



TODAY

... to protect the land forever | September 2019

Celebrate the bay at MarshFest on October 5!



A healthy bay is climate resilient because it protects habitat, filters pollutants and absorbs storm surges. That's a lot to celebrate and we hope you'll do so with us at our first-ever MarshFest at the Sonoma Baylands on October 5 from 11am to 2pm. This is a *free* event for our community to share in our love for the bay – and appreciate how important its health is to our future. We'll provide guided walks as well as some complimentary kayaks (and gear), children's bicycles, and binoculars and spotting scopes to be used throughout the day. You're invited to help us keep the newly restored tidal marsh clean and help collect litter if you wish. Or just bring a picnic and a blanket, and relax and revel in the sweeping views of San Pablo Bay. Tell your friends and family!

[More details](#)

Defending our future at the Climate Strike

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Welcome, Eamon!



Photo by Laurie Wachter.

Our new executive director, Eamon O'Byrne, started on September 9 and quickly got out and about in the community, attending events and meeting our supporters. He says, "Exploring our work over the past two weeks has left me awed and inspired, not just by Sonoma's spectacular landscape, but also by the incredible community that has worked so hard to protect it." Please join us in welcoming him!

Yoga in nature hike



It was inspiring to see thousands of people, especially young people, in Santa Rosa demanding climate justice as part of the worldwide climate strike last Friday. Land Trust staff were at Old Courthouse Square in Santa Rosa spreading the word about the importance of land conservation to building climate resilience. We were thrilled by the energy and passion that the marchers expressed for protecting our planet. At Sonoma Land Trust, we know that protecting land, particularly high carbon-storing ecosystems, like wetlands and forests, is critical to mitigating climate change. That's why it's so important to have the support of people like you to continue the vital work of conserving land to build a climate resilient community. Climate change affects everyone — and everyone can be a part of climate solutions!

[Watch video from Santa Rosa's Climate Strike](#)

Trail to Pole Mountain attains one-year anniversary



Photo from the Pole Mountain summit by Jerry Dodrill, @dodrillphoto.



Sunday, Oct. 6, 10–noon, join Viniyoga therapist and volunteer Lesli Lee Hartsough for a gentle walk in nature, incorporating yoga postures along the way! Fee is \$20 and scholarships are available.

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15 years with Sonoma Land Trust



A huge congratulations to stewardship director [Bob Neale](#) and stewardship senior project manager [Shanti Edwards](#) on reaching their 15-year anniversary with Sonoma Land Trust! We can't imagine the Land Trust without either of them.

Disaster readiness



September is Disaster Preparedness Month — as wildfire season continues, ask yourself: Am I prepared for the next natural disaster? Find local

to the summit of Pole Mountain is having its first birthday this September. Thanks to our partnership with [The Wildlands Conservancy](#) and acquisition funders like [Sonoma Ag + Open Space](#) and [California Coastal Conservancy](#), and supporters like you, residents and visitors alike can now hike 15 miles of trail (up and back) to deepen their connection with the Sonoma Coast. We estimate that, each month, a few thousand cars drive to the Gateway to the Jenner Headlands parking lot on Highway 1, and around 100 hikers make it to the Pole Mountain summit. Hikers who use the Instagram hashtag [#jennerheadlandspreserve](#) provide an artistic expression of their experience (like the photo above!) and it appears that at least one couple got engaged there!

For more tips about hiking the Sea to Sky Trail, check out this recent travel [article](#) or our [website](#).

Protected land inspires art



It was a treat to partner with the [Sonoma Plein Air Festival](#) for the second year in a row and see the results of professional artists' paintings of our protected lands. At the Art Show and Sale on September 14, the Sonoma Land Trust panel of judges presented artist Greg LaRock with our Heart of the Land award for his beautiful interpretation of Glen Oaks Ranch (pictured above). "On my early morning arrival [to Glen Oaks Ranch], I was rewarded with beautiful morning light creating wonderful shadows on the old buildings surrounded by greens. I enjoyed the little white structure and how it was bookended by the buildings on either side. A nice path led you into the scene and the balance of the old historic area contrasted by the newer vineyard in the background seemed to bridge the past with the future," says Greg.

Travel kindly



Thank you to our friends at Kind Traveler and [Sonoma County Tourism](#) for encouraging travelers to give back to the land when they reserve a hotel. When you book through Kind Traveler, you can help support Sonoma Land Trust and other local charities at the same time.

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Film screening *No Time to Waste!*



Betty Reid Soskin by Lisa Foote.

Produced by our friends at [OpenRoad with Doug McConnell](#), this documentary about the life of Betty Reid Soskin is a must see. At 97, Soskin is the oldest National Park Ranger and she is still working hard to illuminate the invisible histories of people of color through the park service. *Such an inspiring film!*

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