

# Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods

Preservation through Education and Restoration in  
Russian River Sector State Parks

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## Weaving the Past, Present and Future in our State Parks

Diane Barth

As 2006 draws to a close it is a time to reflect on so many things: our accomplishments this past year, our dedicated volunteers, the many students we come in contact with on school tours, the inspiring hikes, paddles and rides, our fascinating cultural history and the ambitious plans we have for 2007 and beyond.

Many people think that winter is a slow time for Stewards and that certainly is not the case. Volunteer trainings are one of our most rewarding activities. Beginning in November with Whale Watch and continuing January through April with Seal Watch, Armstrong, Jenner Visitor Center, Tidepool programs, Willow Creek Watershed Education and Mammoth Rocks. We trained many new volunteers and welcomed back returning veterans. Grant funding, proceeds from our many summer events, along with generous donations from our appeals allows us to provide all our trainings free of charge to our volunteers. This is, of course, a year-round effort.

In 2007, we will add the Sonoma Coast Environmental Living Program (ELP) to our ever-growing list. Our new Environmental Education Interpreter, Kelly Crandall, has been busy this past year preparing a Teacher's Guide and many exciting activities for this new program that will allow 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students the opportunity to live the cultural history of the Sonoma Coast by stepping back in time.

Start the year out by visiting the coast for Whale Watching at Bodega Head. Did you know that more Stewards' volunteers start with this program? It is a chance to experience the coastal environment first-hand and meet visitors from all over the world. 'Whale Mother' Bea Brunn who coordinates this program was one of the founders of Stewards and has a vast knowledge of this extraordinary migration.

School visits and tours at Armstrong, Sonoma Coast tidepools, and Willow Creek keep our volunteer docents very busy, particularly during the spring months when over 5,000 students visit our parks. These programs are the core of Stewards — interpreting our natural resources and developing lifelong stewards.

Early spring hikes are an opportunity to experience the magic of the first wildflowers in the old redwood grove at Armstrong Redwoods. This is your chance to see up close Calypso Orchids, Trillium, Fetid Adders' Tongue, as well as our colorful Banana Slugs. By the time the weather warms these are all history.

This spring will also celebrate the cultural history of Pond Farm and Marguerite Wildenhain. An extensive set of exhibits will display her fine work and that of many of her accomplished students from the Pond Farm school.

Summer is always glorious along the Russian River and Sonoma Coast State Beach and we ended this season with a flourish! For our first Old Grove Concert, the skies cleared and the winds died away, leaving us with just the right conditions for a starlit concert in a natural forest setting. What a memorable evening for all in attendance.

I wish to extend a very special thank you to centurion Josephine Wright, her daughter Donna Gitchell and her grand-daughter Suki Waters for gracing us at our annual membership meeting in October. Along with long-time Jenner residents Elinor Twohy and Kathie Lowrey and local historian, John Schubert we shared a wonderful morning of cultural storytelling and a fabulous journey back a few decades.

This year we also began a new journey with AIA architect Cynthia Ketelsen and a committee of Friends of Armstrong Redwoods (FAR) to create the planning framework for a new visitor center. This is an exciting opportunity to leave a legacy for future generations.

To conclude a wonderful year, over 150 people attended our Annual Volunteer Celebration to reminisce and share stories of life as a docent and/or stewardship volunteer. The programs Stewards supports wouldn't be possible without the commitment of our State Park volunteers. On behalf of both Stewards and State Parks we thank you and wish you a rewarding journey into the future.

### 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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We welcome articles and input for our quarterly newsletter and encourage you to contact us to be put on our newsletter reminder list.

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Michele Luna, Executive Director



As we transition from fall to winter, I am pleased to report on our major accomplishments during 2006.

## Grants

Grant writing efforts have provided us with over \$122,000 this year. The State Coastal Conservancy provided us with funding over the next four years for our docent programs in Willow Creek, including our new Environmental Living Program. We received over \$21,000 for a Coast Redwood Teacher's Guide, as well as \$20,000 over two years from the Dean Witter Foundation in support of all our programs. In addition, we were awarded a \$20,000 contract to develop EcoAdventures through a redevelopment grant that was given to EcoRing, a new nonprofit in the Russian River area. We also received Earth Day funding from the California State Parks Foundation and received a \$5,000 grant from REI for trail projects at both Armstrong and Sonoma Coast.

