

# Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods

Preservation through Education and Restoration in  
Russian River Sector State Parks

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## Willow Creek: Crown Jewel

Excerpts from an article in the Russian River Monthly by Stephanie Heller

In a landmark decision, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors agreed May 11 to purchase 3,373 acres in the Willow Creek watershed from its present owner, the Mendocino Redwoods Company.

Sonia Jacques, representing the Trust for Public Lands in San Francisco which handled the negotiations, called the property "exceptional." She said, "There are no properties like this on the coast that have not been subdivided."

Thanks to the passage of four state bonds for open space, the money was there. The county's open space district paid \$10.2 million of the \$20.5 million purchase price. State Parks, the Wildlife Conservation Board, and the California Coastal Conservancy provided the rest, preserving the land indefinitely as part of Sonoma Coast State Beach, to be administered by State Parks.

Caryl Hart, State Parks Commissioner and local parks advocate played a key role in bringing the deal to reality in recent years. Many environmental groups including Stewards, LandPaths, and Coast Walk supported the efforts of Sonia Jacques from Trust for Public Lands and Andrea McKenzie from the Open Space District. This has truly been a collaborative venture.

The acquisition, which includes most of the upper half of the watershed, caps forty years of efforts by environmentalists to finally call a halt to the threat of development and the timber harvesting that has dominated the landscape of Northern California since the turn of the century.

That story goes back to 1965, when Utah Mining and Construction started dredging Penny Island near the mouth of the Russian River. In 1969 the company transferred its lease to Northern California Aggregates, which applied for permits to dredge out the entire island. The company planned to sell the gravel to build the new BART system and use the profits to develop 8,000 acres surrounding the river mouth with upscale ranchettes on the ridges, condos, a golf course and a shopping center at Goat Rock Beach.

Elinor Twohy and her late husband John were told their house at the river mouth, acquired as a weekend place in 1963, would fall into the river and they were offered \$27,000 in compensation.

"The environmental movement was just getting started," Elinor said, "and we newcomers were considered radical, but the Jenner Coastside Conservation Coalition won support from all over the county."

In the end, after many meetings locally and in Sacramento, the dredging permit was rescinded, and the development stopped. In 1978, the lower half of the watershed came under the protection of State Parks. But the upper half remained in possession of Louisiana Pacific which had quite a reputation for its "slash and burn" logging.

Many have dedicated themselves to fighting every timber harvest plan on Willow Creek.

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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 Sector of the North Bay District.*

### CA State Parks Supported

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

### Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods

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Bodega Bay Seafood, Art and Wine Festival

August 28 & 29, 2004, 10-6 Sat. & 10-5 Sun.

Hike, Paddle and Ride for State Parks

September 11-19, 2004 - See page 7 for details

Russian River Celebration

September 11-19, 2004, [www.russianrivercelebration.org](http://www.russianrivercelebration.org)

California Coastal Cleanup, [www.watertowaves.sonic.net](http://www.watertowaves.sonic.net)

September 18, 2004

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

*Michele Luna, Executive Director*



Stewards has been working on many exciting projects during the past few months. Certainly, the Willow Creek acquisition has been a highlight. It has been so rewarding working with other agencies and nonprofits to realize what has been a dream for many people since the 60's. I feel honored to follow in the footsteps of the early activists who saved the Jenner estuary from destruction and stopped irresponsible logging practices that have contributed to the loss of salmonid habitat in our local watersheds. I greatly appreciate those who continue to be vigilant in this important effort.

### **Eco-Tourism in the Russian River Area**

Stewards is embarking on an Eco-Tourism venture with the Russian River Chamber of Commerce. Board member Bill Bambrick and I attended the first marketing summit put on by the Chamber and came away feeling like we were on the same page with participants in wanting to promote many of our activities and programs as eco-adventures that can provide visitors with both enjoyment and a sense of stewardship for our precious natural resources.

