

# Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods

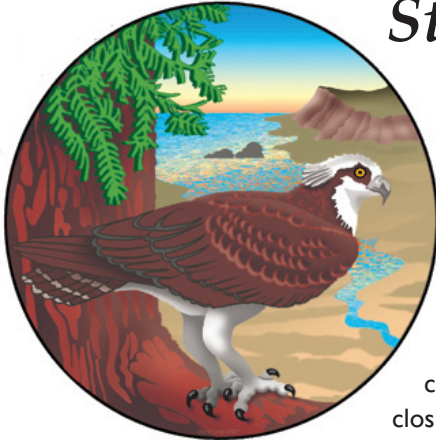
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Russian River District State Parks

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## State Parks Closures Abated...Not

Michele Luna, Executive Director



While our Governor has said he will not close any State Parks, the reality is that we are going to see partial and seasonal closures, closed restrooms, new iron rangers for fee collection where they haven't been before and the bottom line is that the millions of visitors who come to Sonoma County year-round to visit our State Parks will not have access to all that our parks have to offer in the coming months.

As most of you who have been following the news articles know, things change rapidly and our local State Park District has again been asked to rework their proposal as to how they can sustain this latest round of cuts. Originally, most of the cuts were going to be sustained by closing Fort Ross due to the cost of operating the park's expensive water system. Now, without closing the Fort, those costs have to be distributed throughout the District, which is not an easy task.

As of this writing this is what I can report in regards to proposed service reductions:

- Fort Ross Visitor Center and Compound will be closed M-Th and the Reef Campground & day-use area closed for additional months then normal.
- Salt Point will have several day-use closures for several months.
- Very soon, Pomo Canyon Campground and Willow Creek Environmental Campgrounds will be closed for additional months then normal.
- Also, very soon and for the first time, Bull Frog Pond Campground and the Back Country campsites in Austin Creek State Recreation Area will be closed for some months.
- There will be very limited or no seasonal park aids to staff the entrance stations at Armstrong Redwoods and Sonoma Coast.
- Day-use fee collection (\$5 per vehicle) will begin for parking in the front parking lot by the Visitor Center at Armstrong Redwoods and day-use areas in Sonoma Coast State Park.
- The Jenner Visitor Center and the restroom in the boat launch area will be closed for at least 7 months.
- Other restrooms will be closed along Sonoma Coast, including south Goat Rock and Blind Beach.

### Mission Statement

Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods (Stewards) works in partnership with California State Parks to protect and interpret the natural and cultural resources of the Russian River District.

### State Parks Supported

Armstrong Redwoods State Nat. Reserve  
Austin Creek State Recreation Area  
Sonoma Coast State Park

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How will this affect tourism and access to our State Parks? Well, everyone needs to use a restroom multiple times a day and while traveling they purposely stop along their route in search of restrooms. One of our docents, Lois Benson, wrote a letter to the Press Democrat Editor recently expressing concern about this very issue. People may have no choice but to pull off the road and find a secluded area to relieve themselves, thus fouling our beaches and park lands.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| October 24, 2009  | Annual Membership Meeting and Potluck Picnic<br>Armstrong Redwoods Picnic Area, 10:00 Walk, Picnic at Noon            |
| November 8, 2009  | Jenner Kayaking and Hiking Adventure with Suki Waters<br>10:00 am to 2:00 pm, bring a lunch, Registration required.   |
| November 14, 2009 | Whale Watch Orientation at 9:00 am, Bodega Bay Grange   |
| November 21, 2009 | Birding at Campbell Cove with Hollis and Jerry Bewley<br>9:00 am at Campbell Cove parking lot, Registration required. |
| December 4, 2009  | Annual Volunteer Celebration for Active Volunteers in 2009  |

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# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

*Michele Luna, Executive Director*

I'd like to start my report with a welcome to Tom McElwee, our new Administrative Assistant and our newest board members, Kurt Whiting and Phyllis Fitzgerald. Tom happily left the hectic corporate world and brings a cheerful disposition and his database management expertise to Stewards. Kurt is the Director of Underwriting for KRCB and brings his marketing and PR knowledge to Stewards. Phyllis is an Educational Psychologist with years of experience as a docent with Jack London State Historic Park. Welcome to you all!