## Armstrong Visitor Center Planning

In October a group of Armstrong volunteers, park staff, and Stewards staff began the process of developing a plan for a new Visitor Center at Armstrong Redwoods. All participants are very excited about this endeavor being facilitated by docent and architect Cindy Ketelsen. Cindy is contributing her time *pro bono* to help us develop a "design program." The program will enable us to conduct a design competition whereby architectural firms will pay a fee to enter drawings of their Visitor Center concepts. A smaller group of those involved will vote on which designs we like best and those will be our winners, one of which will be the firm we hire to complete the project. Once we have some professional drawings to display, we will begin a capital campaign to raise the funds needed to see this dream become a reality. As the planning team is aware, Armstrong Redwoods and Austin Creek will need a general plan before we can break ground on this project. This minor detail is the reason why Stewards is funding the following two planning documents for our parks.

## Armstrong/Austin Creek Natural Resources Management and Trails Plans

The Stewards Board of Directors has dedicated \$20,000 in funding for two significant documents that are needed to complete a general plan for the Armstrong and Austin Creek park units. A Natural Resource Management Plan should be done early in 2007 and the first phase of the Trails Plan, a contract awarded to Rob Helms, should be completed by mid-2007. Funding for the second and third phases of the Trails Plan will be sought.

## Other Fundraising efforts

As you will recall from last quarter's newsletter our first Old Grove Festival was a great success, raising about \$8,000. Along with our other special events, our annual net total for special event fundraising efforts should be over \$41,000. This does not include visitor centers and firewood sales, which represents another \$27,000 in net sales. Our membership dues have reached an all time high this year and along with other donations from individuals that total will be over \$27,000 as well.

Both program-wise and financially-speaking, Stewards has much to be thankful for as we bid farewell to 2006. All of this success would not be possible without your help and support, for which we are most grateful.

I just returned from Colorado after meeting my new grand-daughter, Giovanna. Her beauty and purity of spirit reminds me how important we all are in the larger scheme of things. She will grow up to make a difference in our world, just as each of you do for our organization. May you feel as blessed as I am.

## Greeting to Linda Rath

Linda Rath, Sector Superintendent

I grew up in a suburb of Los Angeles and learned to love the outdoors through many family camping trips with my four brothers and sisters. I attended Cal State University, Humboldt and received a BS in Wildlife Management, a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential and graduate work in Environmental Ed. During this time, I worked as a seasonal aid and interpreter for CA Dept. of Fish and Game, US Forest Service, Bureau of Reclamation and National Park Service and as a substitute teacher and teacher's aid in a high school for troubled teens and a preschool for troubled preschoolers. These experiences prepared me for my career as a CA State Park Ranger. I entered the CA State Park Cadet Academy in fall 1984 and worked at San Clemente State Beach, Gaviota District (El Capitan and Refugio State Beaches and Gaviota State Park), and the Big Sur District (Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, Andrew Molera State Park, Pt. Sur SHP, Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park, Gaviota State Park) as a Ranger. I promoted to Supervising Ranger at San Juan Bautista State Historic Park and Fremont Peak State Park, then returned to Big Sur as a Supervising Ranger for the last 10 years. Throughout my 21 year career with State Parks, I have enjoyed my experiences and mutual accomplishments working with several Cooperating Associations and volunteers. I look forward to working with Stewards and the State Park Volunteers to accomplish our goals, serve the public, and protect our resources in the Russian River District for today and future generations.

# CAL REPORT

Ranger Dave Horvitz, Cooperating Association Liaison

Here is hoping that everyone has a great holiday season. Seems as if December flies by and before we know it spring will be here. Looking back on the year there are many accomplishments we can be proud of. Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods has had an exceptional year in providing organizational and funding support for state parks. Many new and exciting projects have been started.

