



Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust

SPRING 2018

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GREETINGS TO ALL,

As we start 2018, it is again time for our yearly stewardship schedule to begin. Our stewardship team will visit our easement holdings and our in-fee properties to check the conditions at each of the properties and to reconnect with the individual landowners. We also have a couple of Mitigation Bank properties that are in the pipeline for work and future easement holding. Because these types of projects require a lot of legwork on the part of all the players, namely the bank sponsor, the environmental agencies that are involved, the landowner, property manager, and the easement holder, they can be very time-consuming to complete. We are hopeful that one of these projects will come to fruition by the end of the year.

We have completed the cleanup of the West Butte School site to get rid of the invasive species that have been growing and spreading like wildfire. There was also a considerable amount of trash that had been collecting on the site over the years from illegal dumping that was gathered up and either put in a burn pile or hauled off to the local landfill. Thanks go out to all the volunteers who contributed to the completion of this stage of the restoration of the school. Donations will be gladly accepted to help preserve this historical site.



I want to introduce and welcome Carolyn Brown as the newest member of the Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust Board of Directors. She comes to us as having recently retired from CalTrans where she worked as an Environmental Planner doing biological resource surveys, impact analysis, environmental report preparation and regulatory compliance. During her last 12 years of employment she supervised the Environmental Stewardship Branch for CalTrans' North Region where the focus of her job was biological mitigation issues, partner ships, development, implementation and the long-term management of mitigation lands. She has a long-term interest in land stewardship and volunteers for Middle Mountain Interpretive Hikes as a Back-up Guide. Her hobbies include outdoor activities such as hiking, biking, camping and also travel. We value her expertise and guidance as we move forward, Welcome Aboard.



Joe Reusser
SBRLT President

A PAINT AND SIP FUNDRAISING EVENT

Painting for a Purpose

Join us for a fun-filled evening with instructor Christina May of the Beauty of Paint while she provides step-by-step instructions on how to paint this gorgeous momma Snow Goose and her babies. All supplies will be provided, along with a glass of wine, light hors d'oeuvres, door prizes and goodie bags for all.

Saturday, March 10th, 6:30 pm at The Beauty of Paint Studio at 984 Gray Ave, Yuba City \$50 per seat; space is limited.

Register online on our Facebook page or call us at 530-755-3568 for alternate payment arrangements.

Proceeds will go directly to helping the land trust protect the Sutter Buttes and surrounding region for present and future generations.

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IT'S A NEW YEAR

By Lisa Lindman, SBRLT Executive Director

Update on 2017 accomplishments

As we start the New Year, we have the opportunity to reflect on all the good work we have done together in 2017. At the beginning of the year, the Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust successfully completed monitoring for 617 acres of preserved land. In the late spring we attended Middle Mountain Interpretive Hike's annual fundraiser, Sunset Serenade and hosted our annual silent auction all while enjoying a beautiful evening in the Sutter Buttes. Over the summer we were awarded a grant that allowed us to finalize our logo and create an interactive and informational booth set-up for local events in our region. In the fall we had the distinct pleasure of working side-by-side with local Boy Scout Troop 389, local neighbors and other generous volunteers who gave their time (144 hours to be exact) to help the land trust with weed management and other tasks at our West Butte Schoolhouse property near Sutter, CA.

We are grateful to you for all the ways you have supported and participated with us throughout the year - generous donations, new members, volunteer work days, and adventures in the Sutter Buttes. Together, we are preserving our beautiful lands for future generations to enjoy, while there's still time.

We owe it to the next generation to protect the lands that will enrich their lives. That's why the Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust and all of our members do what we do. We greatly appreciate our donor and member support and hope you will continue that support into the New Year and beyond.



Photo Credit: Rick Geddes, December 2017

WAYS TO HELP:

Make a Contribution: Our goal is to raise \$500,000 to cover the cost of fencing, landscaping, sewer and complete renovation of this 100 year old piece of history!

Donate Materials, Supplies, or Equipment: We need wheelbarrows, hedge clippers, rakes, shovels, work gloves – you name it!

Volunteers: Like us on Facebook for upcoming cleanup dates! Looks great on college applications too.

Fundraising or Grant Writing: Put your writing and people skills to good use!

*The Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. All donations are tax deductible.

INVOCATION

Protecting Farmlands

By Mike Hubbartt, SBRLT Vice President



George and Sarah (Burgett) Thompson working a field in Sutter County

The Sutter County Crop Report for 2011 featured an old photo of George Thompson pictured with his new seedless grapes which sparked the growth of the California raisin industry in the mid 1870's. The Thompson family who farmed on the south side of the Buttes had acquired three cuttings of an unnamed grape vine that produced a fruit without seeds! They introduced these seedless grapes at the 1875 Marysville Fair. Today we still call them Thompson seedless grapes!

