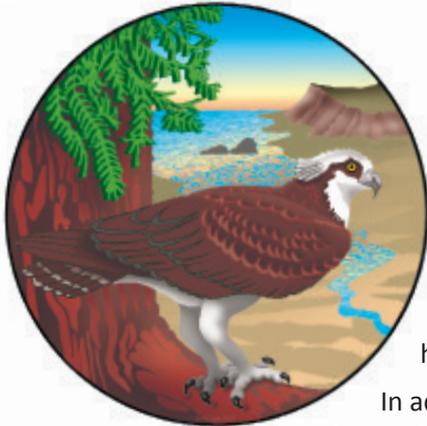


# Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods

Preservation through Education and Stewardship

Russian River Sector State Parks

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## Moving forward after a tough winter

Michele Luna, Executive Director

The winter of 2018/2019 will be remembered as the one that closed trails due to down trees, closed the backcountry of Austin Creek SRA due to a number of large landslides, closed the road to Bullfrog Pond campground due to a slide-caused road failure, and flooded the town of Guerneville making it impossible to get to Armstrong Redwoods SNR and Austin Creek SRA until flood waters receded. We are appreciative of State Parks and Stewards' staff and volunteers who have helped with recovery efforts.

In addition, trees came down behind the Armstrong Visitor Center (ARVC) with one resting on top of the ARVC roof. After State Parks did an assessment of this damage, they decided that additional trees needed to be professionally removed in order to ensure the public's safety. Luckily, we had already planned to vacate the visitor center due to an ADA construction project that was underway. Thankfully, we were able to move into the Lizzie Armstrong Jones Welcome Center in order to maintain services for park visitors. Special thanks to all our ARVC docents for helping us achieve this goal. As of this writing, we are still awaiting final repairs to the ARVC. Further damage occurred when the tree contractor hired to remove the dangerous trees poked a hole in the side of the building, which delayed the work that Stewards is doing to make improvements to the building. The good news is that the ARVC has new laminate flooring (thank you to Scotty Lawyer and Ken Lutter), will have new slat walls to improve merchandise displays (thank you Annie Cresswell and Scotty), and will hopefully be reopened in the next few weeks. The bad news is that Stewards' sales revenue is down by about \$10,000 from last year at this time. We hope you will assist Stewards with much needed donations to help defray the budget shortages we are currently facing. Please be on the lookout for our mid-year appeal in July. Be assured that Stewards will bounce back with resilience.

### STATE PARK DIRECTOR LISA MANGAT VISITS ARMSTRONG REDWOODS SNR AND AUSTIN CREEK SRA

Stewards was honored to receive a visit from California State Park's Director Lisa Mangat on Friday, June 14th. Lisa toured our parks with Executive Director, Michele Luna and Field Operations Manager, Scotty Lawyer. Also in attendance were Northern Division Chief, Jason De Wall; Partnership Division Chief, Christina Jaromay; Partnership Division Assistant Chief, Matthew Millspaugh; and District Superintendent Terry Bertels. Director Mangat's goal was to get a first hand look at our operating partnership with State Parks. This also presented a wonderful opportunity to see the aforementioned storm damage in our parks. Lisa had helpful advice for us regarding contacts for assistance with upcoming projects. She was very interested in what is making our partnership a great success and learning about the challenges we face. Stewards is currently finalizing a new co-management contract with State Parks for the next five years. As a park operator, Stewards, along with State Parks, has an opportunity to apply for some dedicated Prop 68 funds that may help mitigate some of the storm damage.

Director Mangat was also thrilled to meet our fifth Artist-in-Residence at Pond Farm, Jacqueline Mallegni, a fiber artist. Jacqueline will be presenting a Fiber Art Workshop on June 19th at the Blue Door Gallery. See page 6 for more information.



Artist in Residence  
Jacqueline Mallegni

## Mission

Stewards Promotes, Restores & Protects Your State Parks.

## Vision

Stewards is the link between people and their parks.