It's been another busy summer for Stewards. From the launching of our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Armstrong Redwoods celebrations in the spring, to our 3-day **Old Grove Festival** weekend in September, we received rave reviews from many who enjoyed our interpretive fundraising activities this year. Our sold-out Gourmet Hike in July was especially popular with participants who have requested that we repeat this special event next year. The Old Grove Festival was also highly acclaimed with an absolutely beautiful performance by Chanticleer on Friday evening, followed by a fun Family Day with the highlight being the horse and carriage rides, which helped us remember what it was like in the park in many years ago. Saturday evening was fun with many dancing to our local favorite band the Thugz, followed by Maria Muldaur's Garden of Joy Jug Band. Sunday featured Don Neely's Big Band with volunteers Mark and Elizabeth Weiss dancing to swing tunes of the 30s. The weekend would not have been possible without the 100 plus volunteers who staffed the event, helping as trail guides, parking attendants, stage and gate staff and with concessions. I especially want to thank those who stepped up to take on leadership roles for the weekend. It was wonderful working with all of you. A number of volunteers also enjoyed camping in the grove for the weekend as an added treat.

## Online Holiday Auction – November 13<sup>th</sup> to December 2<sup>nd</sup>

We will now wind up the year with another online auction set to begin on November 13<sup>th</sup>. We will again feature great gift items for the holidays including wine, photography, private EcoAdventures, artwork, and spa services. The final bidding will take place on December 4<sup>th</sup> at our Annual Volunteer Celebration, a special event for our dedicated volunteers in 2009. For those who have not volunteered, you can still place absentee bids that will carry over to the live event on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Check out our special auction website: [www.stewards.cmarket.com](http://www.stewards.cmarket.com) where you can donate items and bid wild!

## Pinniped Monitoring Program

Stewards is very pleased with our new partnership with the Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA) to do pinniped monitoring of the harbor seals at the Russian River mouth. The Biological Opinion, released by the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration necessitates an incidental harassment permit from the National Marine Fisheries Service for any activity that causes harassment of the harbor seals. Breaching the river mouth to prevent flooding in the town of Jenner, the proposed alterations to the sandbar to create a perched lagoon in the estuary for rearing salmon both require monitoring. The SCWA awarded Stewards a contract in the amount of \$25,000 to monitor a number of different locations in and around Jenner. We expect this to be a long-term relationship with future funding to continue the project. We have now trained twelve volunteers for this new program.

## Our Volunteer of the Year – Lisa Bacon

Stewards was very pleased to honor Board Member Lisa Bacon for her volunteer dedication to Stewards at the Volunteer Center Awards Reception on October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Agatha Furth Center in Windsor. Lisa is a PADI Divemaster and joined the Tidepool Education Program in 2004. In 2006 she became our Tidepool Education Program Coordinator and for two years she helped with improving communication with docents and teachers, which enhanced the program tremendously. In 2008, Lisa spent hundreds of hours helping to launch our new website by writing and editing content. Lisa is very deserving of this honor and we thank her most sincerely for all that she gives Stewards.



# STATE PARKS UPDATE

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## What Are We Doing About Reduced Services in our State Parks?

The Fort Ross Interpretive Association is working on ways to restore services at the Fort and Salt Point. Stewards is working on the following ways to restore services at Armstrong Redwoods and Sonoma Coast.

- We have contacted businesses and groups in Jenner asking for help in raising the \$5,000 needed to keep the Visitor Center and restroom open for the next 7 months.
- We will coordinate the staffing of the entrance station at Armstrong Redwoods during the week by trained Armstrong Redwoods/Austin Creek docents to help encourage park visitors to pay their fees.
- We will provide portable restrooms at Pomo Canyon Campground as needed so we can continue to provide environmental education programs for school groups who participate in our Watershed Education and Environmental Living Programs.
- We will support the need for fee collection through the installation of iron rangers at beach locations on Sonoma Coast.
- We will help State Parks in any way asked to get us through this very difficult budget cycle.
- Most importantly, we will coordinate the local effort in Sonoma County to get the State Park Access Pass on the ballot in November of 2010.

