

# THE ROOKERY

## **Heidi Stewart '08**

## Docent Newsletter Winter/ Spring 2010

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## We hope everyone had a great winter break!



Heidi looking for amphibians on continuing ed class

Heidi grew up near Maunalani (Heavenly Mountain) Heights in Oahu, Hawaii. Her parents had settled in that area after World War II. She grew up spending most of her time outside. There was a wild place near where they lived. It was one of many ridges on top of a hill that leads to the Koolau mountain range with a valley on each side. She and her 2 older sisters heard rumors of wild boar. She remembers walking along the thin main ridge on an overnight trip. The cliffs were sheer and the weather was rainy. It was both scary and exciting!

During her younger days her family would go to remote and wild beaches. They would check out the tide pools and look for shells. During her senior year in high school she joined a hiking group and went for 4 days to Haleakala (house of the sun) and for another 4 days to the Naapali coast off of Kauai. There are many terraces there along the Naapali coast left over from the native Hawaiins.

At a young age, Heidi traveled with her mother and her sisters. They went to Switzerland and Pau in the south of France. They learned the language and they traveled all over Europe. She returned to visit France between her Junior and Senior years in High School and again for a semester in College.

Heidi attended Grinnell, a small liberal arts college in Iowa. It was after graduating with a degree in history and working for a time in a half way house in Berkeley that she decided to pursue an advanced degree in social work. She went to school in Chicago, where several friends from Grinnell lived. It was there that she met John, her future husband (who is from Chicago). His cousin was in her program also pursuing an advanced degree in Social Work. She introduced them.

Heidi took John on a whirlwind trip to California and they visited: Fort Brag, Tahoe, Yosemite, San Simeon and San Francisco.

Later, they moved to the Bay area where they remained after getting married and having children. Their daughter Hana is now 21 and is a student and their son Alex is 24 and recently started a small business in Santa Barbara. Heidi and John have always enjoyed hiking with their dogs. Boo is an 8+ year old Chihwawa mix and Gigi isa 6+ year old healer mix. They found both of their dogs at the Humane Society. They own a home and acreage in Sebastopol and have enjoyed seeing a variety of wildlife on their own property including: deer, possums, skunks, raccoons, great horned owls, and even bobcats from a distance. Their property has several micro environments to explore and many trees: open meadow, a creek, oak chapparal, coyote bush, black oaks and douglas fir to mention a few.

Heidi also volunteers for a program called the Forget Me Not Farm and has been doing that for 7-9 years. It's a program for children with difficult family situations. The program serves children from preschool age through teenagers. The children can do gardening work or work with farm animals. She has also tutored 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at Bellevue School and more recently has worked with children in the schools doing gardening. Heidi is a Master Gardener (for 6+ years) and works in the Bellevue school garden with children in K-3. She is interested in native habitat plans and likes bringing in wildlife. Heidi coordinates both worm composting and the school garden.

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# CHRISTINE'S CORNER

Greetings All! I hope 2010 is off to a great start for you.

Our first winter in the Churchill Farmhouse has been very exciting! As the Laguna does its job during the rainy January days, it has been really fun to watch the water rise and the birds flock. One of the recent highlights seen from our back porch was a hooded merganser pair. The walnut tree out back has just been dubbed "the robin tree" because so many are perching! The flooded area south of Irwin Creek has brought dozens of feeding herons and gulls. Oh joy! Another recent joyful event was our continuing education trip to the Sacramento National Wildlife complex. The weekend was everything I hoped it would be... fun, community building, mostly rain free, and our bird list topped out at 81 species! Let's do a big birding trip again next winter!

Thanks for your prompt reply to the call for spring sign-ups for Learning Laguna! I'm busily filling in the calendar, preparing teacher packets for mailing, ordering re-stock supplies for the kits, recruiting prospective docents for the upcoming training course and, we are working on a couple of the LL activities – some old and some new – to make our program even stronger.

