

REDWOOD COAST LAND CONSERVANCY

Dedicated to protection of open spaces and natural resources from the Navarro to the Russian rivers

GOOD NEWS!

RCLC is receiving \$320,000 from the Coastal Conservancy (CC) for the acquisition of the 3.5 acre Hearn Gulch Beach and Headlands in Mendocino County for public access, recreation, and open-space and scenic protection purposes, and for initial planning and management tasks. Since January, 2001, the CC has awarded more than \$48 million in grants, of which RCLC's grant is a portion, to land trusts throughout the state for acquisition, planning, restoration, and management projects. (From "On Saving Land: A Newsletter for California Land Trusts", V.10, No. 3.)

At Mile Marker 10 on Highway One in Mendocino County, you'll see this property on the west side of the highway. Thanks to all who have made this acquisition possible. Watch the next issue for full details! 🌲

ART-IN-THE-REDWOODS ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD

RCLC again sponsored the Environmental Award at Gualala Arts Center's 2001 Art-in-the-Redwoods. The cash prize of \$75.00 went to Gualala artist Dawn Kenney for her black and white photograph inspired by the sea stacks along the coast. Dawn writes, in part: "Thank you very much for the Award. It was a great honor to receive it. This is my third year entering my photography in the AIR Festival and my first award, so it is and always will be extra special to me." Congratulations, Dawn! 🌲



"Islands in the Mist" by Dawn Kenney. Photo by Molly Englebrecht

GUALALA BLUFF TRAIL UPKEEP



Photo by Mary Sue Ittner

On a foggy day in July the Clean Up Crew "smothered the trail with love and depleted many of its weeds." They pruned back plantings encroaching the pathway and spruced up the picnic area. This crew consisted of Bob Rutemoeller, Win Sinclair, Shirley Eberly, Jeff and Barbara Russell, Cecilia Moelter, Bob Lease, and Flo and Ray Van de

Water. They welcome helpers of all ages. Call or email (addresses below) to put your name on the helper list! 🌲

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS



To see the Ranch land, drive or take a walk from Rollerville Junction to the Point Arena Lighthouse. The Ranch land for sale lies on both sides of the road. Photo by Rosemarie Hocker.

The Conservation Land Group, Inc., has announced that 1860 acres of the Stornetta Brothers Coastal Ranch is for sale, its price to be determined by an independent appraisal. The owners will consider selling the property for conservation purposes. The land surrounds the Point Arena Lighthouse and is immediately south of Manchester State Park. Resources include over two miles of Pacific Ocean coastline and prime habitat for threatened and endangered species including the Point Arena mountain beaver (see RCLC Fall/Winter 2000 Newsletter), snowy plover, red-legged frog, and Mendocino coast Indian paintbrush. RCLC enthusiastically supports the public acquisition of the ranch and offers to assist with appropriate conservation negotiations to protect the recreational, educational, agricultural, scenic and open space opportunities. Readers, please email or call us with your ideas. 🌲

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RCLC is a member of the National Land Trust Alliance, California Land Trust Council, Redwood Coast Chamber of Commerce.

REDWOOD COAST LAND CONSERVANCY OBJECTIVES

The specific purposes of this corporation include, but are not limited to:

- (a) The conservation of lands for recreational, educational, ecological, agricultural, scenic and open space opportunities. Conservation of lands shall be accomplished by acquiring real property or partial interests therein, including conservation easements as defined in California Civil Code Section 815.2, and recording appropriate instruments necessary to protect in perpetuity the physical environment of the area for wildlife, ecological and aesthetic purposes beneficial to the public interest;
- (b) To promote, activate and develop public coastal accesses to the ocean, rivers and other natural or scenic features, including developing trails, paths and walkways;
- (c) To study, project and develop plans for future needs in respect to public recreational lands, accesses and facilities;
- (d) To determine open space and conservation needs in the coastal areas of Mendocino and Sonoma counties and to arrange for necessary stewardship and conservation by easements, agreements or other mechanisms;
- (e) To publicize local needs of the type mentioned above and to raise funds by public subscriptions, grants or other means as necessary to meet such objectives.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR NEWSLETTER LABEL

If there is a "00" or "01" in front of your name, that means you have sent RCLC a contribution or membership donation for that year. If there is no number to the left of your name, or if it shows a contribution for 2000, please consider helping us this year. A contribution form is printed on the return envelope in this issue. Thanks for your help.

