



Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

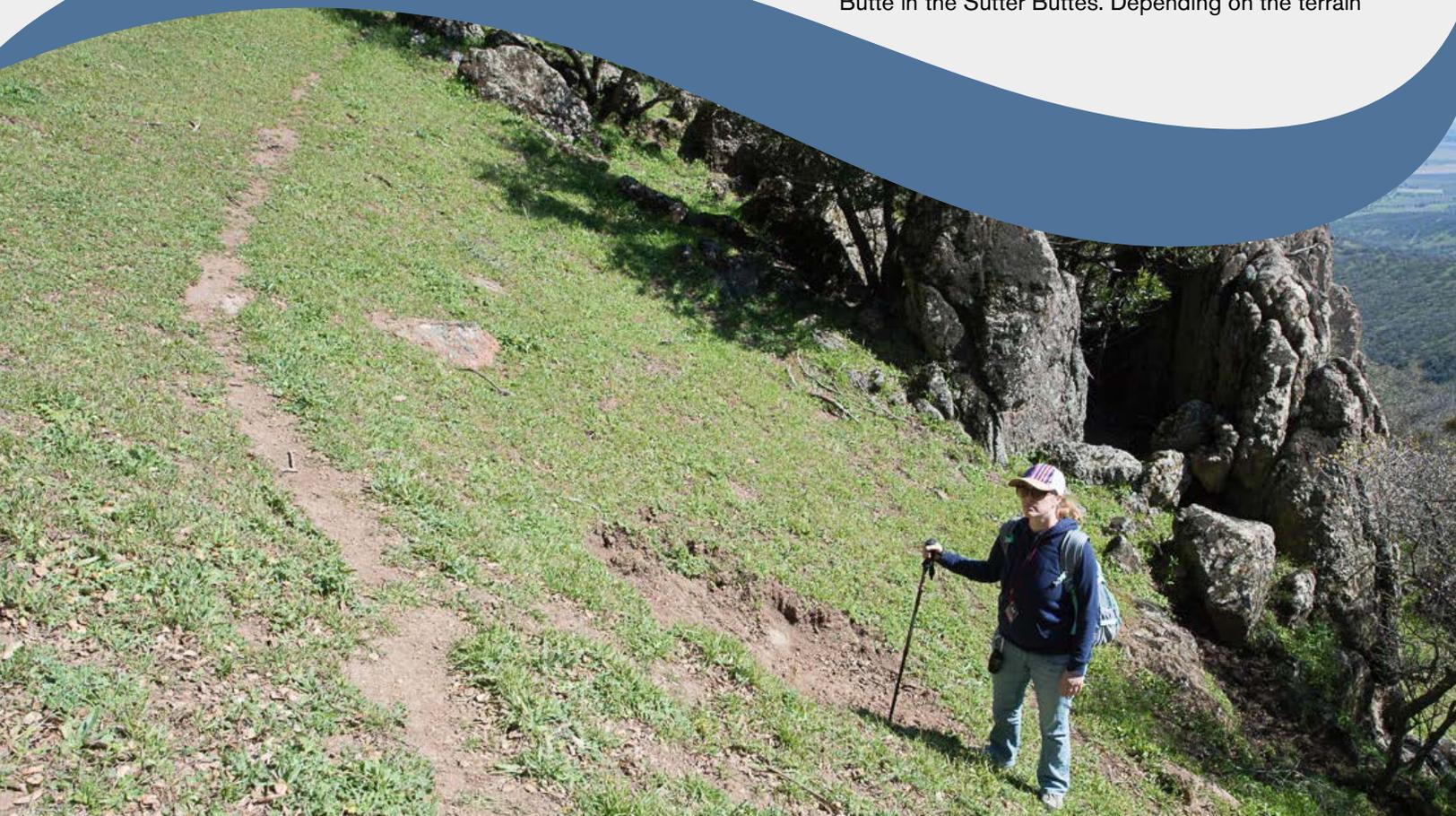
GREETINGS TO ALL,

As the incoming president of the Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust Board of Directors, I want to take this opportunity to thank all the members who have recently renewed their memberships to the land trust. Without your monetary involvement through membership and regular donations we would not be able to continue the important work of helping to preserve our beautiful landscapes, agricultural lands, and natural resources for present and future generations. The monies garnered from donations and memberships go a long way toward keeping our doors open to continue that work, and I thank each and every one of you for it.

