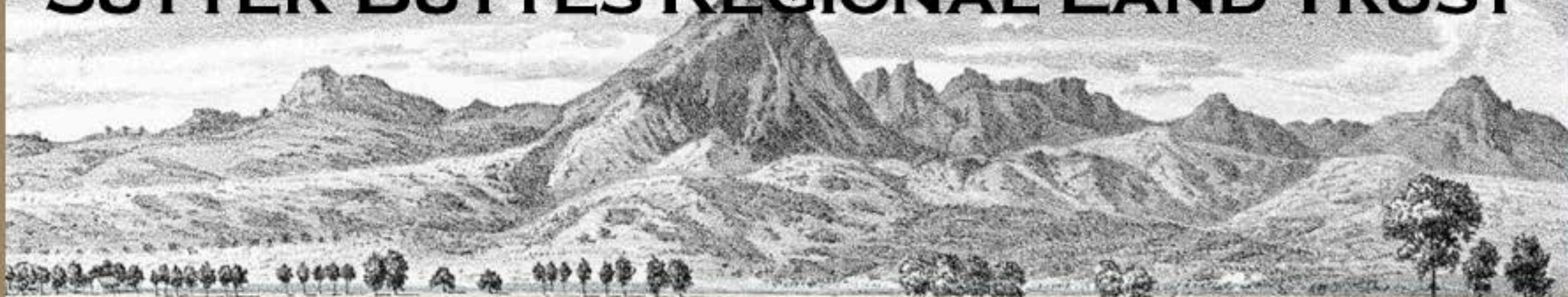


# SUTTER BUTTES REGIONAL LAND TRUST



*From Thompson & West History of Sutter County 1879*

## Invocation

By Mike Hubbartt

Just like this old broadsheet flyer published by the Marysville Democrat newspaper over a century ago, landscape photos today in our local newspapers frequently include the iconic and familiar silhouette of the Sutter Buttes in the background, whether they were snapped in the Yuba, Sutter, or Colusa Counties.

That landmark has become a symbol for the agricultural enterprise that has contributed to a picturesque rural setting, and it makes our Sacramento Valley communities desirable places to settle and to raise our families. Local Ag has grown into a billion dollar industry that enhances the quality of our lives while providing a scenic backdrop that no urban area can provide!

That promontory is a comforting presence of permanence, and a reassurance that we are home. That impression is what makes it such an iconic image and the inspiration for our name and logo. Indeed, many area businesses have also chosen to identify themselves with its name or outline.

Numerous family farms in our surrounding tri-county area have family histories that date back 100 to 150 years. Old county maps label these family names on their sizable holdings. The farming and ranching heritage of these families have preserved a way of life and a pleasant community ambiance for us all.

The Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust salutes these families. Our partnerships provides mechanisms and legal agreements to protect these families' heritage and farm lands from development into perpetuity. They are called conservation easements.

We have initiated dialog and filings with four families in and around the Buttes, we hold easements on several other properties, and we have just completed one easement this past spring.

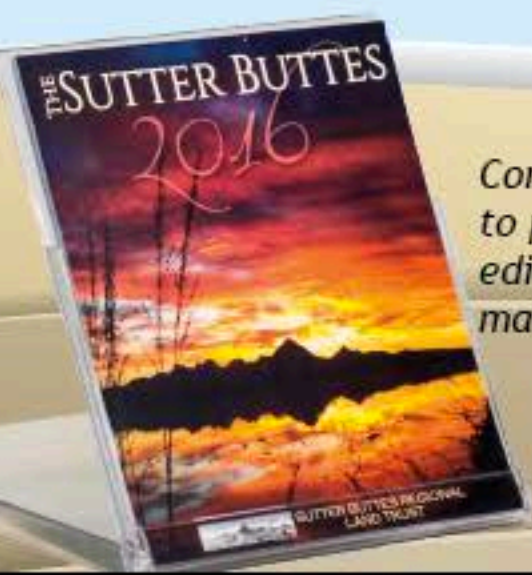
It is 376 acres of farmland that will now stay that way forever. This farmer was committed to securing the protection of a conservation easement that we worked on for six years. He can rest easy knowing the lifestyle he enjoyed as a child will be protected.

"I remember going fishing and hunting, riding bikes and horses here — I want to preserve that," he said. "Not every place is designed to build homes."

Together we honor what these landowners' parents and grandparents lived for and what they died for!



*From Marysville Democrat newspaper 1900's*



*Come by our office or order online to purchase one of our new limited edition desktop calendars! These make great holiday gifts!*



# The 25th Anniversary Celebration:

## An Evening To Remember

*Photo by Hugh Smith*

The Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust would like to express its deepest gratitude to all those who supported and attended the 25th Anniversary celebration on September 26th. We were pleased to share the evening with so many people who care about and understand the importance of protecting our lands and natural resources.

