10 donation requested for others.

Kayak rentals available for an extra fee. Reservations required.

Meet in Duncans Mills. Paddle down the Russian River past the osprey and blue heron nesting area, to the town of Jenner, where we will take a shuttle back to our vehicles. A great opportunity to see river otters, harbor seals and an abundance of birdlife.

Salt Point State Park

Shoreline Walks with Keith Nelson. Meet at Salt Point Visitor Center, Gerstle Cove. Walk the bluff, explore wildflowers, geology and tidepools.

1 1/2 miles roundtrip, about two hours. FREE for all participants

Sun. April 8, 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Easter Sunday!

Sat. April 14, 2 p.m.- 4 p.m.

Sun. April 22, 9 a.m. 11 a.m.

Sun. May 6, 8 a.m.-10 a.m.

Sun. May 20, 8 a.m.-10 a.m.

Sun. June 3, 8 a.m.-10 a.m.

Sun. June 17, 8 a.m.-10 a.m. Father's Day!

Wed. July 4, 8 a.m.-10 a.m. Independence Day!

Fort Ross State Historic Park.

Two new 2 1/2 hour hikes are being offered by Keith Nelson. Meet at Fort Ross Visitor Center. **The first hike** will be a Lower Kolmer Gulch hike, landscapes, earthquake places, and flowers. It can be a stiff walk from the bottom of Highway One to the Russian orchard, but easy after that. **The second hike** is along the bluff from Fort Ross to Kolmer Gulch, highlighting Fort Ross geology and natural history. FREE for all participants

Sun. April 8, 1 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Lower Kolmer Gulch

Sun. April 22, 1 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Fort Ross Bluff Walk

Sun. May 6, 1 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Lower Kolmer Gulch

Sun. May 20, 1 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Fort Ross Bluff Walk

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Stewardship Projects

**Annual Earth Day Events - April 21, 2007,
Sonoma Coast Beach Cleanup, Russian River Paddle Cleanup, and
Armstrong Redwoods Trail and Fence Projects**

See the flyer insert for details.

Annual Pond Farm Cleanup - Sunday, May 6, 2007, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Meet at the Stewards office building at 10 a.m. Bring gloves, potluck dish to share, and good spirits.

21st Annual National Trails Day

Get Outside and "Experience Your Outdoors"

June 2, 2007

National Trails Day Kortum Coastal Trail

Sponsored by Sierra Club and Stewards

Couldn't ask for a better place to work on trails. Every spot has a fantastic view. Flowers will still be blooming. We supply the tools, beverages, and you supply the energy. Work at your own pace on the trail that honors our local environmentalist Bill Kortum. Some will be mowing and some using hand tools. Grass is tall this year. Bring gloves, sturdy boots, layered clothing, liquids and lunch. After work, there will be a potluck dinner at Wright's Beach. Anyone not working on the trail but wanting to donate something to the potluck or willing to set up the table call 546-6308. Meet 9:15 at Shell Beach. We work until around 3:30. **Reservations a must and needed by May 30th** Call Carol Vellutini 546-6308 or carolvsr@sonic.net.

National Trails Day Celebration in Santa Rosa

Stewards is also joining with other agencies that support trails in Sonoma County to put on a celebration after our stewardship projects. At press time there are plans for a dinner celebration for all National Trails Day volunteers at Julliard Park after 3:00. Plans also include organization booths for sharing information, music and fun! Contact Rob Helms from the Sonoma County Trails Council for more information. (707) 490-4950.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Contributing \$50

Jerre Cochran
Lawre Machado

Family

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Stewards members receive this quarterly newsletter with information about District 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.

COMMUNITY SMART CARDS

are available from Stewards. Businesses who participate donate a percentage to our organization. To sign up go to www.communitysmart.com or contact the office.

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
- Contributing \$50.00
- Supporting \$100.00
- Business \$100.00
- Patron \$200.00 plus
- Osprey Circle \$500.00 plus

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