In December Raini & I met with Kathi Jacobs and Connie Ayers who are in training to become Day Leaders! We talked with them about the nuts and bolts of the job and this spring they will shadow Day Leaders to get the flow and tips for how to make it all work. Then, in the fall they will each take on their own classes. Neither Kathi nor Connie wanted to give up the connection with the kids that comes from docenting so you will still see them on the trails and in the classroom, not wearing the Day Leader hat.

Docent training starts on March 8. Please know that you are cordially invited and welcome to attend any training class. (Advance notice is appreciated.) Get to know the incoming class and refresh your skills! Plus, you know that Denise's presentations are ever evolving and dynamic! Go to the docent homepage: <a href="http://www.lagunadesantarosa.org/docent\_home.shtml">http://www.lagunadesantarosa.org/docent\_home.shtml</a> and look for the new navigation button on the left that takes you to the training schedule and the daily agendas. If you are available and willing to help during any of the trainings, let me know!

### Other Education Programs news...

Last fall we were awarded a grant from the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District to lead free public walks on District Protected Properties. The Santa Rosa City Farms and the Uplands property have these protections so we will be offering events in partnership with LandPaths. I've been really pleased with this partnership and look forward to offering these upcoming events:

- Uplands Stewardship Day February 20. This is a LagunaKeeper day that will now have even more hands-on deck
- Laguna Evening Exploration March 20. Denise will be leading this walk and picnic on Alpha Farm. LandPaths will provide a bilingual teacher to help us reach a wider audience.
- Family Wetland Exploration April 11. This fun event will take place at Kelly. We will set-up Learning Laguna activities and par ticipants will receive a map and a field journal/passport that they will use to find their way to the learning stations where docents will be on hand to teach and guide explorations. Each child who fills their field journal/passport will get something special at the end.
- Santa Rosa Plain Bike & Hike June 5. Details are still being worked out but this family friendly event will use the Santa Rosa Creek trail, the Rodota trail and we will pull-out and explore Brown farm and the Sebastopol Preserve.

Our own events will include tabling and hands-on activities at two Earth Day events: The City of Santa Rosa's on April 17 at Courthouse Square and the Laguna Earth Day Celebration at the Sebastopol Community Center on April 18. Of course we will still offer the Delta Pond Rookery Walk on Saturday, May 1! Also, on August 28 we will again partner with iWalk Sebastopol for another Laguna Trek, hopefully to the DFG property on Cooper Road. WHEW... with the twenty Learning Laguna classroom visits and twenty field trips, plus the public events we will be very busy over the next few months teaching people about the Laguna!

The new Laguna Field Guide was a very hot commodity over the holidays! If you don't have your copy yet, they are available at Copperfields in Sebastopol and Wild Birds Unlimited in Santa Rosa. Of course you can also drop by the office anytime. We love to see you!

Signing off with enduring gratitude for all you do... Happy Trails, Chris

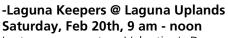
# DOCENT EDUCATION & EVENTS





## **End of the Season Celebration** and Docent Graduation Party Saturday May 22nd







Hosted again this year by Barnee & Gary Alexander at their fabulous place on the Laguna. THANKS!

Last year, we met on Valentine's Day and ate cupcakes. This year, why skip the cupcakes? Meet at the end of Palm Avenue in Sebastopol, south of Palm Drive Hospital.

**Upcoming Continuing Education & Events** 





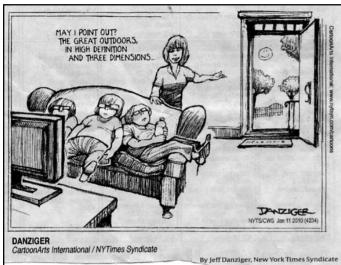












## -Continuing Education: Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary a Virtual Tour with Jennifer Friday, Feb 26th, from 6:30 –8:30pm at the Youth Annex at the Sebastopol Community Center- Dessert Potluck Learn about the Sanctuary through a Powerpoint presentation with beautiful and amazing slides plus video of life under the sea.

