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Conservation agreement helps St. Anthony's Parish build a new church in Winters while protecting valuable farmland

Audrey Kitzes, Past Land Transaction Specialist



This land will continue to support agriculture in perpetuity

Photo: Audrey Kitzes

After five years, and despite a yearlong hiatus due to the State's budget freeze, Solano Land Trust and St. Anthony's Parish are pleased to report the successful closing of three adjacent conservation agreements near Putah Creek, totaling almost 600 acres. The St. Anthony's Parish farmland preserve sits atop the Dixon Ridge in Winters, a focus area for Solano Land Trust's conservation work due to the region's high-quality soils.

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President's Message

Ian Anderson, *President*



I am pleased to be writing about our 25th anniversary. Twenty-five years are a third of a productive human life, yet only a second on the Big Ben of earth time. With these figurative seconds each person has, one

must ask: Are we moving in the right direction?

My conclusion is this: If we value our agricultural lands and open spaces, and we help to educate our fellow citizens about the value of maintaining these lands, then our time is spent wisely. Our energies benefit those who follow.

I feel blessed to be a farmer, a provider of food and fiber for many. However, if my fellow farmers and I put our heads in the sand, we would not be aware of how our agricultural land base is dwindling, and how that is detrimental to the future of all humanity whose food needs are predicted to escalate tremendously both in price and quantity.

This is where Solano Land Trust plays an important role. We create mechanisms for landowners to keep their lands in agricultural production for many generations to come. In our first 25 years, we have completed 20 such agreements. Equally important, we as a society have created dedicated funds for the purpose of protecting some of our environmentally sensitive lands. Our staff goes to great lengths to secure a portion of these funds. The result of this work is that we have now secured 12,000 acres of stunningly beautiful open space lands that are being well maintained.

This year the Solano Land Trust is beginning the process of a strategic plan for our future. We are going to be setting our goals high and we want everyone's help. Our direction will be the sum total of all of our efforts, so please join in!

Happy anniversary Solano Land Trust.

New native in the native plant garden? Only with your help!

Nicole Byrd, *Executive Director*



Photo: Ken Poener

We have the opportunity for a new native to join our native plant garden at Rush Ranch. Native Solano County sculptor Phillip Glashoff has offered to donate a sculpture for the garden, if we can raise the \$1,900 retail value of the piece. The funds raised will be donated to the Solano Land Trust, but only if you help us!

This unique sculpture has been "on loan" in our garden. We feel it looks right at home and would like to keep it there! We also believe in businesses and organizations supporting each other in our community, and that is why we are asking for your help to make this happen. **Please make a special donation today to help us add this beautiful sculpture to our native plant garden permanently.** In return, you will be

helping us raise funds for the important work we do to protect working farms and natural areas in Solano County.

Phillip Glashoff was born and raised on his family ranch in Suisun Valley and continues to work the land today. He began sculpting in his late twenties and has become well known around the world. Art appreciators, many of whom are land trust supporters like you, find good will and humor in each piece. We are asking for your help to acquire this fun piece of artwork, but more importantly, to show your support for the land conservation and stewardship work we do.

You can find Phil's art at the Vacaville Gallery, as well as at events around the region including the San Francisco Flower & Garden Show (March 23-27, 2011) in San Mateo; and the California State Home & Garden Show (September 9-11, 2011) at the Sacramento Convention Center. To learn more, visit his website at phillipglashoff.com.

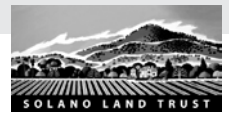
250 in 2011

Help us meet our goal of gaining 250 new members in 2011 by joining or recruiting today!

- ❖ Do you know someone who loves the open space and rich farmland that surrounds Solano County as much as you do?
- ❖ Do you know someone who wants to enhance their quality of life by learning about the hidden treasures in our own backyard?
- ❖ New members can join at the special anniversary rate of \$25!

This land is *your* land

Stay connected to the land and stay involved with the great things that are happening at Solano Land Trust. Our members help us to preserve working farms, natural areas, and the heritage of this community for generations to come.



Executive Director's Perspective

Nicole Byrd, *Executive Director*



As we turn the page of the Solano Land Trust anniversary calendar from February's lush green hills of Lynch Canyon to the fabulous burrowing owl photo of March, we are looking forward to an exciting and eventful spring and summer. All of our current members and business partners (recognized in this "Donor Edition" of Vistas) received our beautiful calendar, which I hope serves as a daily reminder of how we all work together to protect these local treasures. We could not do it without your help! I hope the calendar also inspires you to get outside this year and enjoy these beautiful natural areas in Solano County.