Such local history is but one page of our area families' farming and ranching heritage – and it is this legacy that the Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust is focused upon preserving.

Most of us today appreciate the scenic backdrop of valley farmlands and rangelands as we drive down the highways. But we usually are talking with family or friends in the car, or perhaps we have an appointment so we don't think about the value of farm land or open space.

The picturesque quilt-like patchwork of verdant rice fields, row crops, and orchards surrounding our small valley communities create an enviable respite for travelers and a pleasant destination for harried city dwellers. County zoning codes now include protections for "view sheds."

Yet these view sheds have value.

A recent Yuba Sutter Farm Bureau report listed \$235,000,000 production of walnuts, rice, and prunes from 278,000 acres in Yuba County which fosters a supporting industry that contributes 925 million dollars to our local economy.

Similarly the report lists Sutter County with \$599,292,000 gross ag production of rice, walnuts, prunes, peaches, and tomatoes that contribute 2.44 billion dollars to local economy.

The protection of farm lands needs to be a primary concern to all of us if we don't want urban sprawl to cover over where our food comes from! Support the Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust by becoming a member today by visiting our website at SutterButtesLandTrust.org

14TH ANNUAL CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

We have begun planning for the 2019 Sutter Buttes Calendar and invite you to participate by submitting photos for consideration. Deadline for submissions will be Friday, April 13, 2018.

We are looking for images that capture the natural scenic beauty of the Sutter Buttes and surrounding region. Scenes should include, but are not limited to, the Sutter Buttes Mountains, local farm lands highlighting farming operations or activities, native fauna and flora, geological features, waterfowl habitats, unique natural or weather aerals or landscapes of the Sutter Buttes.

All submissions are judged for originality, expression and quality. Each month features a full-page photo and several thumbnails. All featured photographers will receive full recognition as well as complimentary calendars and a featured spot at the fall Photographer's Reception to showcase more of their work at the Community Memorial Museum.

Visit our website for full submission details and to download the photographer's release form at

www.sutterbutteslandtrust.org/news/latest-news/

COMMUNITY MEMORIAL MUSEUM OF SUTTER COUNTY

The museum has been a huge supporter of the Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust for many years. Their mission is to share local stories to strengthen community bonds, to inspire celebration of our diverse cultural heritage, and to demonstrate how understanding the past prepares us for the future. Admission to the museum is free.

OPEN HOURS:

Tuesday through Friday
9am to 5pm
Saturday and Sunday
12pm to 4 pm

ADDRESS:

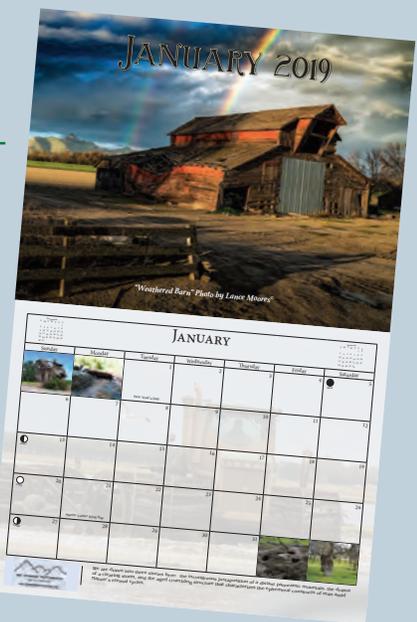
1333 Butte House Road
Yuba City, CA 95993
Phone Number: (530) 822-7141

UPCOMING EXHIBITS AND EVENTS

The Scholastic Art Awards Exhibit
March 17-April 22

Spring Break Children's Program- the Enchanted Forest
April 4th 10am, 11am and 12pm

Dinner Theater Fundraiser
June 8, 9, and 10



Why is membership so important?

If it weren't for the generous donations from our members, the Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust wouldn't be able to continue to make a difference in our region. Because of YOUR direct support, SBRLT has been able to provide managing and monitoring services for 4 easements and 2 in-fee properties, with more currently in negotiations.

Do you want to hike the Sutter Buttes? Many of our membership levels come with discounts and gift certificates for Middle Mountain Interpretive Hikes who provide guided hike tours most weekends from October through May. Gift certificates can also be given as gifts.

Join & Support Today. Together we can protect the land that defines our heritage.