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# CAL Report

Greg Probst, State Park Ranger and Cooperating Association Liaison

State Parks could not complete our mission without the countless hours of time donated by our thousands of statewide volunteers. California State Parks is now in the process of implementing a new statewide volunteer database to ensure that all our dedicated volunteers are certain to get credit for all their hard work.

Implementation of a statewide volunteer database came from the Transformation Team Partnership Committee's "Assessment and Recommendations report for Volunteers."

The idea is to have a single database to capture data about volunteers statewide. The state had been operating with a patchwork of volunteer management systems ranging from off-the-shelf systems similar to what Steward of the Coast and Redwoods has been using over the past few years. Some areas were using custom-built data management systems. More than half of our state parks relied only on paper and Excel spreadsheets, primarily out of fiscal necessity (since most parks lack the kind of great support offered by Stewards). This new statewide system also relieves the burden of cost from our park partners.

State Parks believes a single database for volunteer coordinators and streamline data capture and management. A single database will allow park headquarters to run real time data report for management purposes. Once fully implemented, this new system called Better Impact should make it easier for volunteers to log hours and select their volunteer shifts as it provides multiple methods for doing so. The Better Impact tool can schedule, allow staff to communicate with volunteers, track awards and training, allow coordinators to compile notes on volunteers, etc. Better Impact was chosen for several reasons including service, simplicity of use, features, wiliness to modify the system and add features for California State Parks and training support.

Kat Rawhouser, Stewards Volunteer Programs Manager, is currently working closely with state park staff to learn this new system before it is introduced to our local volunteers. Learning new ways of doing things can be a challenge especially for folks less experienced with digital data systems (such as myself!). Up to this point, park field staff and volunteers throughout the state are providing positive feedback once they finally get the hang of Better Impact. State Parks believes a statewide volunteer database is a great advancement for the Volunteer in Parks Program.

State Parks wants to thank all our many volunteers and wish them a safe and rewarding Summer 2019!

## Harbor Seal Pup Scrabbles Released

In March, Seal Watchers Greg Armstrong and Freida Weiss were part of a harbor seal pup rescue at Goat Rock State Beach and the pup was rehabilitated at the Marine Mammal Center. The seal was named "Scrabbles" to honor longtime Seal Watcher and Scrabble player Elinor Twohy, who passed away the same week. On May 22nd they released Scrabbles and 12 other pups (6 harbor seals and 7 elephant seals in total) at Chimney Rock boat launch in Point Reyes. Freida reported the following:

*"It was pretty amazing. Scrabbles looked very healthy and was the plumpest of the lot! The East side of Point Reyes and Drake's Bay coastline was covered with elephant seal groups. So the elephant seal pups integrated quickly. The harbor seal pups were much more reticent and stuck together for quite a while where they were released. Hopefully Scrabbles and her group will find a harbor seal colony and survive! All in all, it was a very gratifying experience being part of her survival process and witnessing her release."*



## Board Corner

Kathi Moore and Hollis Bewley, Board Members

### Notes from Stewards' Board and Committees – a new feature of our quarterly newsletter

Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods is a nonprofit organization that works with State Parks to engage and inspire through education, stewardship and volunteer programs. We are governed by a Board of Directors and do our work through multiple committees, which are staffed mostly by volunteers. The Board meets monthly, oversees the work of the committees and engages in environmental issues related to our mission. Current Board topics include implementing a new co-management agreement with State Parks, working on the plan for this year's Old Grove Festival, planning for this year's fundraising appeals, and learning how to best promote Stewards through social media platforms. We also enjoy and benefit from presentations by environmental experts on local issues affecting the Sonoma Coast, Armstrong Redwoods and Austin Creek.

Board Committees guide decisions on issues at our Parks in areas such as Programs, Events, Fund Development, Marketing, Merchandising and Finance. The Committees are usually chaired by Board Members. Volunteers are appreciated and encouraged to participate. In the coming issues of this Stewards Newsletter, we will highlight the work of each committee, so you can learn more about what issues are being addressed and determine your interest in participating.