ANNUAL RAFFLE SUPPORTS RCLC

Dear Friends:


We are again asking your support for the Redwood Coast Land Conservancy (RCLC), a small local land trust. We are a totally volunteer organization with no paid staff. To complete our projects, we depend on public contributions of time, expertise and money. Your donations and membership dues enable us to obtain additional grant funds from other sources, which often require local "matching funds". We have accepted easements to develop public access along the bluffs above the Gualala River estuary and mouth, and a conservation easement from Peter and Anna Dobbins. With help from the State Coastal Conservancy, we published a watershed literature study for the Gualala River and are working with the Gualala River Watershed Council to augment the river studies and carry forward a program of restoration work. We are in the process of acquiring the 3.5 acre Hearn Gulch Beach and Headlands for public access, recreation and open-space and scenic protection purposes. We need the community's support to continue RCLC's mission of preserving our coast's natural resources.

Please help us with your donations. For a chance to win one or more of the prizes on the list below, please fill in the enclosed benefit drawing ticket stubs and mail them in the enclosed envelope, with your donation. We will have a public drawing on Sunday, January 13, 2002, at 3:00 p.m. at the Sundstrom Mall in Gualala, and will notify the lucky winners. You need not be present to win. Some of the prizes are too fragile or too large to ship. We will arrange with you to pick them up on your next trip to the coast. We can send you more tickets. Please call me at 884-4426 or at brutem@mcn.org.

Thank you,

Bob Rutemoeller for the RCLC Board

Margi Ingersoll: hand painted art tile
Grace McMaster: original watercolor, matted
Pacific Rain Handmade Soaps: gift crate
Ansel Adams Calendar for 2002
Gualala Pharmacy: one pound of fudge
Bill Perry: matted 11x14 color photograph "Sea Fog at Dawn"
Ellen Soule: rock art
Everything Under the Sun: \$25 gift certificate for selected items
Alinder Gallery: book by Franz Lanting
The Sea Ranch Golf Links: 18 hole round of golf for two with a cart
Gualala Video: \$15 gift certificate good for 4 new releases
Village Fitness Center: two raffle items, each one a gift book good for 10 visits
Gordon Smith: 20-minute chair massage
Food Company: lunch for two
Gualala Nursery and Trading Company: \$25 gift certificate
Green World Nursery: \$25 gift certificate

Shirley Eberly: ceramic bowl
Rumors: haircut
Upper Crust Pizza: one large pizza
Ken Browning: chimney sweep
Doni Tunheim: art work
Adventure Rents: half-day float trip on the Gualala River
Lunch and a Walk, guest of RCLC
One case of Anchor Steam Beer
Jay Baker Hardware: gift certificate
Anchor Bay Village Store: gift of wine
Sea Ranch Lodge Store: cap
Village Bootery: \$25 gift certificate
Java Point: lunch for two
Rosemarie Hocker: three raffle items, each a box of local photo note cards
Sea Ranch Lodge: two raffle items, each a coupon good for free midweek (Sun-Thurs) getaway for two.
Susan Field: small artwork
Doug Simmonds: "Learn to Play Harmonica" Video
Florence Van de Water: potted plant 

RCLC PROFILE - Fiona O'Neill

RCLC asked Fiona O'Neill, Architect, to be our featured profile in this issue. We are delighted to share her insights with our readers. And thank you, Fiona, for acting on your convictions! Ed.

Fiona O'Neill was one of the founding board members of RCLC. After her terms on the Board of Directors she has continued as an advisor and currently serves on the Gualala Bluff Trail Committee.

Born and raised in England, Fiona grew up in a tiny village in dairy country. She had a free rein to roam and explore the countryside as a child. "This was the basis," she said, "for my feeling completely safe and at home in the natural environment."

When she was a teenager, her family immigrated to California. "My dream of owning a horse soon became a reality." This provided her a continued and focused involvement with animals and the outdoors. Currently she is a very active horsewoman. A dressage rider, she also likes to trail ride on the meadows, hills and beaches of the coast. Recently she's been horse packing in the wild back country of Wyoming. One of her favorite outings is to ride her mare, Cate, on Manchester Beach.

Her family loved to camp and explore the wilds of California in its many diverse landscapes. Fiona has traveled in many parts of Europe and in the vast landscapes of the western United States.

A very important character in her life is Bill Wyman. "Every summer," she told us, "he guides a group of friends 130 miles or so across the High Sierra on foot with a string of pack burros. Bill has taken us through monumental landscapes of unparalleled drama and beauty. He has taught us

AN RCLC CELEBRATION

Guests gathered round Anna and Peter Dobbins to thank them for placing a conservation easement on a portion of their property on Windy Hollow Road in Point Arena. Peter led a tour of the property at the celebration on June 10, 2001. Thank you, Peter and Anna! 🌲



Photo by Bob Rutemoeller

how to have a low impact on a fragile environment. These are precious places that evoke a very deep sense of peace for me."