#### -Laguna Keepers @ Irwin Creek Saturday, March 27th, 9 am - noon

Continuing the expansion of the Irwin Creek riparian corridor, and a chance to revisit last year's plantings. Meet at the Laguna Foundation's office, 900 Sanford Road, Santa Rosa, and we'll caravan to the site

## -Continuing Education: Cypress Grove **Preserve on Tomales Bay** Friday, April 2, 10 am - 1 pm

Cypress Grove Preserve on Tomales Bay. We will tour of the facility and hear a presentation by ACR biologist Emiko Condeso. Picnic on the water's edge anyone?

## -Laguna Keepers @ Native Plant **Demonstration Garden** Saturday, April 17th, 9 am - noon

Phase three of the installation of the new garden, plus planting grasses and sedges at the Joint Wet-

## lands area. Meet at the Treatment Plant, 4300 Llano Road, Santa Rosa. Follow signs to the

"Administration" building.

## -Laguna Keepers @ Balletto Easement S aturday, May 8th, 9 am - noon

This planting has reached three years old, and it's time for it to fly solo. We'll remove restoration hardware and drip tubing, and wish the plants a good long life! Meet at Kelly Farm, 5344 Occidental Road, Santa Rosa.



January Continuing Ed trip to the Sacramento National Refuge Complex-Front Row: Caroll Hirsch '09, Mary Reed '09, Chris Fontaine, Carolyn Johnson '99, Patty Newland '06, Connie Ayers '08, Lisa Peters. Back Row: Lisa Hug '08, John Hirsch, Tom Reed '09, Gretchen McIndoe '07, Chris Engel '04, Raini Vallarino '99, Jeanette Doyel '05, Stuart McIndoe, Jeff Muse '09 & Mark Stephens

## DUCATION PRO



## Tar Weed Gatherer

Walking through the Grace Hudson Museum an image of a beautiful woman with two baskets caught my eye. The title "Tar Weed Gatherer" made me wonder, what are the uses of tarweed?

There are many varieties of Tarweed. I have seen at least three in the laguna growing near Alpha and Kelly Wetlands. It does well in poor soils and grasslands. It has a small to medium flower with a sunflower shape, mostly yellow but some are very pale almost white while some have red in the center. The plant is sticky with a characteristic pungent scent. It is the seeds of the tar weed that can be gathered from summer through fall and combined with many kinds of seeds including the buttercup to make "pinole". Pinole means flour. Spanish speakers brought the Aztec word pinole to California; it refers to flour that is made from a variety of seeds. Traditionally seeds were parched with hot coals on a flat basket, winnowed (separating the seed from the plant) and ground with a mortar and pestle into flour. Raini Vallarino '99

Heidi Stewart continued . . .

She enjoys gardening with the children and watching them enjoy the fruits of their labor (like the strawberries-yummy). In addition to all of her volunteer activities, Heidi sees her mom Margaret every day. Margaret lives locally at Burbank Heights.

Heidi first became interested in being a Laguna docent after attending an orientation at the Library with Rainy and John Condon. She was enticed by the training and the idea of serving local children. Heidi has really enjoyed teaching the children about the watershed and the geographic connections including the creeks, the Laguna and the watershed at large. She likes working with children in small groups in the Learning Laguna program and introducing them to the Laguna de Santa Rosa and many of the plants and animals that live in the watershed. She enjoys seeing the children make the connection between what they learn in the classroom and exploring the real watershed. A favorite experience of hers was one day at Kelly Wetlands. They went down to mud surrounding one of the ponds because the pond was so low and you could actually see tracks. Well, this young man just had to explore farther and farther until he finally got stuck in the mud in his shoes. Now that was exciting!