The first committee we want to highlight is the newly formed **Merchandising Committee**. This committee ensures that merchandise sold by our retail outlets provides sufficient and ongoing funds to support Stewards' mission. Current retail outlets include the Armstrong Redwoods Visitors Center, the Jenner Visitors Center and the Forest to Sea Nature Store in Guerneville. It is the committee's role to manage and optimize the inventory by ensuring consistency with natural resource themes and profits earned for each retail outlet. The committee meets quarterly and is chaired by board member Kathi Moore.

The **Programs Committee** ensures that our programs provide the highest quality visitor experience by considering the value and feasibility of the more than 20 programs currently supported by Stewards. This includes prioritizing, reducing, suspending and/or merging programs based on benefits, cost, needs, demand and resource availability as well as the development of a volunteer recruitment program to support identified needs. Current projects include revision of program manuals, identification of potential bilingual docents and outreach to schools which could not otherwise afford to participate in programs without a transportation scholarship. This committee is chaired by Hollis Bewley and includes Board members, program coordinators, staff and volunteers. New members are welcome on either a permanent or ad hoc basis. We meet monthly. Please let Hollis or Kat know if you're interested in participating

Let us know if you have any questions or want to learn more about what the Board and Board Committees are doing to support, promote and preserve Armstrong Redwoods, Austin Creek and Sonoma Coast State Parks.

Contact: [michele@stewardscr.org](mailto:michele@stewardscr.org). Thank you for your continued interest and investment in our work.

*~ Save these Dates ~*  
Stewards of the Coast & Redwoods' 2019 Annual Events



**JUNE 22 - FAMILY DAY IN YOUR PARK**  
ARMSTRONG REDWOODS SNR, 12:00 PM - 4:00  
Family nature activities, live music, food & drinks, "Steward Ship" marine van & more.

**JULY 20 - SUNSET DINNER**  
AUSTIN CREEK SRA  
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Benefit for Pond Farm Pottery with studio tour, gourmet dinner & sunset views.

**SEPTEMBER 14 & 15 - OLD GROVE FESTIVAL**  
ARMSTRONG REDWOODS SNR  
4:30 PM - 9:00 PM, each day  
Two days of music in the historic forest theater  
Saturday: • The Sam Chase & The Untraditional  
• Rainbow Girls  
Sunday: TBD

For event details: [www.stewardscr.org](http://www.stewardscr.org) • [stewards@stewardscr.org](mailto:stewards@stewardscr.org) • (707) 869-9177

### Picnic Table Donor Program

Stewards is now offering supporters an opportunity to donate an ADA-compliant picnic table in one of our state parks. Your table can have your family name, a memorial designation or be engraved to honor a loved one. Tables are 8 feet long and 3 inches thick and made out of con-heart redwood.

For info contact: [michele@stewardscr.org](mailto:michele@stewardscr.org)



## Whale Watch!

*Norma Jellison, Whale Watch Coordinator*

Whale Watch season ended Memorial Day weekend. This was one of the rainiest seasons, resulting in many canceled weekends - including the very first one. Ditto when that unusual May rain storm arrived! Winds also played havoc, including causing cancellation of the very last weekend.

However, when weather cooperated, we had great sightings. The mom and calf parade was a positive, amongst the bad news of over 13 gray whale fatalities in the SF Bay area and over 70 along the West coast.

The Bodega Head overlook also provides great views of nesting cormorants and gulls. Steady streams of migrating



*Gray Cow Calf, Easter, April 21, 2019 Guy Mohr Photography.*

pelagic birds like murrelets and the brown pelican patrols add to great sightings that also include hawks and egrets. Always entertaining are the noisy oyster catchers. Steller sea lions often swim by in addition to the usual California sea lions. On occasion, a lone harbor seal hauls out on a nearby rock waiting for high tide to slide back into the ocean. The awesome spring wildflowers are a delight as well.