## State Park Access Pass

You have heard about the State Park Access Pass, an annual \$15 surcharge on our vehicle license fee in exchange for free day use in our State Parks, for the past couple years. Since we could not get the legislature to pass this proposal in the current budget we will now need to see if we can get this measure on the ballot in November of 2010. A number of our largest partner organizations, including the California State Parks Foundation, are looking at the feasibility of winning such a ballot measure. Despite the overwhelming support that we have received from our constituents and supporters, there are many people in California that are opposed to tax increases of any kind, noting that Californians pay the highest taxes in the nation. We don't see this as a tax increase in the same way as others since the people of California would be receiving a huge benefit for paying this fee. Being able to access our parks for free and providing the funding needed to adequately fund them and even address the 1.2 billion dollars in deferred maintenance would allow State Park to exist independent of any general fund allocation, making the park system sustainable into the future. Many other states have been successful in providing for their parks in this way and we hope Californians will see their way clear to approve such a win win solution.

If it is decided that we should move forward with the ballot measure we will need to do the following in the months ahead.

- In November, we will need to start collecting over a million signatures to qualify the required number for putting the measure on the ballot.
- Then we will need to raise the funding needed to run a robust campaign to get California voters to vote YES.

In order for us to be successful in these efforts we need your monetary and volunteer support. Please support us with a donation if you can.

## Ways for You to Help Stewards

- Support our Quilt Drawing with a donation online or at the Annual Membership Meeting on October 24, 2009. The drawing will take place at the Annual Volunteer Celebration on December 4, 2009.
- Support our Holiday Online Auction with a donated item or bid on great holiday gift items during the online auction from November 13 to December 2, with a final chance to bid at the event on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Absentee bids are available online for those not in attendance on December 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Provide a generous year-end tax deductible donation to support our efforts to provided education and stewardship volunteers programs in our State Parks and to help restore reduced services in our parks during the State Park budget crisis.

Please visit our website at [www.stewardsofthecoastandredwoods.org](http://www.stewardsofthecoastandredwoods.org) for more information and to access our online donation form.

### *Annual Membership Meeting and Potluck Picnic* **Saturday, October 24, 2009**

10:00 am Cultural History Walk with Doris Dickenson - Meet in Picnic Area

Noon Potluck Picnic - (bring eating utensils to support this "green event."  
(Stewards will provide beverages)

Invited Guests:

Efren Carrillo, 5th District Supervisor

Brendan O'Neil, Environmental Scientist

Annual Organizational Report

# ARMSTRONG REDWOODS IS FILLED WITH LIVELY CHILDREN AGAIN

*Melanie Lathen, Armstrong Redwoods Docent*

School is back in session as are the School Tours at Armstrong Redwoods.

There is excitement in the air when the buses and cars drive into the front parking lot at Armstrong Redwoods. As the students unload they are a balls of energy ready to go. A group of volunteer docents are ready to greet the school children, there can be anywhere from one to six docents for groups of up to 60 school children. Some days there are morning and afternoon groups or staggered starts. The Armstrong Tour Guides are a great group of docents and we all have great fun leading these bright-eyed wonders on hikes into the magnificent virgin forest.

Docents engage the students and show them that there are three types of Redwoods: Gigantium, Dawn and Sempervirens. Students are shown examples of these trees at the old Ranger Station. But they are here to see the Sempervirens/Coastal Redwoods, the tallest living things. Each docent has a different way of engaging the students. One teacher who has been bringing students here for seven years says she never gets tired of the hike as she always gets a different docent and with each visit learns something new.

The hikes begin at the front parking lot, taking the Pioneer Trail to the Discovery Trail and the Armstrong Tree on towards the Icicle Tree then to the Picnic Grove. Most groups stop at the Picnic Grove for lunch or snacks. Docents can give them a round trip hike and return via the Pioneer Trail. Highlights for the children are the Parson Jones Tree with a huge Poison Oak Vine growing half way to the top. The Dinosaur Stump, which is a good opportunity for docents to talk about how redwoods have been around for millions of years. It is also a good location to look for a Banana Slug in the spring time. Circling and hugging a Redwood Tree on the Discovery Trail brings giggles and laughter to the forest. Taking a group picture at the Armstrong Tree platform allows docents to show how getting off the trail and standing next to the tree compacts the earth. It is also a good place for docents to talk about how Colonel Armstrong and his family helped make Armstrong Redwoods a State Park, since this year is the 75th Anniversary. The tree that fell in 1986 has bark hanging off and laying on the forest floor and is an interesting park feature with its natural artwork done by the bark beetles. The biggest highlight for younger students is always climbing into the Goose Pen (burned out tree) on the Pioneer Trail. Older students like the puzzle of the Burbank Circle. The docents are rewarded by sharing their knowledge and seeing what the students have learned about the redwoods and the park. Hugs, smiles, hand shakes and thanks are handed out by the students and teachers. The docents smile too and can't wait to do it all over again.