Stewards is working on a proposal for the environmental awareness component, which will involve educating local businesses and residents about important natural resource preservation efforts that we can all embrace, as well as promoting eco-adventures available through Stewards and other organizations in the area. The overall goal of the program is to market the Russian River area as a community where everyone is striving for sustainability in all aspects of our lives. This will be an interesting journey and one that is already creating much more recognition for Stewards in our local community.

Other aspects of the program include an online reservation system that can be used by all businesses and organizations in the area for booking purposes, a marketing component that will produce new marketing materials to promote the program, as well as resource guides to help businesses become more sustainable and green. It is hoped that a proposal will be ready for the June meeting of the Redevelopment and Oversight Committee (ROC), where funds will be requested to launch the new program.

### **School Programs**

The spring season of providing school programs in our parks has been quite successful. This year Stewards assisted our parks by handling all the school group reservations for Armstrong and Sonoma Coast. We made reservations for 86 schools and 4200 students at Armstrong. A number of those schools received docent-led walks, although we did not have enough docents to cover all the groups that requested them. We handled reservations for 10 schools and 500 students who requested tidepool programs and provided watershed programs for 92 students this spring and 180 last fall. In addition, we provided customized programs for 150 students.

### **New Major Donor Program**

We have also been working on a new Major Donor program. The board has approved four funds that donors can choose to donate to as a way of providing them with an opportunity to support the causes closest to their hearts.

**Stewards General Operating Fund:** This fund provides general support for all the programs that Stewards supports, as well as special event sponsorships that help defray the costs of putting on events.

**Volunteers in Parks Fund:** This fund provides support for the recruitment, training and supplies needed for all the VIP programs we support.

**Public Education and Outreach Fund:** Donations to this fund will help provide free educational programs and materials for school groups, plus interpretive panels and signage.

**Habitat Preservation and Restoration Fund:** This fund will provide support for the restoration and preservation of the natural resources in our parks.

We are also working on special recognition plaques in our visitor centers for donations of \$500 or more.

Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you in the parks and at our special events.

### ***New Stewards Polo Shirts***

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

***Special Pricing for Members and Volunteers***

***\$20 for S - XL***

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***Call the office to order or visit one of our Visitor Centers.***

***(707) 869-9177***

## CAL REPORT

*Dave Horvitz, Cooperating Association Liaison*

Summer seems to have arrived judging from the increase of visitors to the Russian River area. There has definitely been an increase in park activity over the past month. Staff and volunteers have become busier attending to increased demands for service, maintenance and interpretative programs.

If you have never taken part in various Stewards fund raising events, interpretive or restoration programs, now might be a good time to consider doing so. There are many programs available that are suitable for all interests and ages. With the weather as nice as it is, this might be a good time to become active volunteers. Contact the Stewards office at 869-9177 for information.

There are a few developments to mention this month. Our sector interpretive volunteers are now officially designated as Docents. Visitors perceive the term Docent to indicate a high degree of training, experience, professionalism and overall quality. Thanks goes to District Interpretive Specialist, Rick Royer, for being able to make this designation which elevates the status of our programs.

The Stewards building at Armstrong Redwoods SR is progressing nicely. It is anticipated that the Stewards staff will be able to utilize their new office early this summer. The building also has a training room suitable for meetings and various trainings as needed. I am sure Michele, Annie and Emily will be very grateful to be moving into their new work spaces.

Interpretive programs at Armstrong Redwoods and the Sonoma Coast are showing strong demand from school groups and the general public. It is good to see increased interest that shows we are all doing a great job of interpreting our environment. Word is getting out regarding the quality, enjoyment and fun the programs offer. Increased publicity by strengthening ties with local businesses, affiliation with the Chamber of Commerce and high visibility resource projects seem to be doing the trick.

The volunteer social at Fort Ross in May had a good turn out of around 80 sector volunteers from all parks and programs. Good food, drink and people made for an enjoyable event. Thanks to Salt Point Ranger Karen Broderick for taking the role of coordinating the event. We are looking forward to creating another event next year with more activities and getting to meet volunteers from around the district.