One windy weekend in May, we were treated to a humpback whale show. Although a little further offshore in deeper water than the grays, the larger blows were visible to the naked eye. Spread out in loose groups of 4 to 5 across the field of view in front of the Head, plentiful anchovies attracted these awesome acrobatic whales. We were able to see much breaching with accompanying huge splashes. Binoculars were needed to see feeding behavior, tail lobbing and pectoral fin slapping. That weekend we turned our whale display board to feature the Humpback side!

You never know what Mother Nature will share with you if you just are patient and observant. Keep looking and listening!

## Unusual Mortality Event Declared for Gray Whales

*Norma Jellison, Whale Watch Coordinator*

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Fisheries Service has declared an Unusual Mortality Event (UME) for gray whales. The UME issued on 5/31/19 is associated with the recent elevated rate of strandings of gray whales along the West Coast - over 70, with another 73 in Mexico and 5 in Canada (as of May 31).

John Calambokidis, a research biologist with the non-profit Cascadia Research in Olympia, Washington, who studies whale populations on the West Coast notes that the number of deaths is likely much higher because it's estimated that only 10% of dead whales actually end up on shore.

This UME is reminiscent of the 1999/2000 UME when an estimated 1/3 of the Eastern Pacific Gray Whale population was lost. That event followed the 1997/98 major El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO), the largest ENSO to that date. Recall the "Blob", a recent, more dramatic ENSO in 2013. Warmer-than-normal sea temperatures in the North Pacific/Gulf of Alaska have persisted from 2015 to present. Factors in play in this changing environment, with multiple ripple effects and likely inter-related impacts, include: record low levels of Arctic sea ice in places such as the Bering and Chukchi Sea essential to everything from krill to penguins, seals, polar bears and blue whales; timing of peak ice-algae bloom; warmer ocean waters favoring toxic algal growth (e.g. domoic acid); and changes to our critical coastal upwelling system. Many of the dead gray whales appeared to be emaciated, signaling they had not been able to find and eat enough food (e.g. benthic amphipods) on their summer feeding grounds in Arctic Alaska to sustain them on their epic round trip to Baja Mexico and back. Likely because they were searching for food as they exhaust their fat reserves on the northbound migration to their summer feeding grounds, whales have also been struck by ships in SF Bay, Puget Sound and other estuaries where they don't normally stray. Is carrying capacity given the food availability at play? The causes of the UME remain elusive.

NOAA Fisheries staff notes that deaths among other marine mammals - sea lions and walrus - along with pelagic birds

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# Unusual Mortality Event Declared for Gray Whales

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such as murrees washing up on West Coast beaches will be investigated to attempt to understand the overall ecosystem and possible linkages.

Researchers with the Laguna San Ignacio Ecosystem Science Program in their 2019 Annual Report noted indications of an impending UME as early as last year. They also documented the second year of low numbers of mother-calf pairs, low calf counts (especially this year) in San Ignacio and Magdalena lagoons, increasing percentages of “skinny” and “emaciated” whales and later arrival in the Baja lagoons.

Bill Keener is a whale expert with Golden Gate Cetacean Research, whose quote about gray whales in SF Bay “There is definitely something unusual going on” can be extended to the bigger picture. And, there are many gaps in knowledge about the interconnections. What can be agreed > something is definitely going on.

## Seabird Citizen Scientist Observations

Hollis Bewley, Rich Eliason, Bonnie Wilson, Teresa Tuffli (photo)

*Common Murre (COMU)*

*Cormorants (DCCO, BRAC, PECO)*

*Western Gull (WEGU)*

*Black Oystercatcher (BLOY)*

*Pigeon Guillemot (PIGU)*

*Brown Pelican (BRPE)*

### On May 24, 2019 from Rich Eliason

Michael and I went and counted Gull Rock today. We counted a few less than last week with about 1800 COMU on Gull Rock and over 200 on other rocks, South and Triangle. More BRPE on Gull Rock than I have seen before. Same thing at Bodega Rock last time I was there. One odd thing today were two Calif. Sea Lions on Gull Rock. One had climbed up about 40'. Never seen that before. Lastly the flat rock off Blind Beach parking lot and between Gull Rock and Goat Rock has been colonized big time. After we finished at Gull I drove down and parked at the Blind Beach lot. I put up my scope and counted: BRPE 42, WEGU 51 with some nests, PECO 2, BRAC 150 with many nests, COMU 5