It was a privilege to welcome our keynote speaker, Walt Anderson, Director Emeritus and Naturalist for the Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust. His pioneering efforts to develop programs of access and interpretation in 1976 is the foundation upon which the organization has been built. His desire to ensure that anyone who wanted to could access the Sutter Buttes is the cornerstone of our work.

Maria Ravera, Vice President of Audience Development for The Sacramento Bee, The Modesto Bee and Merced Sun-Star, also spoke to us that evening about the McClatchy family and their passion for preserving lands. The McClatchy family and company are the owners of 29 newspapers across the country. In 1996, McClatchy gifted 200 acres on North Butte to the Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust as a legacy to continue public access to enjoy the beauty within that small but majestic land formation. Their intention, like Walt's, was to ensure that the land be used for public, recreational or educational use. The Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust is honored to have this responsibility and continues to uphold our promise to provide access through

our sister organization, Middle Mountain Interpretive Hikes, who lead groups of people several times a year to this property through their guided hike program.

As the Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust continues to grow and evolve, we do not forget our roots and the passionate people who made it possible for us to be where we are today. It is a legacy that we are very proud of and we will work diligently to continue to build on that history and foundation.

It was an honor to celebrate this rich and deep history with so many of our supporters. Seeing that kind of support has strengthened our resolve to carry out our mission so that future generations may enjoy the land and natural resources of the Sutter Buttes and surrounding region for years to come.



*Photo by Marni Harper*



A big Thank You to all of our sponsors and auction item donors! Without them, our evening would not have been such a wonderful success!

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Special thanks to our Event Location Sponsor Southridge Estates as well as a heartfelt thank you to Cool Hand Luke's for providing a thoroughly enjoyable dining experience. We would also like to thank our auction donation sponsors:

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#### Thank you to our volunteers

Babs Cotter, Julie Stark, Joe Reusser, Mike Hubbartt, Rick Geddes, Margit Sands, Marni Harper, Kim Mansfield, Woody and Debbie Turner, Alyssa Lindman, Laura Lush, Greg and Kathleen Payne, Sarah Pryor, Dave Hurd, Vincent Rogers, Shelby Cottner, Curtis Gunther and all of the local high school student volunteers who came out to support the event!



Photo by Marni Harper

## 2016 Calendars

The Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust released for sale the 2016 Sutter Buttes Calendar on August 27, 2015, with a photographer's reception at the Sutter County Memorial museum. Each of the photos on the monthly pages was displayed in the gallery and many of the photographers were in attendance for the evening to talk about their photo. Calendars were available for sale at the event and orders were taken for a limited edition desktop calendar the land trust published. Calendars are available for sale at the museum, the SBRLT office, and selected businesses around Marysville and Yuba City. The limited edition desktop calendar is only available at the SBRLT office. The price of the calendars is \$15 for the wall calendar and \$13 for the desktop calendar.

Quantities are limited and going fast! Call or go online today to secure yours before they are gone.

[www.SutterButtesLandTrust.org](http://www.SutterButtesLandTrust.org)  
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# From the Land Conservation Project Manager

By Kevin "Woody" Turner

The Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust (SBRLT) is dedicated to protect the land and natural resources of the Sutter Buttes and surrounding region for present and future generations.

Thank you for all that attended our 25th Anniversary dinner at Southridge; we really appreciate the generous donations that allow SBRLT to continue to serve the public and pursue conservation of our agricultural heritage.

We have successfully submitted our application to the Land Trust Alliance seeking accreditation. The process is essential to the success of the land trust. The staff of the Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust are actively pursuing conservation projects around the region.

How can you make a difference in the conservation arena?

- Become a member
- Donate land
- Make a donation
- Volunteer
- Purchase a calendar or book
- Join the board!

There are so many things that you can do to enhance conservation in our region!

Good news in Sutter County for the Castro Ranch as they now have protected 160 acres of rice acreage that borders the Sutter National Wildlife Refuge. A partnership between Natural Resource Conservation Service, California Farmland Conservancy Program, and Ducks Unlimited funded \$529,000 to protect these agricultural grounds FOREVER. Do you have rice ground to protect?

Moving forward with important conservation efforts will take cooperation and support from the community and we appreciate any level of help, involvement, or participation. Feel free to contact us at any time at [info@sutterbutteslandtrust.org](mailto:info@sutterbutteslandtrust.org) or (530) 755-3568

*Photo by John Hollis*

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## What is a Conservation Easement?