Heidi loves the fact that there is public access to the Laguna from the community center and other locations in the watershed. She would like to learn more about both aquatics and birds. Heidi is pleased with both the quality of the training and the people who are involved in Learning Laguna.



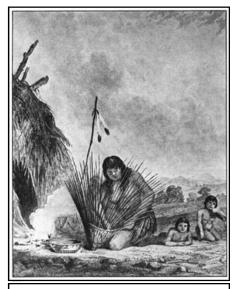
#### A DAY AT THE MUSEUM



What could be more beautiful than a trip up the Ukiah Valley on a glorious Fall day in October? A field trip to the Grace Hudson Museum, with a private docent led tour of the Hudson's Craftsman bungalow, Sun House made the day just about perfect.

About a dozen docents and partners were met and treated to a private morning tour of the 1911 redwood crafted residence built by Grace and John Hudson just a stones throw from the Downtown area of Ukiah. We were treated to lots of history of the region, and the colorful family history of both sides of the Hudson clans. The rooms are full of art, some painted by Grace in the unique studio room, and the shelves lined with artifacts collected by John as an ethnologist, and Grace in their world travels. Both had

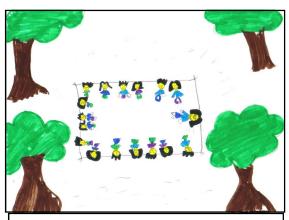
a fascination with the lives and works of the local Pomo Native Americans of the area, and both collected prized baskets, while Grace painted over 600 oils mostly of the local Pomo peoples.



Pomo woman weaving a basket

The tour then proceeded next door to the Grace Hudson Museum, for a private tour by the curator of the special exhibit of photogravures by Edward Curtis. The work presented was but a small selection of his over 1500 prints produced in 20 volumes of over 80 tribes that he visited in North America in the first quarter of the Twentieth Century. The selected works were chosen to "examine issues of authenticity, tradition and relationships between Natives and non-Natives.. His works presented were amazing both in their scope, and beauty, and seemed more akin to paintings rendered by a master than photos of natural scenes. There was a special area presented with a partial record of his visit to the Hudson's in 1927, with the prints adjacent to the actual Pomo artifacts arranged as pictured. I recommend a look at a few

web sites, where you can learn more about the man, and even download many of his works.



Student Thank you drawing—Tule Activity

There was time set aside to explore the remaining portions of the Museum, with a room for Pomo baskets that was sadly being redone, and therefore closed, to the rear section loaded with the permanent oils of Grace, all of the local peoples. The oil paintings give testament to her love of the Pomo people and their culture, in the exquisite details of the head dresses, to the wrinkles on the feet of a baby. The Museum is well worth a visit, even on a dreary winter afternoon. The baskets should be back open this coming summer, and I recommend a check on their web site.

Again, a great field trip arranged by Christine, and if you go, a stop at Schat's Bakery and Deli is a must.

## NATURE NOTES

Working in the Laguna this winter, I have been thinking a lot about food webs. What follows is a review of food webs, or if you prefer, skip to the bottom to read my observations in the Laguna.

Everything starts with the producers. Plants, algae and some types of bacteria are capable of photosynthesis. Photosynthesis is the process of converting carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and water into carbohydrates and oxygen. The sun's energy is used to drive this process.