### On May 25, 2019 from Hollis Bewley

This is early for lots of BRPE. Usually they hang out in the Bolinas Lagoon for a few weeks to a month before heading up to the Sonoma Coast but I haven't seen any peli parties down here yet. Might not be much food in the lagoon since there's not much there right now other than egrets and harbor seals. Even tho' they don't nest here, I'm glad they're on our form since they're likely to have an impact on the breeding colonies and we should be keeping an eye on them. A few years ago they took over the main rock on Bodega Head's west side before all the babes had fledged. I wonder if those sea lions might have taken advantage of the very high surf we had on Wednesday and Thursday to get that high up on the rock.



### On May 25, 2019 from Bonnie Wilson

Every week's a new scene at Bodega Head west. Today there were hundreds of gulls flying over and around the head when I arrived. Eventually most of them settled on either the flat rock just to the right of the main rock or on a flat rock by the tide-pool area. There must have been at least 250, most of them juveniles, probably WEGU. There were about nine BRPE, mostly juvies, resting or thinking about nesting on the rocks in front of the Head. They looked right at home there, so maybe they'll settle in. The gulls and BRAC's paid them no heed. The PECO's are settling in nicely on the cliff face to the left. I didn't see any PIGU's yet, and for the first time I didn't see or hear our oystercatcher pair.

### On May 25, 2019 From Hollis Bewley

Andy and I saw an influx of California gulls hanging out along Salmon Creek while surveying No Salmon Creek and Miwok last week - I wonder if some of them might be visiting the Head. They can arrive in large numbers and then most move on. We should keep an eye on the BRPE. They're showing up on both Bodega and Gull Rocks too and could have an impact on the breeding colonies since they sometimes feed on the eggs and nestlings of other birds, especially if they aren't finding enough fish to eat.

A recent necropsy report for the murrees that were collected during the recent wreck indicates that they were all starving, so it does appear to be a food abundance issue. Some folks pointed out there was an extremely high wave event which may have washed many birds off of their roosts/nests. Only time will tell whether this is the start of something bigger.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Interested in a program?  
Call Stewards at  
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## PROGRAMS

### Armstrong Redwoods/ Austin Creek

Visitor Center Staffing  
Docent Tour Guides  
Trail Crew/Maintenance  
Pond Farm Docent Tours  
Roving Docents/Public  
Assistance  
Lizzie Armstrong Welcome Ctr

### Sonoma Coast State Park

Visitor Center Staffing  
Seal Watch  
Whale Watch  
Tide Pool Program  
Watershed Program  
Sonoma Coast Trail Crew  
Willow Creek Trail Crew  
Pinniped Monitoring  
Seabird Monitoring  
Roving Docents/Public  
Assistance

### Other Projects

Mobile Marine Van  
Forest to Sea Nature Store  
Office Help & Special Events

## VOL. PROGRAM COORDINATORS

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## Upcoming Events ~2019

Register & get details at [stewardscr.org/upcoming-events-programs.html](http://stewardscr.org/upcoming-events-programs.html) or (707) 869-9177.

### DOCENT ORIENTATIONS & TRAININGS

#### GENERAL VOLUNTEERS IN PARKS ORIENTATION

September 7, 10:00 am - 12 pm, FREE  
This FREE General Orientation covers available volunteer opportunities in the southern Russian River Sector of the Sonoma-Mendocino Coast State Parks District. Meet our program coordinators and learn about the perks of volunteering. Registration required.

#### REDWOOD ED

September 21, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm  
\$20/\$16 for members  
This workshop is for anyone who wants to learn more about our magnificent Coast Redwoods. The workshop is especially useful for classroom teachers, docents and outdoor educators who teach groups at Armstrong. We will explore Redwood Ed, practice some of the activities, and increase our understanding of outdoor and environmental education. Registration required.