There is an interest in updating the material for sale in the Steward's visitor centers. In a nutshell, sales items are to have an interpretive message pertaining to our area. I am looking forward to strengthening this message by providing high quality sales items. If anyone has ideas for fun and provocative items that might be useful I would be interested in knowing. Please forward your ideas via email to me at: [dhorvitz@mcn.org](mailto:dhorvitz@mcn.org), or by calling me at Armstrong Redwoods at 869-2231.

Hope everyone is continuing to have a great summer.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Ann Chambers, Stewards Board President*

Greetings from the Board of Directors. There are some interesting new things that Stewards is getting involved with, as Michele will no doubt be telling you about in her newsletter article. I am taking this opportunity to introduce myself, as I am a comparatively new Board member and already President.

My husband Bill and I came to California in 2002, after he had been retired a couple of years and I retired as director of a non-profit in Cortez, Colorado—an organization with about the same size annual budget as Stewards—called the Cortez Cultural Center. I had been on several boards in Colorado, including six years on the Board of the Colorado Arts Consortium, a state-wide arts and cultural organization.

Both Bill and I had volunteered extensively in Colorado and decided to attend one of the general training/opportunities sessions put on by Michele and company. We were hooked! We now volunteer regularly for shifts on Seal Watch and Whale Watch and have been involved in the school education programs at Armstrong Redwoods, and the Tidepool Roving Naturalist and Education programs. I, of course, applied for a Board position. We also applied and were accepted in the Sonoma County Master Gardeners program, interviewing before we had even moved here and graduating in 2003. All of this gave us a jump-start on learning about the natural world we were moving into plus we have met all kinds of interesting people. Volunteers are the very best kind of people to get to know, a concept not new to us!

At any rate, I have been scrambling to learn EVERYTHING about Stewards and its history, especially in the past few months. Someday I will catch up. Thanks to all of the "old-timers" (age has nothing to do with it) who have been helping me with what I need to know. Please, all of you, keep it up. Thanks!

## WISH LIST

*Carpeting for the Jenner  
Visitor Center  
Spotting Scopes  
Tripods  
Binoculars  
Laptop Computer  
Data Projector  
Digital Camera  
Digital Video Camera  
Water Quality Monitoring  
Meters & supplies*

## RAFFLE DONORS & SPONSORS Golf Tournament

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Seaweed Cafe  
Double Decker Lanes

## PERCEPTIONS

Ranger Jason Smith

Ever since I can remember I was thrilled with nature, animals, and the world around me. I still have a scorpion, wolf spider, and daddy-long-legs in a container in my office that I collected when I was about eight. I have a picture of my "science collection" taken from the top bunk in my bedroom. The love of the outdoors and the amazing way nature works fueled my passion to learn more. I took advanced chemistry and biology classes in school, attending college while still in high school, and eventually received three of my four degrees in the sciences. After working with the Dept. of Fish and Game I was fortunate to land with State Parks at Sonoma Coast State Beach.

Throughout my adolescence, education, and career path I have tried to continue to learn and be awe struck by nature's handiwork. One of the important things I've learned is that no matter how much we try to pigeon-hole nature into different groups, not everything fits. The unusual and bizarre are the norm, whether it's a color changing chameleon or the properties of light. I wholeheartedly encourage everyone to explore your world and you'll find those eccentricities everywhere. Enjoy them and share them. Here are a few unusual facts about the five senses, sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch, that I've come across. There are millions of trivia tidbits to find if you're willing to look.

### In humans:

- Newborn babies see images upside down.
- One in twelve males are color blind.
- Most people blink every 2-10 seconds, which means their eyes are shut about 30 minutes during their normal waking hours.
- The smallest bones in the body are the ear bones: incus, malleus, and stapes.
- About 2 million people in the United States can't smell.
- Most people can distinguish between 3,000 and 10,000 different odors.
- 1 in 1,000 people can't smell skunks.
- There are more than 20 taste receptors on each taste bud.
- Fingerprints increase surface area on the hand, which makes grasping objects easier.
- Some people do not have fingerprints.
- Your body registers hot objects faster than cold ones.
- Each person has 20 different types of nerve endings that send messages to your brain.