The success of the Forest Theater music event, sort of an experiment to begin with, turned out to be a lucrative fundraiser for Stewards, provided visitors with an opportunity to create memories of a special evening, and used an area of Armstrong Redwoods that has been under utilized for years. Many thanks go to all of the volunteers, Stewards staff, musicians and local event organizers Jim Ocean and Kathy Dupler of Community Concerts, for helping make the evening an event to remember. We will be looking for volunteer assistance for the next event in the fall of 2007. Volunteering allows you free admission and a very fun time. Contact the Stewards office to sign up.

Other exciting projects include the development of an in-depth curriculum based interpretive program for Armstrong Redwoods, ongoing work to create a broad based redwood habitat education manual, development of Willow Creek interpretive programs, beginning phases of a resource management and comprehensive trail plans for Armstrong Redwoods SR/Austin Creek SRA, and efforts to expand the Jenner Visitor Center hours of operation.

The Russian River district has hired Linda Rath as our sector superintendent. Linda has a long career and good reputation in State Parks. Her last assignment was as a Supervising Ranger working at Big Sur. Linda is very approachable and easy to get along with, hard working, and has a strong park orientated set of skills, expertise and knowledge. We are fortunate to have someone of her caliber working in our district.

Armstrong Redwoods is once again at full staff with the addition of Ranger Shana Gibbs. Shana transferred to Armstrong from Fort Ross SHP. If you have not already experienced her enthusiasm and excitement stop by and introduce yourself the next time you see her.

I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and support. I am anticipating a good year for our district with new opportunities for involvement and will look forward to seeing and working with everyone over the coming months.

## Welcome Ranger Shana Gibbs

Ranger Shana Gibbs

It was 1996. Three years shy of my 10 year high school reunion!! I was 25 already. I had decided to end a seven year relationship and begin my life and I knew I wanted to be a ranger. Becoming a ranger had become my "plan". Luckily, I had family that was incredibly supportive in this endeavor. I transplanted myself from Southern California to the Central Valley where the plan was to live with my favorite aunt for a couple of months. I lived in a small cabin ("Shana's Shanty" was engraved on a wood board at the entrance) that my aunt had built as a guest cabin. The "shanty" had a small wood burning stove and no running water. I had a beautiful seasonal creek just off of the back deck, used an outhouse and woke up with the sun in the mornings. I drove 60 miles one way to work and it took just over an hour to make it to my hostessing job. Well, you might be wondering...if I only had an outhouse and no running water...then how did I take a shower? I was fortunate enough to have made an arrangement with a local K.O.A. lady (on my way into town and home) that I pay her \$20.00 a month and in return she allowed me to use her showers. I got to live in this transitional space for about ten months. It was probably the best ten months I've had. I used this time to get geared up for college (i.e. apply) and to save a little money.



I moved to Eureka, California and started college at Humboldt State in 1998. I graduated in 2001 with a B.S In Natural Resources. I am one class shy of a minor in interpretation; however, it would have been another year before the class was offered again, so I passed it up. I applied with the State of California for the upcoming ranger exam they were offering and passed. I went through the 1 ½ year of processing (background check, physical, psychological, etc.) and then I went through the Asilomar Training Academy in the summer of 2002 and began working as a California State Park Ranger in November of 2002. My first job assignment was at Cal Citrus State Historic Park in Riverside, California (Southern California). The main emphasis at Cal Citrus was interpreting to the public, the relationship and importance of the citrus industry to Southern California's booming beginnings. I worked there for one year and then transferred to Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area in San Bernardino, California. Since Silverwood was a State Recreation Area, the emphasis of the park was much different than Cal Citrus. The focus for this park was on providing recreational activities such as fishing, boating, hiking, camping, and swimming. As rangers we wore several different hats. We provided boat, vehicle and foot patrol. We took care of campground operations and enforcement, provided Bald Eagle tours in winter, did adopt-a-school programs, and regular school programs for local schools. There was a wonderful camaraderie at Silverwood Lake between all staff members which made it a second home for me and it was a hard decision to leave. I knew though in my heart that I needed to be north! I came up to Sonoma County in October of 2005 to take a peek around. I checked out the Coast, I checked out the Fort and I checked out Armstrong/Austin Creek. I KNEW I had found my new home. I was told that if I wanted a job at Armstrong, I would have to get my foot in the door first. I applied to Fort Ross State Historic Park and, luckily, by the hair on my chiney-chin-chin...I GOT the job. I worked at the Fort for almost a year and transferred to...yup...Armstrong. Finally home!