### POND FARM POTTERY TOURS



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Upcoming dates: 7/13, 8/17, 9/28, 10/19  
9:30 to noon, \$20/\$16 for members  
Meet at the Stewards office/Vol. Center.  
Registration required.

#### HIKE WITH MIKE

October 5, 9:30 am - 12 pm,  
\$20/\$16 for members  
Mike Roa, Ex Teacher and Author  
This workshop is designed for Armstrong docents and participants who have taken a Redwood Ed workshop. Others are welcome too. Registration required.

### COMMUNITY EDUCATION SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

#### FIBER ART WORKSHOP

June 19, 5:30 - 8:30 pm, Blue Door Gallery  
\$20/\$16 for members  
Artist in Residence, Jacqueline Mallegni, will teach participants how to make paper with flax roving. Your paper can be used for a collage or a three dimensional form. Registration required.

#### SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIPS: AN EXPLORATION OF OUR CONNECTION WITH NATURE

June 23, 9 am- 12 pm, \$20/\$16 for members  
This workshop, led by Shannon Rogge, LMFT and Certified Naturalist and Taylor Bright, Fungal Researcher & Medicine Maker, aims to create a safe space for individuals to both return to and further explore their biological, psychological and inherently intrinsic connection to the natural world. Registration required.

#### BAT WALKS

July 13 & Aug. 17, 7:30 - 9:30 pm  
Takes place in Austin Creek SRA - Register for details. Instructor: Sue Grant Duffield  
If you're batty for bats or are just interested in learning more about this furry flying mammal, this program is for you. We will cover a bat's life cycle, what they eat and how to identify different species based upon the frequency of their ultrasonic chirps and clicks as they navigate through the dark. Registration required.

#### THE ART OF SELF USE

July 13, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, \$20/\$16 for members  
Sometimes we give up doing things we love to do because they become painful or make us uncomfortable. Charlotte Chavez will teach a series of slow, easy, gentle movements on the floor or in a sitting position that you can learn to use yourself to bring more awareness and comfort to accomplish your goals.

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Board member Jeff Edmonds presented information about Donor Advised Funds and about Beneficiary Designations on page 5 of the [Summer 2018 newsletter](#). A Bequest example is also included on page 8.

Board member Dale Wannan would like you to consider these giving options as well:

**Gifting Appreciated Stock** - If you're fortunate enough to own stock that has gone up in value since you purchased it, you may consider a gift to Stewards. This will not only help a good cause, but enable you to reap substantial tax savings.

**Designate Stewards as a Beneficiary on your IRA** - These days, many people have a large percentage of their wealth in the form of traditional IRA accounts. Consider designating Stewards as one of the beneficiaries of your IRAs.

## New Members ~ 2nd Quarter

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## Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods Membership Form

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

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- RENEWAL
- \$25 Owl Senior/Student
- \$35 Individual Trillium
- \$45 Otter Family
- \$100 Contributing Harbor Seal
- \$150 Bobcat Business
- \$250 Gray Whale Patron
- \$500+ Osprey Circle

Payment Type:  Check (made payable to Stewards)

Credit Card (VISA, MC, Discover acceptable)

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Bequests

### Your Gift to the Future of State Park Preservation

With your gift of a bequest, future generations will enjoy the State Parks in the Russian River District, including education and stewardship programs supported by Stewards. A gift to Stewards is a rewarding form of giving from your estate. There are several types of charitable bequests by will (or beneficiary designation).

**Example:** *I hereby give and bequeath to Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods, a nonprofit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of California, with a principal address at P.O. Box 2, Duncans Mills, CA 95430, (\_\_\_\_) percent of my estate, (or) the sum of (\_\_\_\_) dollars, (or) the following assets (\_\_\_\_). Tax ID # 94-3039895*

For more information and other planned giving options, please contact Michele Luna at [michele@stewardscr.org](mailto:michele@stewardscr.org) and your legal advisor.