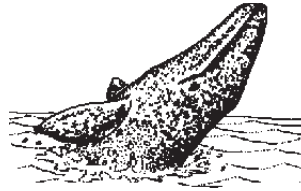
### In animals:

- Scallops and clams have eyes on the opening of their shells that can sense differences in light and dark objects.
- Crabs and chameleons can rotate each of their eyes independently.
- The giant squid has the largest eye in the world at over 15 inches across.
- Moles and shrews can feel sound waves through their skin by other underground creatures.
- Many whales hear sound through vibrations in their skulls. Many whales can hear sounds over 100 miles away.
- Turkey vultures can smell rotting flesh over two miles away.
- Great White Sharks can detect blood at 1 part per million, or 1 drop in a full bathtub of water.
- Wolves and some domestic dogs have close to 6 square feet of odor receptors in the passageways of their nostrils.
- Earthworms have taste receptors located the entire length of their bodies.
- Flies have several taste receptors on their legs.
- Crayfish and crabs can detect minute changes in water flow and adjust themselves accordingly.

## WHALE WATCH

*Bea Brunn, Whale Mother*

Another successful whale watch season has come to a close—unfortunately for us. We have had some very stormy days this year with the large swells it seemed like the northward swimming whales were further out to sea—at least at the beginning of the northward migration. Then starting in April, we began seeing parades of mothers/calves very close in. We had up to 6 pairs of mothers/calves in a row passing by several times both Saturdays and Sundays with the calves putting on quite a show, trying to breach and definitely spyhopping—to the delight of our volunteers and visitors alike. These great sightings kept on during April and into the first two weeks of May, in spite of some really windy days. Our last day, May 29, turned out to be very cold and windy, and with no confirmed sightings for a couple weeks, we moved our potluck get-together down to Campbell Cove. We all enjoyed all kinds of delicious stuff, including fresh caught abalone supplied by my best supporter. It was great visiting with each other and we also had a nice visit with our lifeguard Brit Horn. Thanks to all our brave volunteers this season, and I look forward to seeing everybody again next year.



*(Note: Our special thanks to Bea for coordinating another successful Whale Watch season. We owe her a huge debt of gratitude for her continued support year after year. We love you Bea!)*

## 4TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

*Bill Dickinson, Board Member*

The 4th Annual Stewards Golf Tournament was held at the Northwood Golf Club on Friday afternoon, the 4th of June. After a great lunch provided by the Northwood Restaurant and the awarding of some great raffle prizes, the golfers teed off at 1 PM in just about perfect weather. The team of Jim Fox, Roy Teixeira, Jim Deis and Larry Deis took first place with a net total of 60. Closest to the pin awards went to Jim Fox and Barbara Seymore. A special thanks go to Barbara at the restaurant and to Vern at the golf course for helping make our event a success. A good time was had by all. Plan on joining us next year for this fun day.

*(Note: A special thank you to Bill who always does an excellent job organizing our golf tournament. His efforts raised about \$3,000 for Stewards)*

## SUMMER NATURALIST LED EVENTS

### *Keith Nelson's Shoreline and Tidepool Explorations*

*Meet at the Salt Point State Park's Gerstle Cove Visitor Center.*

Sunday, June 20, 2004, 8-10

Monday, July 5, 2004, 9-11

### *Bodega Dunes Campfire Programs*

Every Saturday at either 8 or 8:30 the Rangers on Sonoma Coast are putting on campfire programs throughout the summer months. Call the Ranger Station at 875-4583 for program details. What an excellent way to enjoy a summer evening on the coast in front of the campfire! *(Stewards is also looking for volunteers to staff an information table at these programs. Call the office if you are interested in helping out.)*

### *Two wonderful hikes with Keith Nelson, Joyce Bacci & Darlene LaMont*

#### *Salmon Creek to Windmill Cove*

July 17, 2004, 10am

Meet at the west Bodega Head parking lot. Hikers will shuttle to the Bean Ave. Salmon Creek parking lot where the hike will begin. Hike down the beach, through the dunes and wonderful coastal habitat to Windmill Cove. Please call the Stewards office, 869-9177 to register and for details.