So THAT is my story. I'm looking forward to many years as a ranger here at Armstrong and I'm greatly looking forward to the story that we will create together! Cheers to us!

# WHALE WATCH

Bea Brunn, Whale Mother



Our orientation and training session on Saturday, November 4th at the Bodega Bay Grange was another success with over 50 people in attendance. We had quite a few newcomers and some of our faithful "old-timers" too. Michele Luna welcomed everybody, followed by a presentation by board member Bill Bambrick telling us about Stewards and all our programs. Then Rich Lawton gave us a talk about State Parks and the role of volunteers in providing interpretation (Rich - happy retirement and we are delighted to have you with us as a board member and one of our volunteers). We showed our video about gray whales in the lagoons of Baja, and then it was time for Bea to ramble on about her favorite subject —the whales, and in particular the gray whales. Calendars were passed around so everyone could sign-up for the coming season and as always every weekend from January through May is covered with eager volunteers. If you did not attend the training but still wish to volunteer, please contact me, you can get your training "on the job." Everyone is more than welcome to come and join us at Bodega Head any Saturday and/or Sunday beginning in January.

For the last segment of training we met at Bodega Head where we were privileged to have a whale sighting (probably a Minke whale) while we were waiting for lifeguard Brit Horn who, as always, gave us a very informative talk about the important issue of ocean safety at the coast.

What an absolutely gorgeous, beautiful, warm day on the coast with blue skies and NO wind. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee this kind of weather every weekend of our whale watching season, but keep on thinking positive and come and join us.

Thanks to everybody for attending the training and especially to Annie for arranging the hall, providing coffee, tea and goodies and some terrific interpretive merchandise for purchase.

## Armstrong Trail Crew Activities

By Lanny Keyston, Trail Crew Volunteer Coordinator

A hearty group of trail crew volunteers are hard at work year-round at Armstrong Woods: Mark Anderson, Bill Bambrick, Bill Dickinson, Norman Hill, Doug and Audrey King, Bob Lewek, and Robin Shanda; Vern Hodapp is home recuperating.

Have you seen the waterfall at Armstrong? There has been a new spur trail added to the trail leading to the picnic area from the East Ridge Trail. This short trail allows hikers to get a better view of the tumbling water coming down into Fife Creek. Making the fencing for the trail was the easy part. 'Superwoman' Laura Parent single-handedly, while balancing on a rock, cut a HUGE (15 foot pipe that was 4 inches in diameter and 1/4 of an inch thick) into sections so that it could be carried out of the creek spill-way for a more aesthetic view. The ugly pipe had fallen into the creek from an old unused water system. The crew also worked on rain bars on the main trails to beat the upcoming rains.

If you like working outside in a beautiful park, let the Stewards know and you will be called to be reminded of the next trail day, which is almost always the second Wednesday of the month.

As Roy Rogers would sing, "Happy Trails."

In addition to the monthly trail crew we want to thank John Cole (and pal Jack) for recycling paper, cardboard, cans and plastic. You might be surprised to learn that since 1996 the recycling effort has raised nearly \$20,000 for Stewards' programs.

Also, Lanny Keyston's solution for keeping fit and warm these cold winter days is to spend a few hours splitting wood. Campfire wood sales at Armstrong and at the Sonoma Beach are another important revenue source and another "fun" volunteer opportunity.

## Wildflower of the Season

Pacific Sanicle/Snakeroot/Gambelweed - *Sanicula crassicanlis*

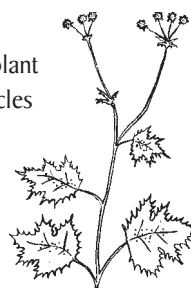
By Norman Hill, Docent

From March on, pale yellow clusters of flowers can be seen on 1-2 foot stalks above maple-like leaves with spiny edges; one common name of this plant is Pacific Snakeroot. Even before the flower stalks start forming Pacific Sanicles can be easily identified by their very distinctive 3 (or 5) lobed leaves. They can be found near the Stewards' Volunteer Center, at the bottom of the East Ridge Trail, and many other places.