## A Treat for Tidepool Docents

*Hollis Bewley, Tidepool Program Coordinator*

Have you seen a mermaid's purse? What is Aristotle's Lantern? What is the world's largest dolphin? Ten tidepool docents learned this and much more during a tour of the Bodega Marine Lab led by "Whale Mother" Bea Brunn. Ruby had arranged this special treat as a "thank-you" to our docents of the Tidepool Education Program. Many thanks to Ruby and Bea – it was a terrific afternoon which inspired wonder in all of us.

And many thanks to the tidepool docents who led 14 groups of over 500 students through the tidepools this year. The enthusiastic response when 5 classes of 250 children visited during just three concentrated days in May was remarkable! Five new docents joined us this year and their energy has been a welcome addition to the program. I was especially pleased to see them contribute so many good ideas during the end-of-season assessment meeting and we look forward to their return next year.

## Our Visitor Centers are Seeing Record Numbers

*Ruby Herrick, Programs Manager*

During the recent warm weather, local State Parks on the coast have seen large numbers of visitors taking advantage of mother nature's air conditioning. Many of those visitors have stopped at the Jenner Visitors Center to make purchases or ask questions ranging from directions to the freeway to fishing spots, to what is this (plant, rock, you name it)? The questions, request and chatting with visitors usually make for an interesting shift. In fact, the Jenner Visitors Center has received over 4,200 visitor contacts so far this year.

The Armstrong Visitor Center is also realizing record sales and numbers of visitors this year. On the 4th of July, the VC had 438 visitors. Doris Dickenson and Carmen Finley's new book about Colonel Armstrong is now available for sale. Both Visitor Centers are stocked with popular items such as wooden walking sticks, sturdy tote bags, green shopping bags, nature-related books for all ages and children's educational games. Remember Stewards' members get a wonderful 20% discount so remember to do your holiday shopping in a stress free environment. We thank the docents who have staffed the VCs and provided park visitors with excellent customer service as well as helping Stewards raise much needed funds to support all our volunteer programs.

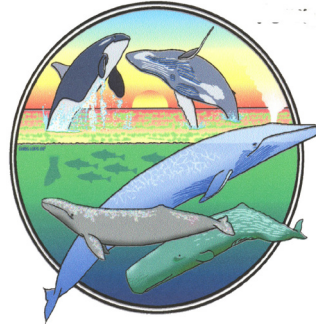
# WHALE WATCH

Bea Brunn, Whale Mother

This is traditionally the slow time of year for Whale Watch. However, we have had many whale sightings all summer long along our coast—not only many Gray whales and Humpbacks but also possible sightings of Minke whales and Fin whales. In addition, Blue whales have been sighted off Sea Ranch so we all feel great. There has been a lot of food in the ocean, which could account for all the sightings.

So while we are resting up it is time to think about our 2010 whale watch season and our annual Whale Watch Orientation is scheduled for Saturday November 14, 2009 at 9:00 am at Bodega Bay Grange in Bodega Bay. A flyer has already been mailed to all volunteers who joined us last season, and I hope to see you all again this coming season. New volunteers can check our website or call the office for more information.

(Everyone is asked to registration for the Whale Watch orientation on Stewards' website. [http://www.stewardsofthecoastandredwoods.org/seminar\\_registrationpage.htm](http://www.stewardsofthecoastandredwoods.org/seminar_registrationpage.htm))



## Seal Watch 2009

Shona DeSilva, Seal Watch Docent

This was my second season as a Seal Watch volunteer and I was rewarded for my return with a much deeper knowledge of what plays out at the Harbor Seal Colony at Goat Rock. What I roughly understood the first year - there are pups and then they are weaned - became a much more nuanced and detailed understanding the second time around. My guidebook tells me that pupping season is March-August, and in a sense that's true. But my experience at a single colony tells me something more.