Fiona is an architect with an active practice on the coast. For her, her profession is about making places which are special and which respect their environment—places which draw you back again and again.

"When I'm at peace with myself, then I'm in the right place", she notes. Fiona has been on the coast for almost sixteen years, "living a simple life and that's what I like about it".

As an amateur photographer she does nature abstract and landscapes. She collects images of barns, and sometimes sketches landscapes.

When asked how she became interested in the work of RCLC,

Fiona recalls her work with Gualala Municipal Advisory Council (GMAC) on the initial stages and workshops for the Gualala Town Plan, because of her planning experience. As for RCLC, her conviction is "this is good work, public work for the benefit of absolutely everyone here. If this place has value to us, we should all be helping to treat it well, to treat it like the treasure that it is."

A last thought. "Gualala has its back turned on its most compelling feature, its namesake. The river mouth is rich with aquatic and bird life. It is a constantly changing palette of water, sky and landscape. It's time we celebrated this gem of a place." 🌲

GUALALA RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL

The Council is involved in the Gualala River Estuary study, writing a Quality Assurance Document, monitoring selected sites along the river, working with landowners on restoration projects, cooperating with state agencies in their assessment on the river, and much more. GRWC meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Gualala Community Center. To be on the mailing list for agendas and newsletters, contact Doug Simmonds at 886-5148 or simmonds@mcn.org. 🌲

GUALALA BLUFF TRAIL - PHASE II

People who come to the Bluff trail to walk or sit on the benches and watch the river, ocean and the wildlife tell us how happy they are to have the trail. The completed trail will extend to the end of Ocean Song restaurant. Seems like a simple project doesn't it? Not so. County requirements have to be met. Tom Origer and Janine Loyd (Origer and Associates) did the field inspection and complete resources study (Archaeology/Historical Research). Mary Rhyne did the botanical study, with the assistance of Bob Rutemoeller. Brad Porter (Dot Porter's son) did the engineering work. He is with the firm of Moffett & Nichols.

We are eager to begin Phase II. Bill Wiemeyer, Fiona O'Neill and Bill Chapman designed the trail. A trail layout meeting of Board members and Advisors (Bill Chapman, Fiona O'Neill, Bill Wiemeyer, Shirley Eberly, Doug Hammerstrom, Ray Jackman, Cecilia Moelter, Bob Rutemoeller, Mary Sue Ittner and Barbara Tatum) reviewed the plans and offered suggestions. Bill Chapman did the survey work and staked the trail with the help of his son Adam. Construction will begin in the spring, as soon as weather permits.

We will be most grateful to The California Coastal Conservancy for giving us a grant to complete the trail and for their support. This part of the trail is much more expensive to build and will be impossible without their help. We

will also need additional local money for the project since the grant requirements want a local match as a condition of the grant. We encourage you to donate to this community trail. We will need volunteers for limited times on some of the smaller projects. You can call Mary Sue Ittner or Shirley Eberly to volunteer.



Janine Lloyd and Tom Origer. Photo by Shirley Eberly

CHARITABLE GIVING

This season many people will give serious thought to their charitable giving. If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution of appreciated stock to support the work of RCLC, you can give stock to RCLC and take a deduction (if held for over one year) for the appreciated value and avoid paying a capital gains tax. If you are interested in making such a gift, please consult your tax advisor. Then contact our Treasurer, Bob Rutemoeller (at 884-4426 or brutem@mcn.org) to give you instructions for how to have the stock transferred to the RCLC brokerage account.



BEQUESTS... YOUR GIFT TO THE FUTURE

Will future generations see the open space in our area as we see it? Will our children's children find the solitude, serenity and joy we have found in the quiet place we have now?

HOW YOU CAN HELP

A gift to RCLC is the simplest form of giving from your estate. There are several types of charitable bequests by will or beneficiary designation. For example:


Specific Bequest: A specific sum of cash or property.

Percentage Bequest: A percentage of your entire estate, or the balance remaining after making specific bequests.

Remainder Bequest: Remaining principal after a survivor has had a period of life income.

Life Insurance Bequest: A change of beneficiary or outright donation of a policy.

EXAMPLE OF A BEQUEST

"I hereby give and bequeath to the Redwood Coast Land Conservancy (or any successor organization), a non-profit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of California, with a principal address at P.O. Box 1511, Gualala, CA, 95445, ___percent of my estate, (or) the sum of ___dollars, (or) the following assets_____." 

MEMORIAL GIFTS

RCLC received Memorial Gifts in loving memory of:

Sue Ruge from Reva Basch and Jerry Shifman

Josh Perez from Phyllis McCreery

Bill and Ivan from Fred Crutcher and the Crutcher Family Foundation.

We thank you all. 