I am pleased to announce that Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust has been awarded a 5-year accreditation by the Land Trust Alliance. This task has taken many hours of research and writing operational policy on the part of the staff and board to conform to the Alliance's requirements for land trusts to be accredited. Accreditation is a distinction that we are proud of as we join the 350 or so land trusts nationwide who have committed to the professional excellence that accreditation represents.

ANNUAL MONITORING

Springtime will be here before we know it and thus begins our annual monitoring of properties that we hold easements on and those that we hold the title to such as the West Butte Schoolhouse and North Butte in the Sutter Buttes. Depending on the terrain



and the type of habitat encountered, we can spend from a couple of hours to most of the day at each of the properties. This process takes place over the next few months, typically from March to June.

For the last couple of years I have been involved as a volunteer on these sometimes expedition-like visits to some of the properties in our trust. Along with our land manager we go to a property with a set of pre-established GPS points to observe the current conditions along with extensive photo documentation at each one of the points. Each of the properties is different in terms of the terrain involved and/or the conditions encountered.

For example, the North Butte property is so steep and rugged that we can't do all of it at one time, so we divide it up into sections. Recently, we hiked that property while assessing the trail conditions to the summit and the overall condition of the mountainous terrain to see if the recent wintertime storms had any effect or damage to the slopes. We did see a number of small landslides that will have to be monitored for future damage.

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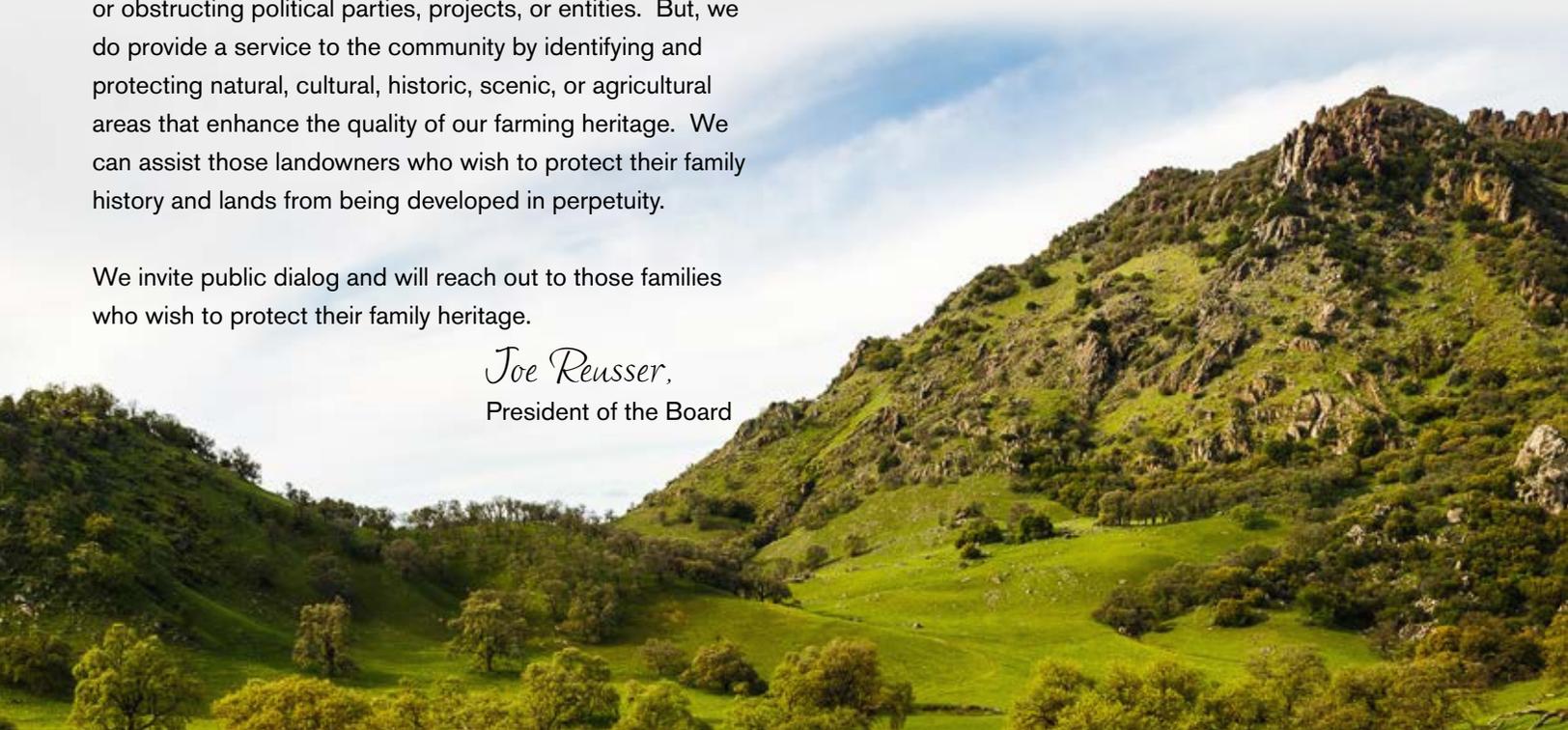
Joe Reusser,
President of the Board

