

REDWOOD COAST LAND CONSERVANCY

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

GUALALA BLUFF TRAIL UPDATE

by Bill Chapman, Bluff Trail Coordinator

The first phase of the trail, the portion behind Seacliff Center and Surf Motel, was built in 1998. The Coastal Conservancy funded two-thirds of the cost of this work. The remainder came from donations by local residents, contractors and materials suppliers. Volunteers also donated nearly 300 hours of labor to build the trail. And, of course, the trail looks as good as it does because of continued volunteer work.

We are now preparing to extend the trail from Surf Motel to the Oceansong Restaurant. The grant for the first phase of the trail, Phase I, included funds to survey the easement boundary and to perform geological investigations into areas located in the second phase portion of the trail. In addition, the Coastal Conservancy loaned us some engineering staff time to design a footbridge and stairs. This work has been completed.

We are now ready to obtain permits and funding for the second phase. Bill Chapman, Fiona O'Neil, Mary Rhyne and Bill Weimeyer are working on the trail design. Many others have volunteered to join the Bluff Top Trail Committee including Barbara Artegiani, Brian Regan, Shirley Eberly, Rosemarie Hocker, Mary Sue Ittner, Ray Jackman, Sue Lease and her daughter Leslie, San Smith, and Barb Tatum.

Phase II will be a more difficult and costly trail to develop than Phase I. Volunteer efforts and donations to the project will be greatly appreciated. Call Shirley Eberly at 785-3327. The goal is to build the trail this fall. 🌲



On a quiet evening, from the Gualala Bluff Trail, look out over the Gualala River Estuary, the Gualala Point Park and the Pacific Ocean. Peace is with you. By Rosemarie Hocker

Celebration!

*The RCLC Board and Anna and Peter Dobbins
invite you to the dedication ceremony
in honor of the
Conservation Easement on the Dobbins property.
Sunday, June 10th. at 11:00 a.m*

*Please car pool; meeting place is Sundstrom Mall,
near the Recycle Center. Cars will leave at 10:30 a.m.*

Bring a sack lunch.

We will be serving drinks and dessert.

Remember to dress for our every changing weather.

Please RSVP to Shirley Eberly, 707-785-3327

We would not want to run out of cake!

ART IN THE REDWOODS: ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD

By Shirley Eberly

RCLC will again sponsor the Environmental Award at the Art in the Redwood art show. The cash prize of \$75.00 will be given to the artist who, in the opinion of the Art in the Redwood judges, best expresses the coastal environment. Two and three dimensional work will be considered. Shirley Case was the 1999 winner and Lolly Petroni was the 2000 winner. Dates to remember: Entries due by July 27th. Delivery of work is Sunday, August 12th., Champagne Preview and Pre-Sale is Friday, August 17th, 5-7 p.m. and the show is August 18th and 19th. Call Gualala Arts for entry forms, 707-884-1138. For further information call, Shirley Eberly at 785-3327. 🌲

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REDWOOD COAST LAND CONSERVANCY OBJECTIVES

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

- 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;
- To promote, activate and develop public coastal accesses to the ocean, rivers and other natural or scenic features, including developing trails, paths and walkways;
- To study, project and develop plans for future needs in respect to public recreational lands, accesses and facilities;
- 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;
- 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.

RCLC RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

By Bob Rutemoeller

On January 15, 2001, RCLC conducted the Annual Raffle at the Sundstrom Mall. Local businesses, artists and many other individuals donated fine prizes to help RCLC accomplish its mission. RCLC thanks the donors and all of the people who purchased the raffle tickets. And now, here is the list of donors and prize winners.

Grace McMaster donated an original watercolor, won by Lena Bullamore.

Margi Ingersoll donated "Pelican", a handpainted art tile, won by Julie Verran.

Gualala Video donated a \$30 gift certificate won by Dan Wright.

Rumors donated a Haircut, won by Art and Penny Dreyer.

Doni Tunheim donated a painting, "Angels", won by Carol and Jerry Lucey.

Adventure Rents donated a half-day float trip on the Gualala River, won by Joyce and Phil Trowbridge.

Ted and Cora Lee Seale donated a cotton afghan, Promise Design, won by Gene and Wanda Weston.

Point Arena Soap Works donated a gift certificate, won by Jim and Bev Sloane.

Janet Joslin donated a hand dyed georgette scarf and necktie, won by Carol and Howard Bogert.