LEVEL	MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT
\$25 Donor	Receive newsletters and notification of events before the public
\$50 Friend	Newsletters, notifications and 10% off a hike
\$100 Associate	Newsletters, notifications and one hike certificate
\$250 Sponsor	Newsletters, notifications and two hike certificates
\$500 Conservator	Newsletters, notifications and four hike certificates
\$1,000 Patron	Newsletters, notifications and six hike certificates
\$2,500 Benefactor	Newsletters, notifications and 1 charter hike for 10
\$5,000 Corporate	Newsletters, notifications and 2 charter hikes for 10

Credit Cards accepted on our website. Or you can contact us at info@sutterbutteslandtrust.org or 530-755-3568.

You are invited...

We extend to you an invitation to attend our public board meetings. Held the second Tuesday of the month at the Community Memorial Museum of Sutter County at 6:30pm, they are a great way to learn more about the land trust and how you can be involved. Would you like to learn what a Conservation Easement is? Learn about the roles of our board, staff and members in supporting the work of our nonprofit organization!

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 10th** – Beauty of Paint at 6:30pm
- March 13th** – SBRLT Board Meeting at 6:30pm **
- April 10th** - SBRLT Board Meeting at 6:30pm **
- May 3rd** – Big Day of Giving
- May 8th** – SBRLT Board Meeting at 6:30pm *
- June 12th** - SBRLT Board Meeting at 6:30pm *
- August 14th** - SBRLT Board Meeting at 6:30pm *
- August 24th** – 2019 Photographer's Reception and Calendar Reveal
- September 11th** - SBRLT Board Meeting at 6:30pm *

* Meeting held at The Community Memorial Museum of Sutter County, located at 1333 Butte House Road in Yuba City.

** Meeting held at at BizWorks 519 D St., Marysville

MIDDLE MOUNTAIN INTERPRETIVE HIKES



SPRING 2018 HIKE SCHEDULE

- Sun Feb 25**
Summit Ascent* – Dean/N. Butte
- Sat Mar 3**
Geology Trek* – Bragg Canyon
- Sat Mar 3**
Moonlight Stroll – Dean Place
- Sun Mar 4**
Brockman Challenge – Brockman Canyon
- Sun Mar 4**
West Ridge Hike – Shaeffer Ranch
- Sat Mar 10**
Summit Ascent* – Dean/N. Butte
- Sun Mar 11**
Ridge Trek – Dean Place
- Sat Mar 17**
Double Transect** – Bragg/Dean/Brag
- Sat Mar 17**
Nature Study – Brockman Canyon
- Sun Mar 18**
Photographers' Outing – Shaeffer Ranch
- Sat Mar 24**
Summit Ascent* – Dean/N. Butte
- Sat Mar 24**
Wildflower Study – Shaeffer Ranch
- Sun Mar 25**
Wild Nature in the Buttes Dean Place
- Sun Mar 25**
Wildflower Exploration – Dean Place
- Sat Mar 3**
Wildflower Study – Brockman Canyon
- Sat Apr 7**
Butterflies & Wildflowers – Dean Place
- Sat Apr 7**
Wildflower Study* – Bragg Canyon
- Sun Apr 8**
East Ridge Hike – Shaeffer Ranch
- Sun Apr 8**
Ridge Trek – Brockman Canyon
- Sat Apr 14**
Broken Teacup – Dean Place
- Sat Apr 14**
Canyon Trek* – Bragg Canyon
- Sun Apr 15**
Birds in the Buttes – Dean Place
- Sun Apr 15**
Nature Study – Dean Place
- Sat Apr 21**
Wildflower Study – Dean Place
- Sun Apr 22**
In a Sacred Manner – Dean Place
- Sat Apr 28**
Bat Research Outing – Dean Place
- Sat Apr 28**
Peaceful Day in Buttes – Dean Place
- Sat May 5**
Sunset Serenade*** – Dean Place