This year marks our 25th anniversary and we will be celebrating all year. I hope you will join us to promote healthy lifestyles at the Lynch Canyon Trail Run and Community Hike, celebrate local agriculture at the Farm Fresh Feast, and reach out to new supporters at our first ever Aim for Ag and Open Space sporting clay shoot. We have set the lofty goal of gaining 250 new members this year in honor of our 25th anniversary (for a limited time, new members can join for only \$25!). All year we will have special anniversary tours, hikes and volunteer days, and our updated website includes a calendar feature that allows you to download our events into your personal digital calendar. In addition to the exciting and long awaited closing of the 600-acre St. Anthony's conservation easement (see story on page 1), we are also working to acquire up to 1,500 acres of beautiful oak woodlands and rolling hills known as Rockville Hills Estates (between Green Valley and Suisun Valley). Together, these two projects would protect over 2,000 acres of land in Solano County for future generations!

New to our board, just in time for the 25th anniversary celebrations, are two community leaders who bring experience in law, real estate, and public benefit organization boards. Supervisor Linda Seifert and Michael Fortney of Placer Title joined us at the end of 2010 and we are excited to have their ideas, wisdom, and energy.

I hope that you will participate in the many events to celebrate our successes from the last 25 years, and continue to join us as we protect working farms and natural areas and preserve our quality of life in Solano County for many years to come. Many thanks to everyone who helped us achieve so much success over the years!

For those who have been planning to join, now is the time!

Calling all volunteers!

Natalie DuMont, *Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator*

Volunteers are vital to Solano Land Trust's efforts. The time and energy volunteers contribute make it possible for us to share our lands with the community.

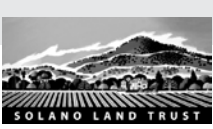
Recently more than 20 people joined Solano Land Trust and the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council for a special volunteer day at Lynch Canyon celebrating Solano Land Trust's 25th anniversary. Volunteers got fresh air and exercise while promoting healthy trees and trails. Some had clipboards and collected tree data for ongoing research, others put protective cages around young trees, and still others re-contoured the Bobcat Trail to keep it stable for future hikers, mountain bike riders, and equestrians.

Our biggest volunteer opportunities of the year are our special events such as the Farm Fresh Feast on May 21 and the Fourth Annual Lynch Canyon Trail Run and Community Hike on June 4. The Farm Fresh Feast hosted at Dixon Ridge Farms celebrates local farmers, foods and wines. The Lynch Canyon Trail Run and Community Hike supports healthy living. Each of these events will need dozens of volunteers, from publicity and decorating to running the show. Ready to get involved? Contact Natalie at (707) 432-0150 x 200 or volunteer@solanolandtrust.org.



Volunteers helping out at the Lynch Canyon 25th anniversary workday

Photo: Solano Land Trust



Welcome new board members!

Deanna Mott, Associate Director

We are happy to announce the two newest members to the Solano Land Trust board of directors, Supervisor Linda Seifert and Michael Fortney.

Linda Seifert joined the Solano County Board of Supervisors representing District 2 in 2009. She is an advocate for preserving agricultural character and resources, and improving and expanding recreational opportunities in Solano County. Prior to joining the board of supervisors, Linda was a partner in a Walnut Creek law firm and later general counsel for the California Dental Association. She has served as past president of the Green Valley Landowner's Association and on the boards of the First 5 Commission of Solano County, Child Haven, Yolo-Solano Air Board, Partnership Healthplan of California, Solano County Library Foundation, and the Tri-City and County Cooperative Planning Group governing board.



Linda Seifert

Mike Fortney is vice president of the Solano County Division of Placer Title Company and has been in the title and escrow business for 17 years. He is involved with local politics, and is passionate about ensuring that the children in our community have a safe environment to learn and play. When he is not coaching youth soccer or Bobby Sox softball, Mike volunteers with the Vacaville Boys and Girls Club, and serves on their board. He is dedicated to helping today's youth become future leaders by teaching teamwork, decision-making, and life skills. Mike has also contributed his energy and skills to Solano County SPCA, Solano County Humane Animal Services, Vacaville Recreation Foundation, Solano Association of Realtors, Travis Regional Armed Forces Committee, Northern California Homebuilders Association, California Building Industry Association, Vacaville and Fairfield Chambers of Commerce, and Solano Economic Development Corporation.