The Sea Ranch Golf Course donated an 18 hole round of golf for two with a cart, won by The Village Bootery.

Ted and Cora Lee Seale donated a vest from Guatemala, won by Doug Donmon.

Gordon Smith donated a 20-minute chair massage, won by Lena Bullamore.

Pacific Woods Video donated a \$10 gift certificate, won by Pris and John Ellingboe.

An Ansel Adams Calendar for 2001 was won by Vivian Green.

Gualala Pharmacy donated one pound of Fudge, won by Steve Kaplan.

Photographer Bill Perry donated an 11" X 14" photograph, won by Dick and Marilynn Balch.

The Growing Concern donated a \$20 gift certificate, won by Ray and Colleen Jackman.

Everything Under the Sun donated two small boxes or one larger box

Soapstone or wood, won by Floyd Cotton.

Sea Ranch Lodge Store donated a Sea Ranch Cap, won by Richard and Brenda Nichols.

Rosemarie Hocker donated photographs of Bowling Ball Beach, won by David Arkin and Anni Tilt, and Ed and Mary Jane Sargent.

Baskets of Sonoma/Mendocino County Treats were won by Perry and Margot Biestman and Bev and Jim Thompson.

A handblown art glass vase by Fred Cresswell was won by Bill Bjorkquist.

Peter Mohr won lunch and a Walk for a guest of RCLC. Mary Hunter, George and Pat Haas, Perry and Margot Biestman, and Harriet Wright won potted plants.

Henley's Art Gallery donated a \$25 gift certificate, won by Mary Hunter.

Roy Austin donated a special hand-turned piece, won by Tom Ingersoll.

Diane Meyer won a case of Anchor Steam Beer.

Julie Verran won a photo donated by Photographer Marion Patterson.

Bill Davey won a Chimney Sweep donated by Ken Browning.

Sea Ranch Lodge donated two gift certificates, each for a night's stay midweek for two, won by George Bush and Karel Metcalf.

An Ellen Soule Rock Art "Coastal mouse" was won by Grace McMaster.



SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING

The writer has recently returned
by Ray Van de Water

from a trip to the Antarctic Peninsula and nearby South Atlantic islands. Here the evidence of a long term warming trend is inescapable. Glaciers are melting and retreating far more rapidly than in the past, the solid ice sheets of the Weddell Sea have broken up and become melting icebergs over the past five or six years, and some species of wildlife are showing signs of stress due to changing habitat conditions. Several scientific stations in the area are now studying what is happening and what the long-term effects are likely to be for all of us. None of these is expected to be good news.

We do know that each year we release millions of tons of pollutants into the earth's atmosphere and surface that never used to be there in such quantity. Accordingly, it would be sensible to take effective measures to eliminate excessive pollution of the earth's atmosphere. A large part of this is due to the burning of fossil fuels. Controlling the pollutants would mean substantial changes in our present life styles. However the alternative of taking no action could lead to far worse consequences down the line. It is time that we all took an honest look at what we are doing and how it may affect the earth we live and depend upon.



RCLC PROFILE:**Barbara Artegiani**

Born in Oakland, Barbara Artegiani, RCLC Director, moved to Marin County in 1963. "Living in Marin, back then, was like living in the country," she remembers.

"We lived in Corte Madera, right by the Bay. We rode bikes around Paradise Drive to Tiburon. I played on the hillside, where years later I bought a home after it had been developed into residential subdivisions. As a teenager I spent a lot of time at Muir Beach and Stinson and Bolinas."

This was the beginning of a life long desire to be by the ocean and to live in rural areas.

Barbara owned and operated a construction-related business in San Francisco for thirteen years while living in Corte Madera and then moved here in 1986. She had been spending weekends and vacations on the Mendocino-Sonoma Coast for that time and started to build a 'second' home. But by 1986 Marin was too crowded for her and it was time to move. She bought the Old World Deli in Gualala, operating that business for five years.

"I loved stopping at the little beach across from St. Orres on my way home – every day if I wanted! What a commute!" she exclaims.

After selling the Deli, she opened Hot Shots Fitness Center in Anchor Bay, operating it for almost two years.

"Now I'm in real estate which I love. It allows me to be outdoors a lot and my hours are flexible so I have time for things like RCLC." Today she and her husband, Jeff Russell, live in Annapolis. She has volunteered for several organizations while living here and enjoyed them all.