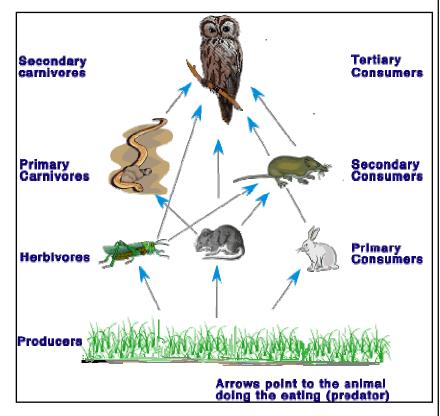
Consumers live by eating other organisms. Consumers that eat only plant material are called herbivores, and also primary consumers. Plant eaters graze on grasses or browse on a variety of leaves from trees and shrubs or eat seeds. Some examples of herbivores are deer, jack rabbit, house finch and grasshoppers. Flesh-eating consumers are known as carnivores. If they eat herbivores, for example a mountain lion eating a deer, they are also referred to as secondary consumers. Some carnivores eat other carnivores. For example, a hawk can eat a snake that ate a mouse that ate a grasshopper. These higher carnivores may be several levels or steps away from the sun which drove photosynthesis and the producers. As you might suspect, there are fewer carnivores than herbivores and the carnivores on top or at the end of this chain are the fewest in number. This is because energy is continually lost to the atmosphere as heat, resulting from the energy burned to run the metabolism of each organism. Only about ten percent of energy is transferred and available to build biomass at each successive level.

An omnivore is another type of consumer, eating both plant material and other animals. A local example of an omnivore is a raccoon. They eat insects, fish, crustaceans and eggs, as well as fruit, seeds and vegetation. Raccoons love human garbage

because most of us are omnivores too.

Parasites are consumers that acquire energy from a living host. Parasites can live internally like tapeworms or bacteria. They can also live on the outside of a host like ticks or mosquitoes. A good parasite does not kill its host but it may weaken the host, resulting in a shorter life span.

Woven throughout this web are the decomposers and detritivores. These organisms are responsible for recycling dead organic matter and waste, breaking down the materials that will form the next generation of living things. Every organism sheds body parts like skin, hair, leaves, waste products, and ultimately dies. These nutrients are recycled. The first organisms on the job are the detritivores, working primarily to mechanically tear, crush or grind down organic matter. Detritivores have diverse taxonomic backgrounds, but a good example is an earthworm. The detritivores expose more



surface area for other decomposers to step in and do their job. Decomposers break down organic matter in a series of chemical reactions that produces smaller and smaller pieces. When the pieces become small enough, plants are able to absorb them. Examples of decomposers include primarily bacteria and fungi.

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A community is made of interacting populations of organisms. Trophic level refers to the functional roles in a hierarchy of feeding relationships. It basically tells you who eats who. A specific sequence of feeding relationships that takes place in a biological community is referred to as a food chain. For example, grass ® mouse ® snake ® hawk (arrows tell you who is eaten by who). Most biological communities have many food chains with interconnecting side branches. The total network of feeding interactions is called a food web.

## As I said I have been thinking about food webs. What got me thinking

about this subject was the number of carnivores observed while working at Meadowlark Field (behind the Chevron Station on Hwy 12). Prepar-



Black Phoebe



Northern Harrier

ing the site and the day of the Tree-a-thon offered the following carnivores hunting on site: northern harrier, white-tailed kite, red-shouldered hawk, red-tailed hawk, western bluebird, ruby-crowned kinglet, yellowrumped warbler, white-breasted nuthatch, Nuttal's woodpecker, northern flicker, black phoebe, tree swallow, great egret and great blue heron. I am sure I missed other carnivorous birds because after all, I was working not bird watching! I also saw coyote and otter scat and the tracks of the omnivorous raccoon.

What were all these carnivores consuming? The raptors are after rodents, mostly voles but also gophers and field mice. The herons and egrets might take rodents too, but I think based on the low areas they are hunting that the pacific chorus frog is their prey. The frogs are congregating and chorusing to find mates in creeks, marshes and seasonal wetlands. I have been seeing large flocks of herons and egrets in the vernal pools at the Mello Dairy across from Brown Farm on Llano Road. It doesn't seem like the frogs (and salamanders) stand a chance, running the gambit between long legs and thrusting bills! The woodpeckers, flycatchers, swallows and songbirds are after insects, some gleaning them from vegetation and others hawking them on the wing. The coy-



Ruby Crowned Kinglet

ote is eating jack rabbit, rodent and wild turkey, especially when the turkeys are nesting. I saw the otter scat closer to the Laguna channel where fish are available (crayfish too in warmer weather). All this tells me that there is a solid prey base available in the Laguna. Predators, especially tertiary consumers or top carnivores, in abundance are a sign of good health for the ecosystem. Bon appétit!