2018 SUTTER BUTTES CALENDAR

Every year we receive hundreds of photos from extremely talented photographers in the Northern California area, and it is this high caliber of artistic photos that have helped make this annual calendar fundraiser a huge success. Proceeds from the sales of this calendar help to fund our efforts to protect the land and natural resources of the Sutter Buttes and surrounding region for present and future generations.



We are pleased to announce that the 2018 The Sutter Buttes calendar is now available for purchase! You can purchase them from our website at www.sutterbutteslandtrust.org or from the many retail outlets in the Yuba City, Marysville, Sacramento, Chico, and Colusa areas. Pick one up today before they are gone! They make great holiday gifts.



WEST BUTTE SCHOOLHOUSE REHABILITATION PROJECT

Built in 1909, the West Butte Schoolhouse is one of the last remaining structures of the once vibrant community of West Butte and the only remaining one-room schoolhouse in Sutter County.

When Sutter County donated the schoolhouse to SBRLT in 2005, we knew the historic background and iconic setting of this schoolhouse needed to be preserved.

On April 19, 2016, the schoolhouse was officially listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is now included in a list of our nation's cultural resources worthy of preservation. It is now up to us as a community to restore this property so future generations can enjoy a piece of local history.



A BIG THANK YOU

to Boy Scout Troop 389, Jeff Wilson, and Barry and Donna McMaster for their participation

in our regularly scheduled monthly clean-up efforts on SBRLT's historic West Butte Schoolhouse site. These volunteers worked tirelessly to tackle weeds and remove old fence debris, making quite the dent in only 2 hours! Check out the before and after photo showing their effort. SBRLT relies on the involvement of dedicated volunteers like you to accomplish our land conservation tasks.

Special thank you to our sponsor, PG&E Better Together Giving Program, which awarded SBRLT with a small grant earlier this year to help address management needs at the West Butte Schoolhouse.



WAYS TO HELP:

Make a Contribution: Our current fundraising goal is to raise \$20,000 in the next year to cover the next steps in the rehabilitation process, which include preparation of a Historic Building Report, Treatment Plan, and cost estimate.

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

Volunteers: Find us on VolunteerMatch.org and 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.

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 people
\$5,000 Corporate	Newsletters, notifications and 2 charter hikes for 10 people

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.

The Community Memorial Museum of Sutter County is located at 1333 Butte House Road in Yuba City. Our growing land trust needs your interest and support, so save the date and join us.