A conservation easement is a deed restriction landowners voluntarily place on their property to protect resources such as productive agricultural land, ground and surface water, habitat, historic sites or scenic views. They are used by landowners ("grantors") to authorize a qualified conservation organization or public agency ("grantee") to monitor and enforce the restrictions set forth in the agreement. Conservation easements are flexible documents tailored to each property and the needs of individual landowners. They cover either an entire parcel or portions of a property. The landowner usually works with the prospective grantee to decide which activities should be limited to protect specific resources. Agricultural conservation easements are designed to keep land available for farming.

Contact Woody Turner, Land Conservation Program Manager, today to learn more about funding opportunities that may be available to protect your land at [info@SutterButtesLandTrust.org](mailto:info@SutterButtesLandTrust.org) or (530) 755-3568

## Why Is Conservation Important?

Conserving land is not only about protecting our resources, but the community who depends on those resources. The fertile and productive soil of Yuba, Sutter and Colusa Counties have supported generations of families that have not only thrived in the rural setting, but come to love and appreciate it. The rivers and habitat areas support wildlife and provide recreational opportunities for nature enthusiasts and outdoorsmen.

Our region's natural resources and rural character provide a sense of place and community that is unique to our region and part of our heritage. With farmland and natural areas dwindling, conservation is the only way to protect these resources for future generations. The Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust needs your help to conserve this special place we call home. Call or visit our website to find out how you can help support our efforts!

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### Museum Calendar of Events

Last day for Flooded exhibit- November 14

#### Trees & Traditions

December 5, 5-8pm

(Tickets available at the Museum)

#### Children's Holiday Program

December 13, 1-3pm

#### Community Memorial Museum

1333 Butte House Rd, Yuba City, CA 95993

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*"Together we can protect the land that defines our heritage."*

Through education and conservation programs we build partnerships to balance conservation, economic growth, and natural resources.

### Membership Levels With Benefits

\$25	Donor	Newsletters/Mailings
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### THE MISSION OF THE SUTTER BUTTES REGIONAL LAND TRUST

The Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust works to protect the land and natural resources of the Sutter Buttes and the surrounding region for present and future generations.

#### VALUES:

- Protect the natural, cultural, geological, historical, and scenic qualities of the Sutter Buttes.
- Identify prime agricultural lands and natural areas that preserve and enhance the unique characteristics of the region surrounding the Sutter Buttes.
- Build partnerships with landowners, community leaders, and developers to balance conservation with economic growth, flood protection, and water quality to help plan better communities.
- Respect landowners' rights and provide information to those who want to conserve their land.
- Increase awareness of the Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust's dedication to education, interpretation, and land conservation programs.
- Maintain an efficient, effective, and sustainable organization.

Web Store: The SBRLT web store is located at sutterbutteslandtrust.org. The Sutter Buttes calendars, books and postcards are available. Purchasing these items is another way to support our efforts.

## Middle Mountain Interpretive Hikes Fall 2015 Hike Schedule

Pre-registration is required. Email mmsutterbutteshikes@yahoo.com or leave a message at 530-671-6116. The website for hikes is middlemountainhikes.org. Meet and greet details will be emailed to you when you register.

Sat	Oct 24	Maidu Lifestyle Exp—Dean Ranch Moonlight Stroll—Dean Ranch
Sun	Oct 25	Wild Nature in Buttes—Dean Ranch Photographers' Outing—Dean Ranch
Sat	Oct 31	Ridge Hike East—Shaeffer Ranch
Sat	Nov 7	Tres Picos*—Dean/North Butte
Sun	Nov 8	Ridge Hike West—Shaeffer Ranch
Sat	Nov 14	In a Sacred Manner—Dean Ranch
Sat	Nov 21	Geology Trek**—Bragg Canyon Ranch Exploration—Shaeffer Ranch
Sun	Nov 22	Summit Ascent*—Dean/N Butte
Sat	Nov 28	Nature Stroll**—Bragg Canyon
Sat	Dec 5	Birds in the Buttes—Dean Ranch
Sun	Dec 6	Buttes Transect High***—Bragg/Dean Buttes Transect Low***—Dean/Bragg
Sat	Dec 12	Ridge Hike West—Shaeffer Ranch Summit Ascent*—Dean/N Butte
Sat	Dec 19	Ridge Ascent**—Bragg Canyon
Sat	Jan 9	Summit Ascent*—Dean/N Butte
Sat	Jan 16	Canyon Trek—Bragg Canyon
Sat	Jan 23	Ridge Hike West—Shaeffer Ranch
Sat	Feb 6	Buttes Transect High***—Bragg/Dean Buttes Transect Low***—Dean/Bragg

\* The cost of this outing is \$50; we are accessing two properties.

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