Michael Fortney

Join us at our 2011 FUNdraising events!

Deanna Mott, Associate Director

To celebrate Solano Land Trust's 25 years of success, we have some fun events scheduled this year and want you to join us. All three of these events help us protect our quality of life by preserving our natural areas and working farms and ranches that make Solano County unique. Please mark your calendars for one or all of the FUNdraising events we are hosting.

- **Farm Fresh Feast at Dixon Ridge Farms on May 21:** This event showcases the agricultural community and the food produced on local farms by serving you a chef-prepared meal featuring locally-sourced seasonal ingredients. Mingle and dine with farmers, elected officials, businesses that service the farming community, and other supporters like you. Last year's event sold out in advance, so visit our website after April 1 to purchase your tickets!
- **4th Annual Lynch Canyon Trail Run & Community Hike on June 4:** Features a half marathon, a 10k, and a 2.5-mile hike (the hike is free!). This summer event draws individuals, teams, and families with abilities ranging from competitive athlete to those who want to leisurely enjoy nature and take in the scenic views. We promote healthy lifestyles and activities that contribute to quality of life, so put on your trail shoes and see Mount Diablo, Mount Tamalpais, San Francisco Bay, and Napa Valley, all from Lynch Canyon! Please visit www.lynchcanyontrailrun.com for more information and to register for the runs (reservations aren't needed for the community hike).
- **Aim for Ag and Open Space Sporting Clay Shoot on August 20:** This is our first-ever sporting clay shoot at Birds Landing. We expect to draw hunters, outdoor enthusiasts, business groups, and military personnel to this family event where eye and ear protection, ammo, and lunch are included. Rental guns will be available, or bring your own. An optional pre-event safety and orientation clinic for new shooters will be held the morning of the event. The focus of the event is to draw attention to our work in protecting natural habitats that support wildlife in our region.

We are proud to partner with Potrero Hills Landfill, NorthBay Healthcare, enXco, Valero Benicia Refinery, Republic Services, First Northern Bank, Kaiser Permanente, and others on these events. We are actively seeking other cash and in-kind sponsors for these events, so please contact us today to get involved and be part of the fun! For more information, go to www.solanolandtrust.org or call Deanna at (707) 432-0150 x 205.

The Jepson Prairie Symphony

Ben Wallace, *Conservation Project Manager*

Jepson Prairie Preserve is one of California's best remaining examples of vernal pools and native grasslands. Under wide-open skies, the Preserve explodes into color during its spring wildflower display and its vernal pools host a rich diversity of rare aquatic life.

By New Year's Day 2011, the orchestra was tuning up for an exciting season at Jepson Prairie Preserve. The allegro featured early rains in October followed by a steady drumbeat of small storms in November and December, replenishing the cracked, desiccated clay in the vernal pools with water. Even the small, flashy "hogwallows" between the mima mounds were filling up, providing habitat for the endangered vernal pool fairy shrimp and rare mid-valley fairy shrimp, and promising a great season for spring wildflowers.

Then suddenly in January (historically one of the wettest, coldest months) a long, slow adagio rang in with sunny, unseasonably warm days. The hogwallows dried up. Spring grasses started poking through the soil in anticipation of spring.

February began the much-anticipated scherzo, when the Jepson Prairie docents and a quartet of vernal pool experts conducted the annual docent training for a new ensemble of volunteers, tuning up for a series of public tours every Saturday and Sunday from mid-March through Mother's Day.

Finally, the dramatic closing allegro promises wave upon wave of spring flowers from the white meadowfoam and yellow carpet that emerge from the evaporating pools, to the red sprays of *Deschampsia* grassheads dancing amidst the resounding chorus of goldfields, to the cadence of blue downingias and tiny naverretias. These play out the last notes of spring above the once-again drying soils, before the onset of the summer annual grasses drown out the floral symphony of the vernal pools.



A yellow-brick road of flowers at Jepson

Credit: Ken Davis

Conservation agreement

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"This project provides the public benefit of protecting a high-quality agricultural resource in perpetuity" says St. Anthony Parishioner John Hasbrook. "The easements help fulfill our stewardship responsibility while enabling the Parish to support the building of a new church and meditation garden for our congregation and the greater Winters community. Everyone benefits."

Like other landowners Solano Land Trust works with the Parish was interested in preserving the land for agriculture while also pulling equity out of the land. A conservation easement allows them to do that. Many farmers are forced to sell all or portions of their land because they have no other way to access the equity in their land. Often these funds are used to plant new orchards, pass money down to family members, or pay taxes. In the case of the Parish, they needed funds to build a new church in Winters.