Register online at www.middlemountainhikes.org

The cost of this outing is \$45

** The cost of this outing is \$60

*** The cost of this fundraiser is \$100 (no hiker discount).

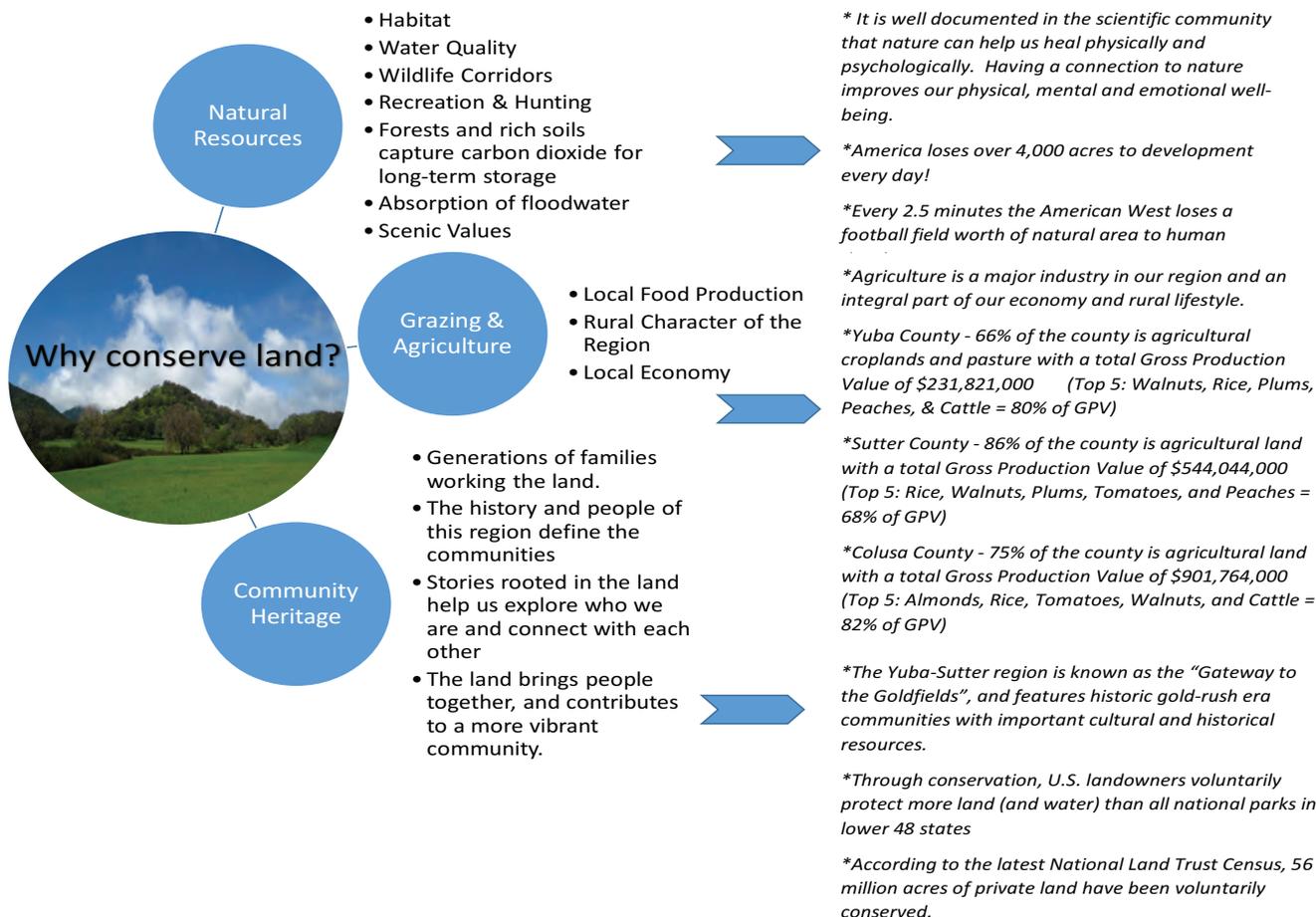
LAND TRUSTS

“Every 2.5 minutes, the American West loses a football field worth of natural area to human development.”
– Center for American Progress, *Disappearing West Project*, 2016

Our natural areas and agriculture land are being converted to other uses. If you were to get in a plane and see the land from a different perspective, you'd see sprawling developments, infrastructure, strip malls and parking lots that cover what was once habitat, agriculture and open space. These land uses have created fragmented areas of habitat and replaced valuable open space and agricultural land. As an organization who loves and advocates for the land, we believe the disappearance of open space and wildlife in our region is indeed a problem. The loss of land threatens our way of life and the natural resources we rely on for healthy, vibrant communities that can offer clean water and air, sustainable food supply and recreational opportunities.

Since the 1980's, land trusts have been working with private landowners to conserve land and protect our natural areas and agriculture for present and future generations. According to the 2016 National Land Trust Census, private landowners have voluntarily preserved over 56 million acres of private land. That's more than double the size of all the land in our national parks across the lower 48 states. Conservation easements on play a large role in protecting our land and creating a sustainable future. Protected private lands can enrich our local communities by providing ecosystem services, such as absorption of floodwater, protection from erosion, removal of air pollutants, refilling our aquifers, and providing a source of local food. Through conservation easements, a landowner can add customized protection of natural and agricultural resources to their land while continuing to use it. By working with a land trust, a landowner can use a conservation easement to ensure their land and resources will be protected forever. If you or someone you know is interested in protecting their land, please call our Executive Director, Lisa Lindman, at 916-549-2355 for more information.

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SUTTER BUTTES REGIONAL LAND TRUST

OUR MISSION

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

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