A relative, Coast Sanicle, *S. laciniata*, has brighter yellow flowers, a shorter, slimmer flower stalk, and even spinier appearing leaves. They can be found on Pool Ridge Trail about 0.1 mile north of the Picnic Area cutoff.

Another relative, Purple Sanicle, *S. bipinnatifida*, which can have either purple or yellow flowers in separated balls, has a longer and much more intricate leaf pattern than the other two. They can be found at and above the serpentine section of the Gilliam Creek Trail, and have been found on the East Ridge Trail a short distance north from Fife Creek.

See if you can find sanicles from late winter into early spring.



## Welcome New Board Members

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our two newest board members, Lisa Bacon and Bob Caricato.

Lisa became a Tidepool docent in 2005 and quickly fell in love with the program. As an avid diver she has a natural affinity and appreciation for the ocean. She became our Tidepool Education Volunteer Coordinator in 2006, a huge help to Stewards staff.

Bob has been a Seal Watch docent for many years and also became Volunteer Coordinator in 2005. Bob is an architect and instructor at Santa Rosa Junior College.

They both bring enthusiasm and expertise to the board.

# POND FARM AND MARGUERITE WILDENHAIN TO BE CELEBRATED IN SONOMA COUNTY:

**JANUARY 11 – APRIL 15, 2007**

Marguerite Wildenhain lived and worked at Pond Farm in Guerneville for over forty-three years from 1942 until her death in 1985. She was one of the most influential and revered artists in the world. From 1949 to 1979, summer sessions in pottery were taught at Pond Farm, above Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve, now part of the California State Parks, Austin Creek State Recreation Area. Her demanding teaching style, the excellence of her work, and the legacy that lives on in her students represent a thread that gracefully links the renowned Bauhaus to Sonoma County and a small artist's refuge hidden in the hills among the redwoods.

The Sonoma County Museum in Santa Rosa will feature over fifty works by Marguerite Wildenhain and the Sebastopol Center for the Arts will feature work of Marguerite's students. These will be the first exhibitions dedicated to the work of Wildenhain and her students in Northern California.



## **Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 p.m.**

Sebastopol Center for the Arts – Opening Reception in the Main Gallery  
Student show opens. Beyond Pond Farm – Legacy of Marguerite Wildenhain

## **Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.**

Sebastopol Center for the Arts presents

**Gathering of Pond Farmers** – panel discussion with Pond Farm students and friends of Marguerite Wildenhain.  
Admission, \$7. Hear personal stories and readings from a new book soon to be published.

## **Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

Visit to Pond Farm - Open to Stewards members and volunteers. Call the Stewards office for reservations.

## **January 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**

Sebastopol Center for the Arts presents

Workshop: Pottery taught in the style of Marguerite Wildenhain by Wayne Reynolds and Caryn Fried, former students. Call SCA for more information; reservations required

## **January 20<sup>th</sup> – April 15<sup>th</sup>**

Marguerite Wildenhain: Bauhaus to Pond Farm

Sonoma County Museum in Santa Rosa, Museum hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm.

Admission: \$5 general, \$2 seniors, students, disabled, free to SCM members and children under 12.

## **Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007; 6-8 pm**

Panel discussion - Marguerite Wildenhain: The Artist

At the Sonoma County Museum, moderated by Gaye LeBaron

Admission for public programs: \$7.50 general / \$5.00 seniors, students, disabled

## **Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007; 1 pm**

Visit to Pond Farm – Walking Tour

Tour around the Pond Farm property, inside Marguerite Wildenhain's house and studio led by Laura Parent and Barbara Hoffman

## **For more information:**

Sebastopol Center for the Arts, 6780 Depot Street, Sebastopol, CA 95472

707 829-4797 office hours Mon. – Fri. are 10 am – 4 pm, or leave message satrip@monitor.net.

Gallery Hours: Monday – Friday, 10 am – 5 pm, Saturday and Sunday, 1-4 pm.

