



## Solano Land Trust News July 2012

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### Get Moving Outside

**Lynch Canyon  
No-drop\* Mountain Bike Ride**

Please forward to a friend using the link at the bottom.

## You can help us get to the finish line to acquire Rockville Trails!

By Deanna Mott, Associate Director



We have made amazing progress toward reaching our fundraising goal for Rockville Trails! On May 31, the California Department of Fish and Game Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) approved a grant of \$2.88 million for the purchase of Rockville Trails. On June 4, we got more good news when the California Coastal Conservancy increased its prior grant of \$3 million by an additional \$450,000. These two agencies agree with us that Rockville Trails is a conservation effort worthy of the State of California's support. With these grant funds, we have raised 89 percent, or \$12 million of the \$13.5 million needed to acquire Rockville Trails.

**for Families**

Saturday, July 21  
9 a.m. - Noon

\* Slower riders won't be left behind!

**Rush Ranch  
Unleash your Inner  
Astronomer**

7:30 p.m.

[More information](#)

**Rush Ranch  
Get the Rush!**

Saturday, July 21  
Saturday, August 18  
Saturday, September 15  
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

[See website for activities and times](#)

**King-Swett Ranches  
Docent-led Hike**

Saturday, August 4  
Saturday, September 1  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Aim for Ag & Open Space  
Bird's Landing**

Saturday, August 11  
8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

[Info and registration](#)

**Lynch Canyon  
Raptor Migration Tour**

Sunday, September 9  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Congratulations to Larry Broderick, our fearless raptor leader, for receiving Madrone Audubon's Betty Burridge Award!**



Larry Broderick and son

For more event information and directions go to

[www.solanolandtrust.org](http://www.solanolandtrust.org)

**Volunteers Needed**

**Citizen Science Friday  
(Locations TBD)**

Friday, July 20  
Friday, August 17  
Friday, September 21  
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
RSVP to (707) 432-0150 x 207  
or [sue@solanolandtrust.org](mailto:sue@solanolandtrust.org)



**Bryson Byrd and Greg Arnold take a closer look at lichen**

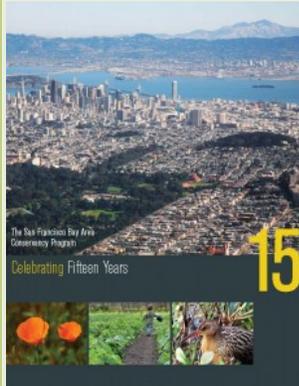
Photo by Nicole Byrd

The finish line is within reach! We are tremendously proud of how far we have come in our fundraising efforts, thanks in large part to each of you who have been able to support our campaign. But even more important, this incredibly beautiful and habitat-rich 1,500 acres will soon be available to all of us. There's something very special about Rockville Trails, and we want you to experience it.

If you haven't already made your contribution, please do so today. We are so close to having this new natural park become a reality, but we still have a little way to go and you can be the one to help us get it done! Please mail in your contribution today, or visit us on the web and donate online. If you would like to stop by the office to personally deliver your donation, we'd love to see you!

[Donate Now](#)

**Thank you Coastal Conservancy**



The State Coastal Conservancy Bay Area Program has contributed \$3.45 million towards the acquisition of Rockville Trails.

But we owe them a big thanks for a lot more than that. As a result of bond issues passed by voters, the Coastal Conservancy has contributed to acquisitions, restoration projects, and public access improvements for nearly every property that Solano Land Trust owns. At Rush Ranch alone, the Coastal Conservancy helped with the original acquisition, the construction of the Nature Center, and a plan for long-term marsh restoration.

The San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program, with its nine-county reach, is celebrating 15 years of protecting greenbelts; restoring wetlands, creeks and rivers; adding miles to regional trails including the Bay Trail, Ridge Trail, Coastal Trail, and Water Trail; supporting local farms and ranches; enhancing urban waterfronts; building education centers; and providing people, particularly children, with hands-on educational opportunities.

[Celebrating Fifteen Years:](#)

[The San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program](#)



**Rush Ranch  
Volunteer Day**  
Saturday, August 4  
9 a.m. to noon  
No RSVP needed

**Member & Volunteer  
Appreciation BBQ**  
Rush Ranch  
Sunday, September 16  
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**Save the Date**

**Seeing Solano III  
Vacaville Museum**  
Show runs from  
July 27 to September 9



**King Ranch Shadows**  
by Diana Krevsky

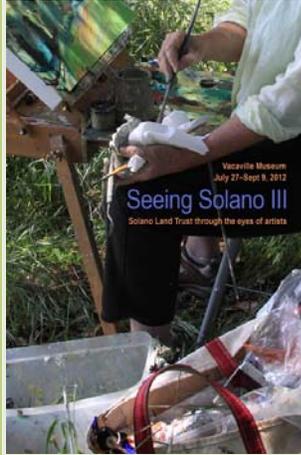
**Opening Reception**  
Friday, July 27  
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
RSVP requested

**Art & Land**  
Saturday, August 18  
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Solano Library Foundation  
presents a conversation with  
artist Betsy Kendall & author  
David Rains Wallace  
Moderated by *Vistas* editor  
Aleta George  
RSVP requested



Betsy Kendall at  
Rockville Trails

**Seeing Solano III at the Vacaville  
Museum**



A selection of "Seeing Solano" artwork by 16 professional artists and photographers is coming to the Vacaville Museum from July 27 to September 9. The artwork celebrates the diversity and beauty of Solano County's landscapes, while bringing public awareness and support to Solano Land Trust's mission.