She states, "I find RCLC to be very gratifying for a number of reasons. As our primary goal is to preserve land for public access and enjoyment and to protect natural habitats and environments, there is only so much of this land available and it's so important to me to protect what hasn't already been destroyed. We seem to be living a fairly unconscious lifestyle right now, as a society, we are still over- using natural resources, and we disregard environmental issues – that is, the number of SUV's on the road while talking about oil-drilling in pristine areas like the Arctic Wildlife Refuge, still polluting the air and allowing global warming practices as if there are no alternatives. We need to protect what we have and make it available for the public to appreciate. We can't expect people to prioritize protection of something they don't know."

Once having walked through a forest of redwoods or spent time on a solitary beach she feels its importance becomes more real.

"Having a local organization working to preserve our immediate environment is very important and I am very glad to be a part of it. Every time I take a few minutes to walk the Bluff Top Trail and sit on the bench and look at the river and the ocean I feel grateful to live here and to RCLC for their efforts."

Thanks to Barbara and all our readers who feel much the same way! 🌲

**GUALALA RIVER
WATERSHED
COUNCIL NEWS**

By Doug Simmonds, GRW Coordinator

What is the GRWC up to? Ground truthing the volumes of landslides. Upgrading Fuller Creek Roads. Beginning the implementation work funded in the 319 grant. Developing a proposal for a DFG SB271 grant for road implementation work to be carried out in the Little North Fork. Habitat typing in the Gualala River. North Coast Watershed Assessment Program (NCWAP) meetings. Processing the temperature info for the year 2000. Putting monitoring locations on a map. Holding Strategic Planning meeting.

The GRWC is headed for a busy future working with landowners and agencies in developing a watershed assessment plan and developing data storage mechanisms that will help analyze and pinpoint problems and help make better land-use decisions in the future. RCLC Directors are part of a regular support team of volunteers that assist the GRWC in putting on monthly meetings: Facilitator/Chair Rosemarie Hocker, Secretary Ray Van De Water, refreshment chores by Bob and Rosemarie Hocker.

The RCLC should feel good about their role in helping to start the GRWC and keeping it going.

A copy of the NCWAP Manual is available on line at www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwacb1/ 🌲



*Where the Gualala River meets the ocean.
Photograph by Rosemarie Hocker.*

LASER LEVEL KIT GIVEN TO GRWC

By Doug Simmonds, GRW Coordinator

RCLC purchased a Laser Level kit to assist in the gathering of scientific data on the Gualala River Watershed. The first task for the instrument will be to develop a longitudinal profile at selected stream sites.

Permanent reference points are set up so crews can repeat the work in subsequent years and monitor changes in the pool frequency and depths. A different person should be able to revisit the same site and know where to set up. Laser level helps do that.



The instrument shoots cross-sections that give the volumetric measurements that can be used to determine the flow in cubic feet per second. The laser level has an adjustable rotating beam that will make a receiving sensor beep a solid tone when the sensor and the laser beam are in line. The operator puts the sensor on top of a telescoping measuring rod and reads the measurement at eye level. It frees up a second person to do other work instead of spending the day looking through a regular level. If the laser gets out of level beyond what it can compensate for it shuts off. It could work well to measure erosion features such as landslides and gullies. 🌲



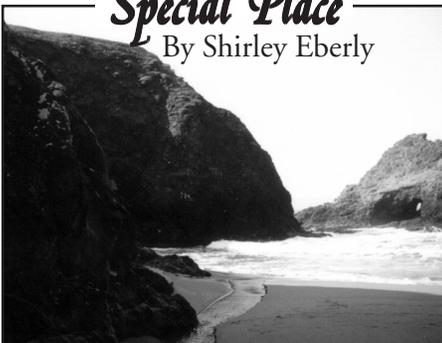
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Special Place

By Shirley Eberly



Photograph by Shirley Eberly

Almost invisible from the coast highway is the pocket beach at Hearn Gulch. Once there you feel you are in another world. 🌲



Memorial Gifts

RCLC has received Memorial Gifts in loving memory of:

Mrs. Egan

from Carol and Jerry Lucey

Dort Fredricksen

from Carol and Jerry Lucey

Bill Platt

from Steve and Anita Kaplan

Thank you all. 🌲

Thank You

To Jamie Hall for creating and donating the Arrow sign and to Jeff Russell for installing it atop the Gualala Bluff Trail sign at Highway One in Gualala. 🌲

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