This year, in March and early April, I learned to tell that a birth had occurred (even if I didn't have a good view of the pregnant seal) by the fact that the gulls gathered in a noisy and rambunctious way for the after-birth. Once I had spotted the event I could soon find a tiny pup and mother touching noses and nursing for the first time.

In the weeks to follow I discovered that following the "T" shapes of nursing mothers and pups along the beach was the easiest way to find most of the pups. This year, the mothers formed a nursery of sorts in the protected cove behind Haystack Rock.

In mid-April to mid-May I learned that there was one glorious month when I could see the tiny pups riding on their mother's backs, tiny black nails holding on tightly. I loved that - the tenderness and intimacy between the two was always a reward for braving the spring weather. Within a few weeks I realized there were no longer any pups getting free rides; they were too big now, and instead swam beside their mothers, usually close to shore. I even had the chance to see a mother feeding her pup a small white fish.

I took a vacation in June and when I returned I was confused by all the splashing in the water. I'm used to the occasional play of seals but this was all day and intense. Also, the people at the overlook seemed especially interested, laughing and pointing. It was mating season and from the overlook they could see the males biting the females as they held onto them. On my next shift, there wasn't any splashing; it was summer and the pups had been weaned.

By the end of the season, I felt like I really knew just what the pupping 'season' means on my beach and I can't wait for next year - to see slight changes, to see how it all plays out again, to deepen my phenological knowledge of the Harbor Seals a little bit more.

## How to Volunteer for VIP Programs

Call the Stewards office: 869-9177 x1# or email [rherrick@mcn.org](mailto:rherrick@mcn.org)

### Program Activities

#### Armstrong Redwoods

Visitor Center Staffing  
FAR  
Docent Tour Guides  
Trail Maintenance  
Habitat Restoration Project  
Pond Farm Interest Group

#### Sonoma Coast State Park

Visitor Center Staffing  
Seal Watch  
Whale Watch  
Tide pool Programs  
Watershed Program  
Environmental Living Prog.  
Sonoma Coast Stewardship

### Other Projects

Recycling & Firewood  
Office Help & Special Events

### Volunteer Program Coordinators

Joyce Bacci, ARVC  
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Laura Parent, Pond Farm  
Linda Fisher, Jenner VC  
Bob Caricato, Seal Watch  
Bea Brunn, Whale Watch  
Suzanne Abrams, ELP  
Fred Luna, Recycling  
Vacant, Willow Creek Ed.  
Bill Bambrick, Sonoma Coast  
Water Quality Monitoring and Trail Crew  
The Sorensons, Marine Debris, & Beach Cleanups  
Hollis & Jerry Bewley, Tidepool Prog.

### State Park Volunteer

#### Coordinators

Ranger Ellen Brem  
Armstrong/Austin Creek  
Ranger Ben Vanden Heuvel  
Sonoma Coast State Park

## FALL/WINTER ECOADVENTURES

Register for EcoAdventures online at: <http://www.stewardsofthecoastandredwoods.org/ecoadventures.htm>

### History & Ecology of the Jenner Estuary - Kayaking and Hiking Adventure

Sunday, November 8, 2009, Easy to Moderate: 4 hours: 10AM-2PM Pack A Lunch!

Join Local Native, Outdoor Enthusiast and Kayak Instructor Suki Waters in exploring the local history including: Native American Culture, River & Coastal Commerce and Ecology. Wildlife and Plant Identification encouraged and shared.

**Limited to 20, \$15 per person donation, Stewards members FREE. Registration required.** Kayak Outfitting & Outerwear Available if needed (\$30 per person)

### Birding at Campbell Cove with Hollis and Jerry Bewley

Saturday, November 21, 2009, 9 am at Campbell Cove Parking Lot near Bodega Head

Get acquainted with bay waterfowl & divers. Possible sightings include buffleheads, scoters, scaups & cormorants, as well as multiple species of grebes, loons & gulls - maybe a kingfisher if we're lucky. Bring binoculars & dress in layers. We'll provide a couple of spotting scopes. Will postpone until the following weekend if it's raining. **Limited to 20, \$15 per person donation, Stewards members FREE. Registration required.**