Nuttals Woodpecker

Denise Cadman '99

## RESTORATION & SCIENCE PROGRAM UPDATES

#### **Boots on the Ground - Restoration Program Update**

By now most of you are aware that the Foundation's "Tree-a-Thon" on January 9<sup>th</sup> was a tremendous success. Mother Nature takes most of the credit, since a rainy day would have done us in, and though it rained the Friday before and the Monday after, the Saturday of the event was foggy but dry (phew!). Over 100 people showed up at the Sebastopol Community Center and rode the shuttle bus to Meadowlark Field. Volunteers were greeted by Foundation staff and board members, then assigned to one of eleven Team Leaders, who provided orientation and guidance for the workday.

I must brag a little about the Team Leaders, who were recruited from among our most reliable LagunaKeepers. These stellar volunteers each led a crew of 10-12 people, and I was humbled and impressed with their performance in their new leadership role. Things could not have gone more smoothly. As I made my rounds I heard numerous examples of patient leadership and good cheer from the Team Leaders and my heart swelled with pride and gratitude. What a great bunch of people! Thanks to them we were able to pull together a true community effort, satisfying and fun for everyone involved, and got 850 new trees in the ground.

There were many "behind the scenes" contributors as well. During the Christmas and New Year's weeks, Denise and I met with several student groups who got the preparation and planting started. Elsie Allen High Interact Club students, who connected with us via Santa Rosa Sunrise Rotary, spent an afternoon cutting holes in the cardboard weed mats. A few days later, a group of boy scouts planted about 100 acorn plots at the site, followed the next week by sixth graders from Hillcrest Middle School, who finished the acorns and got a few trees in too. On another day, Wade Belew from the Cotati Creek Critters came out to install the new informational signage at the site. which explains a little about native plants, the Laguna, and the Foundation's Middle Reach Restoration Project. On the rainy Friday before the event, members of the hardy Team Prunus showed up to lay out all the materials: plants, weed mats, staples, cartons, and stakes to each plot. Finally, in addition to our Team Leaders, we were joined on the workday by Kenyon Webster, City Planner from Sebastopol, who provided snacks and coffee to hungry volunteers, and Foundation docent Erin Sheffield, who took snapshots and video of the event. Sincere thanks to all these people, and to those of you who participated.

One other note about the Tree-a-Thon planting: last fall we finally collected the followup data on our weed mat experiment. If you're a LagunaKeeper, you may recall that for our earliest planting, on the lower Balletto easement, we used mostly synthetic weed mats. These petroleum-based mats are the standard in the restoration industry, because, like all plastic products, the environmental cost of the item is not included in the purchase price – and non-profit restoration programs like ours are always trying to stretch grant funding as far as possible. Well, we compared survivorship for plants protected with plastic weed mats versus cardboard/wood chip mulch, and the cardboard won! With this data, we were able to justify the higher purchase price cost of cardboard, since we not only reduce our carbon footprint by using a biodegradable product, but also avoid the additional labor cost of removing plastic weed mats at the end of the project period. The Tree-a-Thon site is our first planting using all biodegradable materials.

Catherine Cumberland '06

### Gearing up for spring! Science Program

The vernal pool season is not quite here yet, but the Conservation Science Program is getting ready for another year of endangered plant monitoring. Thanks to a grant from the California Native Plant Society's (CNPS) local Milo Baker Chapter, we are able to run our Adopt a Vernal Pool endangered plant survey program minimally and have our fingers crossed for a state-wide CNPS grant to carry the program farther. 2010 will be the fourth year that we train citizen scientist volunteers to collect valuable standardized data on the status of endangered plants on the Santa Rosa Plain. Citizen-science programs worldwide are gaining recognition as a cost-effective way to gather critical long-term environmental data.