Admission is free.

Sonoma County Museum, 425 Seventh Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95401  
707-579-1500

## **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

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Dianne Delfino

Martin Edwards

## HOLIDAY SHOPPING MADE EASY

By Annie Cresswell

Don't forget your State Park Visitor Centers when looking for that perfect gift for the outdoor person or child in your life. December is the month of impossible parking, the longest lines ever, and an overwhelming feeling of rush. Why not avoid all of the above and shop in a beautiful setting like Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve. The Armstrong Woods Visitor Center is located at the entrance to the park and is open from 11am to 3pm, 7 days a week. Come shop and then go for a relaxing stroll through the magnificent redwoods.

*During the month of December, Stewards members will receive a 20% discount and West Sonoma County Residents a 10% discount.*

Our Professor Noggin games have been a big hit. Kids can play them and learn about wildlife, birds or the ocean and not even realize how much they are learning. Another great gift for anyone expecting a child is our *Tall Tree Growth Chart*. This is a terrific way for new parents to track the growth of their little ones. There is also a *Tall Trees Block Set* and a hard bound book that goes with it, both of which have great learning tools incorporated into them. We have some wonderful new puppets this year! Each puppet comes with a description of the animal and a short story or fable. These puppets are of excellent quality and very cute and cuddly.

Our reference books are expanding and we have many new titles covering different subjects. One of our new reference books is the *Oaks of California*, a beautifully done book with lots of interesting facts both historic and ecological. It brings a new insight to the California Oaks, a tree that is often overlooked. Another wonderful book is *Gardening with Natives*. This book provides native plant alternatives to landscaping. Natives often times require less water and provide wonderful habitat for all kinds of critters.

This season we have some wonderful new cozy, fleece ladies sweaters in pastel colors. They are light-weight, yet very warm for those chilly mornings. We also have a new graphic design that is available on many styles of sweatshirts and t-shirts. Also new this year are cute little infant tees with the Stewards of the Coast and Redwood's logo on them.

If you are interested in Marguerite Wildenhain and Pond Farm (see article on page 5 about exhibits at the Sonoma County Museum and Sebastopol Center for the Arts) we have several wonderful books at the Armstrong Visitor Center by and about Marguerite that you will want to read before or after attending the events.

We feel confident that you will find something for everyone on your shopping list at the Armstrong Visitor Center this season. Avoid the crowds and help support a wonderful organization at the same time!

*We wish you and yours a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and a safe holiday season!*



## CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

**2007 Calendar.** All the Full Moon dates noted on our 2007 calendar are incorrect (they are "New Moon" dates). Rich Lawton references a website: <http://www.astrostar.com/MoonPhases.html> that shows that the "Full Moon" dates for 2007 are: 2/2/07, 3/3/07, 4/2/07, 5/2/07, 6/1/07, 6/30/07 "Blue Moon," 7/30/07, 8/28/07, 9/26/07, 10/26/07, 11/24/07 and 12/24/07. We will reprint the calendar with the correct full moon dates and have them available at the Armstrong and Jenner Visitor Centers and on our website.

**Seal Watch.** Norma Jellison requested that we reprint (correctly this time) the following chart that was in our Fall 2006 newsletter.

Harbor Seals (*Phoca vitulina*)  
4'-6" (Both sexes similar size)

200-300 Lbs.

Many Colors: Gray/Beige w/spots,  
Brown, Black

Pups 10-20 Lbs. at birth

Northern Elephant Seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*)

13'-18' (Cows 8'-10')

3,000-5,000 Lbs. (Cows 800-1200 Lbs)

Brown

Pups 70 Lbs. at birth

# In Appreciation of our 2006 Donors

## MAJOR DONORS

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Bodega Bay Fisherman's Festival  
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Save-the-Redwoods League  
Sonoma County Fish and Wildlife Commission

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Winecountry Festivals

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**Membership Form**

Renewal

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

- Senior/Student  \$20.00
- Individual  \$25.00
- Family  \$35.00
- Contributing  \$50.00
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- Business  \$100.00
- Patron  \$200.00 plus
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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Make check payable to *Stewards*. Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

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