### Birds of Prey on the Kortum Trail with Hollis and Jerry Bewley

Saturday, December 19, 2009, 9 am, meet in Shell Beach Parking lot

We're fortunate to have some "Species of Special Concern" hunting in our State Parks & they're easy to spot once you know what to look for. Possible sightings: northern harriers, white-tailed kites, kestrels, red-tailed and migrant hawks. Bring binoculars, water and a snack. Dress in layers. Will raincheck if necessary. **Limited to 20, \$15 per person donation, Stewards members FREE. Registration required.**

### Salt Point State Park – Shoreline Walks with Keith Nelson

Meet at Salt Point Visitor Center, Gerstle Cove. Walk the bluff, explore wildflowers, geology, tides and tidepools.

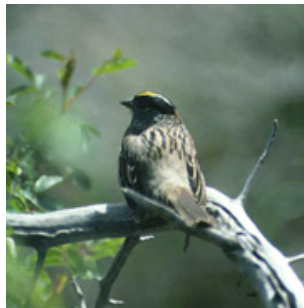
1½ miles round trip, about 2 hours.

Saturdays: Oct. 17, 4 pm – 6 pm; October 31, 4 pm – 6 pm; Nov. 14, 2 pm – 4 pm; Nov. 28, 2 pm – 4 pm (Thanksgiving week)

### Oh Dear Me - (Bird of the Season)

Hollis Bewley, Docent

We know September's here when we hear the plaintive three-note song of the golden-crowned sparrows who have arrived from their breeding grounds in Northern Canada and Southern Alaska. Those small brown birds with gold crowns can be seen scurrying in the underbrush or hopping a few feet from bush to bush and you wonder how they managed to fly 2000



miles all the way to Sonoma County. Ornithologists tell us they return to the same neighborhood every year, often to the same perch. Occasionally we hear just the first two notes of the familiar refrain: "Oh Dear..." and wait for the final note bringing resolution but it doesn't come. These are juveniles practicing the song of their species - they haven't yet learned the third and final note. Year-round residents like white-crowned and song sparrows sing rich songs complete with trills and complicated melodies. Why does it take the golden-crowned so long to learn three simple notes, yet they can journey 4000 miles round trip every year without losing their way?

### Tidepool Animal of the Season

Hollis Bewley, Docent

Which mollusk has two eyes shaped like a "W," a beak, 2000 muscular suckers that taste as well as touch, two kidneys, a very smart brain, four pairs of arms, blue blood, three hearts, is jet-propelled, can change color and squeeze through an opening no larger than its eyeball?

The four pairs of arms is a giveaway – we're talking about an octopus of course. But what on earth do they do with three hearts? Octopuses have very low blood pressure compared to mammals – 27/15 at rest (which seems very low but it's twice that of a lobster!) - and their blood cells are equipped with hemocyanin instead of oxygen-carrying hemoglobin, making their blood blue instead of red. They've developed three hearts to solve the problem of circulating oxygen: two hearts to force blood through their gills to oxygenate it – like turbo chargers - and the systemic heart which pumps the oxygenated blood throughout the rest of the body. Can you imagine what an octopus cardiologist hears through a stethoscope?



Octopi can often be seen stranded on the beach or rocks at Campbell Cove during moderate minus tides in the fall & winter months. Use care if rescuing them – they do have a beak and can inflict a nasty bite.



# *You are Invited to Stewards' Annual Picnic*

An opportunity for docents, volunteers, members, park staff, and friends to come together and celebrate our accomplishment!

*Saturday, October 24, 2009*

*Armstrong Redwoods Group Picnic Area*

*10:00 am - Cultural History Walk with Doris Dickenson  
Co-author of new book on Col. James B. Armstrong*

*Noon - Potluck Picnic*

*12:30 pm - Invited Guest Speakers :  
Efren Carrillo, 5th District Supervisor &  
Brendan O'Neil, State Park Environmental Scientist*

*Annual Report, Door Prizes*



*Bring a potluck dish to share and reuseable plates & utensils.  
Wine, Beer & non-alcoholic beverages provided.  
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Members are also entitled to 20% discount on purchases at Stewards run visitor centers and at our special events. In addition, Members can attend our educational seminars for FREE.

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Membership Form

Renewal

YES, I'd like to become a member.

Senior/Student  \$20.00  
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