Under the conservation agreement, the Parish will retain full ownership of the property while actively farming or leasing it for a wide range of agricultural purposes. Non-agricultural development on the property will not be allowed with the exception of three small farmstead areas where farm families and workers can live. In addition to preserving the land in agriculture, the conservation easement will make the land more affordable to future farm owners because it will be appraised at the agricultural value instead of the developable value (the value of the land if almost 30 houses could be built, as allowed by current zoning).

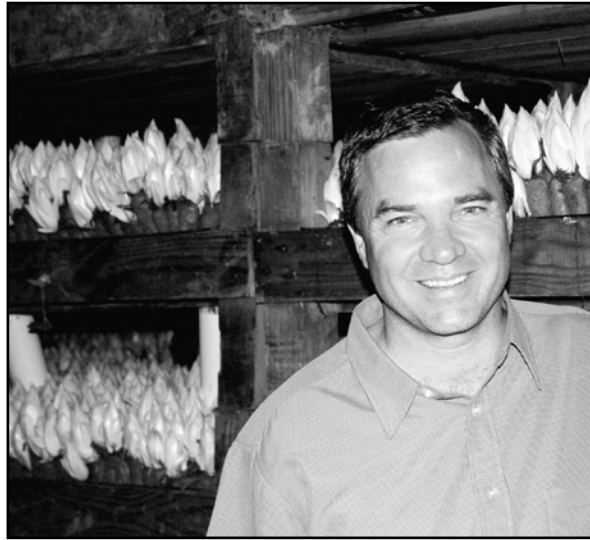
Solano Land Trust received grants to purchase these conservation easements from the State of California's Farmland Conservation Program, and United States Department of Agriculture's Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program. The state budget freeze in 2009 put the project on hold for more than a year, but Solano Land Trust and the Parish worked together to push the project forward until the funding was reinstated in 2010.

Starting on March 12, trained docents lead tours and introduce visitors to the wildflowers and aquatic creatures of the prairie symphony on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Large groups please contact Natalie in advance at (707) 432-0150 x 200 or volunteer@solanolandtrust.org. Donation requested.

Business Partner in Conservation: Rich Collins

Deanna Mott, Associate Director



Say on-deev! That's how you pronounce endive, a slightly bitter but prized vegetable that is not only healthy, but beautiful and fascinating, as well. On an unusually warm, sunny February morning I traded my typical drive to the office for a drive to Rio Vista to meet with Rich Collins and tour his California Vegetable Specialties (CVS) farm. I was pleased to learn about another Solano Grown crop that is sold all around the world.

In 2006, Rich Collins bought 195 acres from Solano Land Trust with an existing conservation easement. Since that time, Rich has become a business partner, financially and in-kind. When I asked Rich why he supports the organization, he said, "It's the right thing to do." Solano Land Trust and Rich are both actively

keeping agriculture alive and well for current and future generations.

Traditionally a winter vegetable, endive is available year round through a process that Rich and his business partner have been perfecting for 25 years. CVS is the largest producer of California Pearl (the blanched greenish-white variety) in North America, and the largest producer of Belles Rouges endive in the world. Endive is a member of the chicory family, which includes radicchio, escarole, and curly endive. Known as the "slimmer dipper," it's cholesterol free, low in fat and sodium, and rich in vitamins A, B, C, and K.

His operation is a model of sustainability. With its 26,000 square feet, the efficient farm production facility has a small footprint and is purposefully situated near two major interstate freeways. By September, Rich plans to have a new state-of-the-art cold storage facility up and running. Recycling is also a top priority. There is a strict recycling policy for employee-generated trash, and there's no waste with the crop either. Nearby farmers feed the roots of the endive to their cattle.

Endive isn't the only crop Rich is passionate about. He has plans to develop a non-confinement pasture-based dairy farm on the Dixon property where he lives. Bridgeway Farms will be a sustainable mid-sized operation that incorporates an educational component to teach young farmers how to operate a successful farming business in the 21st century.

After an hour and a half of spending time with Rich and being around his operation, I was completely energized and had a "new best friend" in the produce aisle! We are lucky to have Rich Collins as a business partner in conservation and look forward to our continued partnership. For more information on California Vegetable Specialties, visit www.endive.com.

