



# TODAY

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## Honoring Anne Teller — a conservation icon



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Proprietor of Oak Hill Farm in Glen Ellen and a deep-rooted friend of Sonoma Land Trust, Anne Teller was a lover of land and animals, and beloved by many. With sadness, we mark her recent passing. Anne was married to late Land Trust founder Otto Teller; in 1985, they donated a conservation easement over their 677 acres of farmland and wild land in the Mayacamas foothills. Many Land Trust members will remember celebrating at the Land Trust's holiday parties in Anne's beautiful White Barn. Longtime staffer Reta Lockert remembers Anne warmly: "A consummate hostess and a farsighted businesswoman and landowner whose example continues to light our path, Anne lived her life with style, grace and steely resolve. Well connected throughout the greater Bay Area, she consistently provided invaluable introductions for Sonoma Land Trust, including to Smith College classmate Mary Hafner and [Snow Leopard Conservancy](#) co-founder Darla Hillard, both of whom were wonderful SLT board members in our formative years. Anne's work behind the scenes was key to our four decades of success."

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### Summer sunset hikes



We are offering sunset hikes in July and August. Get outside with Sonoma Land Trust this summer!

[Check the schedule](#)

### Familias al Aire Libre Families Outdoors



Rustle up your family and enjoy a fun bilingual Spanish/English outing on the fourth Saturday of each month through August. These activities offer excellent opportunities for people of all ages to have fun out in nature.

## Community Foundation grants \$700,000 to protect SDC open space



*Hazel and Roland Todd.*

Thanks to the vision of a family that cared deeply about the future of Sonoma County, the Sonoma Land Trust has received a \$700,000 grant from Community Foundation Sonoma County and their regional affiliate, the Sonoma Valley Fund, to protect more than 700 acres of open space, trails and natural resources at the site of the former Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC). This grant is made possible by a 2009 bequest to the Foundation from Hazel and Roland Todd to help fund projects benefiting health, human services and open space protection, primarily in the Sonoma Valley. Funding from the Community Foundation will be used as a match for land acquisition and management costs as part of a coordinated, multi-agency effort to connect SDC's remarkable open space with 9,000 acres of adjacent parks and protected lands.

[Read more](#)

## Controlled burns in Sonoma Valley

### Wild about the Greenway!



It was so much fun getting wild with everyone earlier this month at Child in the Wild! Thanks to all who came out to Howarth Park to celebrate nature and learn more about the Santa Rosa Southeast Greenway Campaign.

[Enjoy photos here](#)

### Volunteer with Jim Wood



Join Assemblymember Jim Wood and his team on Saturday, June 29 to remove old fencing on our beautiful Estero Americano Preserve. You'll spend the day helping to make immediate and lasting improvements to the property, discuss local and state issues, and take in the stunning scenery!

[Learn more](#)

### Welcoming Calen



Recently, two of our partners in the Sonoma Valley Wildlands Collaborative conducted prescribed (controlled) burns. [Audubon Canyon Ranch](#) burned 27 acres at Bouverie Preserve on June 14, and [Sonoma County Regional Parks](#), with help from [CAL FIRE](#), burned 34 acres at Sonoma Valley Regional Park on June 17. Controlled fire in grassland and oak woodland ecosystems is an important tool to manage invasive species, improve soil health, and promote plant and wildlife diversity. Additionally, reintroduction of prescribed burns is an important aspect of the Collaborative's landscape-scale efforts to manage our wildlands while reducing the risk of wildfire and improving public safety. Thanks to CAL FIRE, the Collaborative and the community, controlled fires will continue to play a vital role on our fire-adapted landscapes.

[Read more](#)

## County planning for SDC to begin — be sure to stay involved!



We are pleased to welcome our new assistant stewardship project manager, Calen May-Tobin, who was hired to support our conservation easement and Sonoma Coast programs. This Sonoma County native comes to us with extensive writing, field work and GIS skills, and holds master's degrees in restoration ecology and sustainable forest management.

## Bay Camp fundraiser



Bay Camp is in full swing along San Pablo Bay! Most of the campers had never been to the bayshore before attending camp so we're delighted to introduce these youngsters to its natural wonders. Please help send a kid to Bay Camp — [donate by June 30](#) and your donation will be matched dollar for dollar!

[Watch Bay Camp video](#)

[Wine sale donations](#)



Enjoy wine *and* supporting conservation? Our friends at Big Bottom Market in Guerneville are donating to Sonoma Land Trust a dollar from every bottle of Market Reserve wine they sell. We can't think of a more delicious way to support the land!

[Learn more](#)

The Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC) Coalition is grateful to the community for coming out and sharing its input about the vision and guiding principles for SDC on June 15 at the Coalition-led community workshop. Public input is vital in shaping the future of the campus and its 900+ acres as the County starts the land use planning process. Check out our blog [Transform SDC](#) for more information and updates!



## Sonoma Land Trust holds staff retreat in Sonoma Valley



There were a lot of smiley faces last week when your Land Trust held its annual staff retreat out on the land. It was a great opportunity for us to explore some of the beautiful open space we've been fighting to protect at the Sonoma Developmental Center and to enjoy Jack London State Historic Park. There's nothing like a rousing hike and picnicking under the trees to restore our hardworking staffers.

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