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- November 14th – Board Meeting at 6:30pm
- November 18th – West Butte Schoolhouse Cleanup Day 9– 11am
- November 28th – Giving Tuesday
- December 12th – Board Meeting at 6:30pm
- December 16th – West Butte Schoolhouse Cleanup Day 9– 11am

MIDDLE MOUNTAIN INTERPRETIVE HIKES



FALL 2017 HIKE SCHEDULE

- Sat Nov 4**
Maidu Lifestyle Experience—Dean
Full Moon Stroll—Dean Place
- Sat Nov 11**
Canyon Trek—Bragg Canyon*
Nature Study Stroll—Dean
- Sun Nov 12**
Photographers' Outing—Dean Place
Geology—Dean Place
- Sat Nov 18**
East Ridge Hike—Shaeffer Ranch
In a Sacred Manner—Dean Place
Canyon Trek—Bragg Canyon*
- Sun Nov 19**
Nature Study—Brockman Canyon
Summit Ascent—Dean/N. Butte*
- Sat Nov 25**
Nature Study—Shaeffer Ranch
- Sat Dec 2**
Buttes Transect High—Bragg **
Buttes Transect Low—Bragg **
- Sun Dec 3**
Birds in the Buttes—Dean Place
Brockman Challenge—Brockman
- Sat Dec 9**
Summit Ascent—Dean/N. Butte*
- Sun Dec 10**
Geo-Bio Blitz—Dean Place
Ranch Exploration—Shaeffer Ranch
- Sat Dec 16**
Ridge Ascent—Bragg Canyon*
Ridge Trek—Dean Place
- Sat Jan 1**
Summit Ascent—Dean/N. Butte*
- Sun Jan 14**
Ridge Trek—Dean Place
- Sat Jan 20**
Ridge Ascent—Bragg Canyon*
- Sun Jan 21**
Ridge Trek—Brockman Canyon
West Ridge Hike—Shaeffer Ranch
- Sat Feb 3**
Buttes Transect High—Bragg **
Buttes Transect Low—Bragg **

* The cost of this outing is \$45.

** The cost of this outing is \$60.

Register online at www.middlemountainhikes.org

INVOCATION

Protecting Farmlands

By Mike Hubbartt, SBRLT Vice President

Over a century ago, Peter Gardemeyer filed a plat plan for Sutter City at the base of the Sutter Buttes to subdivide and build a city that would be as large as Yuba City! Filed on December 14, 1887, the plan specified thoroughfares 100 feet wide with 39 blocks of 50 lots, 25 feet by 125 feet, and one block set aside for “public improvements.”

Gardemeyer promised that this enterprise would become the county seat! While its proposed commercial and business development never materialized, the town site has endured and has become a peaceful bedroom community just a ten minute drive away from the congestion of Yuba City.

Such real estate development is part of the heritage of California since John Sutter built his fort in the 1840's which led to the construction of Sutterville and then Sacramento. It prevails yet today, but our attitudes have changed over the years. Most of us today accept the cities and towns around us that we grew up with. A couple of generations ago we welcomed all such development as financial opportunity. But today many of us feel that our counties' farm lands and their pleasant pastoral beauty are now becoming overbuilt. So we draw line in the sand and say no more! “Not in my back yard!”

Even a cursory view of the towns around us reveals those sites which sort of sprawled out on their own, and which ones were carefully planned and engineered. Property values are higher in those sites which were designed.

Yuba County is in the midst of turmoil today as a developer proposes turning rural farmland into an attractive planned community. Locals who won't experience a direct benefit

from this development resist this incursion and invasion to their rural lifestyle. I know that I would.

County planners and supervisors have reviewed the proposal and feel that such improvements will benefit the county as a whole and so a majority of them voted for it. County staff contracted AECOM to assemble a thorough environment impact report with proposed mitigations reinforcing the viability of such a proposal.

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Please consider joining as a member to help us continue our mission of protecting the Sutter Buttes and surrounding regions for present and future generations. Contact us today at 530-755-3568.



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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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

September 9th to November 12th

The History of Hunting in Yuba-Sutter – Fifth Annual Art Exhibit

November 10th – 26th

Portraits of Veterans, in partnership with Yuba-Sutter Arts

December 2nd

Trees & Traditions Gala Fundraiser – Tickets on sale now at the museum



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