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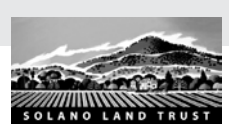
To make braised endive:

Slice endive in half lengthwise, and brown cut sides in butter. Place in a baking dish (cut side up) and pour some chicken stock into the dish. Cover and bake at 400 degrees for until tender (about 20 minutes).

(Recipe is courtesy of Alice Waters and can be found at www.endive.com along with many more.)

Become a Business Partner in Conservation to help support our mission and the community we live in. You will receive many benefits including invitations to our exclusive 25th anniversary tours at Jepson Prairie on April 9 and Rush Ranch on April 16. For more details contact Associate Director Deanna Mott at Deanna@solanolandtrust.org or (707) 432-0150 x 205.

Thank you contributors!



With you as partners, we work with farmers and ranchers to protect their lands, steward our lands and open them to the public, and provide education about the value of open space and agriculture.

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Our Mission Statement

Solano Land Trust is a private, nonprofit organization whose mission is the preservation of agricultural lands, open space, and resources through the acquisition of land and conservation easements, education, and land management.

Activities & Events

For more information go to
www.solanolandtrust.org

Most events are free and no reservations are needed unless otherwise noted. For more information contact Natalie at volunteer@solanolandtrust.org or (707) 432-0150 x 200.

Jepson Prairie Preserve

Tour the prairie with docents every Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m. through Mother's Day. Learn about vernal pool ecology, flowers, tadpole and fairy shrimp, and tiger salamanders. A donation is requested. You can also tour the docent triangle on your own seven days a week during daylight hours. This should be a great year for wildflowers!

25th Anniversary Tour (Members & Business Partners only)

Saturday, Apr. 9, 2011, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Join us for a walk commemorating Solano Land Trust's 25th anniversary. This walk is exclusively for members and business partners. Not a member yet? Join for the special price of only \$25! RSVP to Natalie (see above).

Lynch Canyon Open Space

Lynch Canyon is open Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Docent- and Ranger-led hikes

Saturday, Mar. 19, Mar. 26, Apr. 16, 2011,

See website for times

Tour Lynch Canyon with a Solano County park ranger or Solano Land Trust docent. It's wildflower time! No RSVP required.

Third Annual Kite Festival

Saturday, Apr. 23, 2011, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Go fly a kite with friends and family on the sweeping green hills at Lynch Canyon, a site known for coastal breezes. The day also commemorates Solano Land Trust's incorporation 25 years ago. Help us celebrate!

Land Stewardship

Saturday, Apr. 9, 2011, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Join Park Ranger Justin Brown for outdoor volunteer opportunities. Meet at the Lynch Canyon parking lot.

Citizen Science Friday

Friday, Mar. 18, Apr. 15, 2011, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Join staff scientist Sue Wickham to learn about the science of land

restoration and conservation while helping with projects. For ages 10 and up (youth must be accompanied by an adult). RSVP to Natalie (see above). Meeting place provided upon RSVP.

King and Swett Ranches

The King and Swett Ranches are currently open to the public only during staff- or docent-led activities.

Wildflower Hike

Saturday, Apr. 2, 2011, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Come enjoy the gorgeous spring wildflowers! RSVP to Natalie (see above). Meeting place provided upon RSVP.

Rush Ranch Open Space

Rush Ranch is open seven days/week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Suisun Hill Trail is open from dawn to dusk.

Get the Rush!

Saturday, Mar. 19, Apr. 16, 2011, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

(Hosted by the Rush Ranch Educational Council and Access Adventure) At 9 a.m. join an easy docent-led walk to learn about the marsh and local human history. At 10 a.m. learn about traditional blacksmithing and visit Little Bear's display about Native American culture. At 11 a.m., climb aboard horse drawn carriages for a ride around the ranch (limited ability and able-bodied people are welcome).

Raptor Workshop and Tour

Saturday, Mar. 19, 2011, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Join birds of prey expert Larry Broderick for his last presentation and hike of the winter migratory season. Donations suggested but not required. RSVP to Natalie (see above).

Land Stewardship

Saturday, Apr. 2, 2011, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Join Land Steward Ken Poerner for outdoor volunteer opportunities. Meet in Rush Ranch courtyard.

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21st Annual Rush Ranch Open House

(Hosted by the Rush Ranch Educational Council)

Saturday, Apr. 30, 2011, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Don't miss this free, family-friendly event that celebrates ranch life, and the plants and animals of the Suisun Marsh. Includes demonstrations on horseshoeing, blacksmithing; presentations with live bats and falcons; carriage rides; and much more!



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