#### *Pomo Trail Hike*

August 21, 2004, 10am

Meet at the Shell Beach parking lot for a refreshing hike with magnificent coastal views and redwoods to Pomo Canyon Campground and back again. Please call the Stewards office, 869-9177 to register and for details.

## 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 Program*

*Watershed Program*

## Other Projects

*Recycling & Firewood*

*Office Help & Events*

## Volunteer Program Coordinators

Joyce Bacci, ARVC

Lanny Keyston, AR Trails

Skaidra Smith-Heisters,

*AR Restoration*

Laura Parent, Pond Farm

VACANT, Jenner VC

Bob Caricato, Seal Watch

Bea Brunn, Whale Watch

John Cole, Recycling

Ginny LaVine Barrera,

*Willow Creek Education*

Rob Dickerson, CAT

The Sorensons, Marine Debris

Sandy Horn, Tidepool Prog.

Bill Chambers, Tidepool Roving

## State Park Volunteer Coordinators

Ranger John Kolsrud,

*Armstrong/Austin Creek*

Ranger Jason Smith,

*Sonoma Coast State Beach*

## NEW MEMBERS IN 2004

### Business \$100

Bill Crane  
Fred Euphrat

### Supporting \$100

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Harold Hahn & Tania Amochaev  
Marcia Muller

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Terry Dale  
John & Mary Enriken  
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Charles and Elvira Lavell  
Barry Moon  
Herbert & Gloria Leiderman  
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Schoch

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Ted & Nancy Waldman

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Challenging timber harvest plans, the key tactic used by activists, became possible thanks to a lawsuit won by Franci Gallegos in 1979 which stopped logging in the Dutch Bill watershed, adjacent to Willow Creek. The decision in the State Supreme Court established the precedent that, under the California Environmental Quality Act, timber harvest plans were subject to public review.

Later, Franci formed the Coastal Ridge Coalition, and in 1990 she called a meeting where she proposed preserving the entire Willow Creek watershed as a park like the Point Reyes National Seashore in Marin.

In her invitation letter, she wrote: "Have you ever hiked the rugged ridge along Willow Creek Road to the sea? Did you find yourself on a peak looking out on the green-gray Pacific? Well, take a look now. The trees are on their way to Mexico, the horned owl and mountain lion are dislodged, streams silted over, native plants extinguished, watersheds and aquifers depleted. The final insult lurks in the not too distant future when five and ten acre ranchettes pockmark this wasteland." Unfortunately, Franci did not live to see her dream fulfilled.

After decades of timber wars, LP was preparing to divest itself of its northern California holdings. In 1998 they sold the upper Willow Creek watershed to the Mendocino Redwoods Company (MRC). This is when Caryl Hart took over where Franci left off and approached MRC to suggest a purchase. When the company expressed its lack of interest, she worked with them to arrange for public access with the help of the Santa Rosa based organization LandPaths.

In 2000, Stewards worked with many agency and private partners to write and acquire a grant to do a channel feasibility analysis, a watershed plan and put together an educational program for school.

Now that State Parks will own the property, it remains to be seen how they will manage it. Escrow is supposed to close on November 1st, 2004.

State Parks sector superintendent Michael Stephenson explained that the first step is to create a general management plan. At that time there will be plenty of time for public input. The public input that Stewards has acquired during its watershed plan process will be used as well.

With State Parks operating on a tight budget these days - 30 staff members managing 25,000 acres - there will be plenty of room for community involvement.

Stewards will be working very hard with State Parks to raise funds to open up this new park acquisition for multiple public uses, keeping foremost in our minds the importance of restoring and preserving this land for all times.