For us, the program is an excellent means to track the annual occurrence of local endangered plants - Sonoma sunshine, Sebastopol meadowfoam, and Burke's goldfields in a short and unpredictable field season. The program also educates participants about native flora and provides access many vernal pool preserves that are not regularly open to the public.



Sebastopol Meadowfoam

Are the plants thriving or in decline? What constitutes a 'normal' year? How are the plants faring under a changing climate? These are the types of questions that we can ask once a long-term dataset is obtained.

Over the last three years of the program, volunteers collected data identifying Pennyroyal mint as a problematic weed in many of the vernal pools on the Santa Rosa Plain. We are developing a plan and seeking funding to test methods to control Pennyroyal. Very little is known about how to eradicate Pennyroyal, and it is a prime candidate for an "early detection/rapid response" approach to get a handle on the weed before it takes over vernal pool ecosystems.

Many docents are involved in the Adopt a Vernal Pool program. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Hattie Brown, Research Project Supervisor ((707) 527-9277 x105 or hattie@lagunafoundation.org).

## AROUND THE FOUNDATION

## Foundation Update for Docents from Executive Director David Banister

Well, as I write this I am looking out my office window at cars trying to decide if they can safely use Sanford road. An area maybe 75 yards wide at Irwin Creek is flooded and there is more water in the Laguna than I have seen since the New Year's Eve flood of 12/31/2005. During that one the Occidental Road bridge over the Laguna was closed and our entrance off of Sanford would have been under water. I met Barnee Alexander that day when I kayaked up to her barn! This amount of rain is EXCITING! The environment certainly needs the rain BUT I am glad it did not happen before or during the Tree-A-Thon!



Speaking of the Tree-A-Thon, what a day that was! It was so heartening to see about 120 volunteers come out to plant over 750 trees and other plants. What great volunteers we are privileged to work with. Additionally, the fundraising volunteers raised almost \$28,000 to support the ongoing work of the Foundation, more than matching the \$17,000 Board challenge matching grant. Fantastic! Thanks to all who took part in whatever way, and we are already looking forward to doing this event again next year. Also we want to acknowledge and thank the following governmental entities for their support: CA State Parks, The City of Sebastopol, the City of Santa Rosa, and the Sonoma County Water Agency.

While I am on the subject of governmental support, I thought you might like to know where we are with the Laguna Learning Center project. Due to fundraising constraints, we have revisited the vision for this site and downsized the project. We now envision a two-phase project with the first phase being outdoor landscaping related and would include: paths, demonstration gardens, demonstration pond/wetland, interpretive signage, etc. The Coastal Conservancy has made available \$200,000 of our original \$700,000 grant and we are awaiting their approval to use the money in this fashion. The next phase would include a barn style structure much like Bouverie Audubon Preserve that could be used for docent education, class field trips, etc. This phase would be constructed when the remainder of the grant becomes available. If the Laguna trail system ever winds up with an access point at the Farm, then we would open the building to the public with supplies of trail maps as well as to sell our Field Guide and other materials.

It has been a very eventful six months since I took over the reins as Executive Director of the Laguna Foundation. I am happy to report that much progress has been made during these months and the Foundation is in a more sustainable place than it has been for a couple of years. More work needs to be done; I'd love to get our staff back on full-time schedules and off furlough for example, but in these still turbulent economic conditions it is gratifying to be able to say that we are at least stable. And, after six months on the job, I can certainly say that I have PLENTY more to learn; as I do, I am confident that those lessons will translate into a better and better Laguna Foundation.

Thanks, docents, for the important part you play in helping us achieve our mission to preserve, protect, restore and EDUCATE schoolchildren and adults about the magnificent Laguna de Santa Rosa.

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