## MOUNTAIN SHADOWS MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE LEARNING PROJECT

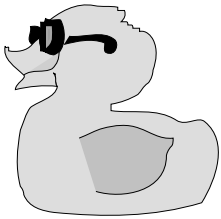
On June 2nd, Mountain Shadows Middle School students, who are part of their Expeditionary Learning program in Cotati, assisted State Parks by participating in a service learning project sponsored by Stewards. A grant was awarded to Stewards by the **California State Parks Foundation** in the amount of \$2,000 for a fence building project aimed at providing protection for the threatened understory flora and also to prevent further erosion, which is causing sedimentation into a tributary of Willow Creek. The students also raised \$500 for the project as matching funds. Thanks also to volunteers Lanny Keyston, Mark Anderson, and Michelle Nazzi who did the prep work for the project, and parks staff Ranger Rich Lawton, Denise Alexander and Mike Wisehart for their support.



**20th Annual Duncans Mills Festival of Art and Wine, Rubber Duck Races, & New Kids Zone**

**June 19 and 20, 2004**

**10 am to 6 pm on Saturday and 10 am to 5 pm on Sunday**



This great event may have already taken place when you get this newsletter, but if not, it has something for the entire family. Top quality art and fine crafts, wonderful wine and microbrew tasting, delicious food and the notorious Rubber Duck Races. The grand prize for the duck race will again be a Softub. The 2nd place prize is a two night stay at Bohemian Rhapsody in Monte Rio. The 3rd place prize is a one night stay at the Bodega Bay Lodge & Spa and a Korbel tour for four with a tasting and bottles of champagne. We also have a one night stay at the Fort Ross Lodge, a spa treatment at

Osmosis Enzyme Bath and Spa, and other great prizes. In addition, this year Stewards is putting together a Kids Zone with games and prizes. Stewards is the beneficiary of this event, so we appreciate you spreading the word. Call Stewards at (707) 869-9177 for information.

**Hike, Paddle, and Ride for State Parks**

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



**Sat., Sept. 11, 2004**

9:00am

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

**Sun., Sept. 12, 2004**

9:00am-10:30am

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

8:30am-12:30am

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

**Wed., Sept. 15, 2004**

11:00am-2:00pm

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

**Sat, Sept. 18, 2004**

10:00am-1:00pm

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

2:00am-4:30pm

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

**Sun., Sept. 19, 2004**

9:00 -11:30am

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

Noon to 3:00pm

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

**Registration forms available by phone (707) 869-9177, email [stewards@mcn.org](mailto:stewards@mcn.org), or on our website, [www.stewardsofthecoastandredwoods.org](http://www.stewardsofthecoastandredwoods.org)**

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

Registration donation includes a special thank you gift.

*For participants who choose to collect pledges there will be chances to win a kayak, an overnight stay at Camp Tacoma and other great prizes!*

**Individual**

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

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- Sandy Bush
- Valerie Byrd
- Bob Cortelyou
- Linda Fisher
- Joan Grosser
- Rosalyn Hendy
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- Roger & Marilyn Maslin
- Shirley McDonald
- Louise Morrison
- Jean O'Donnell
- Mert Preston
- Gloria Joan Rogers
- Phyllis Schmitt
- Norma Sonosky
- Bary Stinemates
- Loralyn Wagner
- Elaine Welke

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

VIP docents earn annual day-use passes.

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

## Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods

### Membership Form

Renewal

**YES**, I'd like to become a member.

- Senior/Student  \$15.00  
 Individual  \$20.00  
 Family  \$25.00  
 Contributing  \$50.00  
 Supporting  \$100.00  
 Business  \$100.00  
 Patron  \$200.00 plus  
 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 the Coast and Redwoods, a nonprofit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of California, with a principal address at P.O. Box 221, Duncans Mills, CA 95430, \_\_\_\_\_percent of my estate, (or) the sum of \_\_\_\_\_dollars, (or) the following assets\_\_\_\_\_.

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

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

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 VEHICLE DONATION IN THE  
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