Three public events accompany the show:

**Exhibit Opening & Artists' Reception**  
Friday, July 27, 2012, 6-8 p.m.  
The public is invited to meet the artists and enjoy original music by Dennis Ocampo.

**Artist Betsy Kendall & Author David  
Rains Wallace**

**in Conversation with Aleta George**

Saturday, August 18, 2012, 6-8 p.m.

A conversation with landscape and figurative artist, Betsy Kendall, and her husband, David Rains Wallace, author of more than 17 books on conservation and natural history, moderated by freelance writer and *Vistas* editor, Aleta George.

**Film Screening: *Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for Our Time***

Saturday, August 25, 3-6 p.m.

Special guest, *Green Fire* director Steve Dunsky  
Aldo Leopold, conservationist and writer of *A Sand County Almanac*, has influenced environmentalists and scientists for decades. The film centers around the evolution of his thinking, and challenges viewers to contemplate their own relationship with the land. Ben Wallace of Solano Land Trust will present the film. Steve Dunsky, the director and producer of *Green Fire*, will give a brief talk and answer questions about the film following the screening.

These programs are open to the public. Seating is limited. Please RSVP to [info@vacavillemuseum.org](mailto:info@vacavillemuseum.org) or (707) 447-4513.

[Gallery hours, directions, and more information](#)

**Meet the Tenbrinks: Slow food does not  
equal slow days for a farmer**

By Aleta George, *Vistas* Editor



**The Tenbrink's house on  
Chadbourne Road**  
Photo by Aleta George

Steve and Linda Tenrink have been growing food in Suisun and Gordon Valleys for 30 years, including 20 years of growing tomatoes for the Fairfield Tomato Festival.

For the **[21st Annual Fairfield Tomato Festival](#)**

on Saturday, August 18, and Sunday, August 19, the Tenbrinks have planted 180 varieties of tomatoes (not all varieties make it to the festival). The City of Fairfield buys one ton just for tasting!

[Meet the Farmers](#)

*Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and  
a Land Ethic for Our Time*  
Saturday, August 25  
3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Screening & discussion with  
Steve Dunsky, director &  
producer of Green Fire  
RSVP requested

RSVP to above events at  
[vminfo@vacavillemuseum.org](mailto:vminfo@vacavillemuseum.org)  
or (707) 447-4513  
For directions go to  
[www.vacavillemuseum.org](http://www.vacavillemuseum.org)



**Untitled**  
by Deanna Forbes

**28th Annual  
Coastal Cleanup Day**  
Saturday, September 15  
Hill Slough near Rush Ranch  
Details to come

**Heritage Feast  
& Art Auction**  
Rush Ranch  
Saturday, October 13  
(where all the great art from  
Seeing Solano will be auctioned  
to support Solano Land Trust)  
[More info](#)

## Community Events

**Lake Solano  
Free Guided Tours**  
Saturday, August 4  
Saturday, September 1  
10 a.m. to noon  
[More info here](#)

Harvest Celebration  
Suisun Valley  
Sunday, August 19  
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Free and open to the public  
[More info here](#)

## Sightings

**What:** 60 luminaria lights  
placed on the fence by docent  
Lawrence David Sander  
**Where:** Middle Valley Trail,  
Lynch Canyon  
**When:** July 4, full moon hike  
**Who:** 40 lucky hikers

## Aim for Ag



Those who like sporting clay shoots like to call it golf with a shotgun. You don't have to have experience in either sport to join Solano Land Trust on August 11 at the 2nd Annual Aim for Ag and Open Space at Bird's Landing Hunting Preserve and Sporting Clays. Bird's Landing has one of only two clay shoots in the Bay Area. The other is in Morgan Hills.

Rick Cirillo, owner and operator of the hunting preserve, tells novice shooters who are worried about safety that safety always comes first. Then fun. The day starts with a safety talk for all shooters, and an optional clinic for beginners. "There are more accidents and injuries in badminton," he says.

Darrin Berardi, a member of the gun club, saw an opportunity to reach out to hunters after he joined Solano Land Trust's board of directors. Hunters and land conservationists share a desire to protect land and wildlife, he says.

"Solano Land Trust has stepped out of its comfort zone by coming into the duck hunter's realm of recreation, and the hunters appreciate it," says Cirillo. "Now we need to get the non-hunters out here, too."

Three tips for novice shooters from Rick Cirillo:

1. **Look at the target.** "Just point and shoot. Shotguns don't have scopes or beads. You don't close one eye to reach for a box of cereal. You see the box and go."
2. **Pay attention to the gun mounting.** "Having the gun correctly on your shoulder and near your face will make the shot successful. It will also mean that the recoil hits where it's supposed to, in the soft tissue of your arm."
3. **Remember that you're outdoors, and have fun!** "That's my advice for everyday target shooters. They often lose sight of why they started this game. Why get aggravated when you don't get a shot when you could be enjoying the experience?"

### **Aim for Ag and Open Space Sporting Clay Shoot & Luncheon**

A benefit for Solano Land Trust  
August 11, 2012, Bird's Landing  
\$75 (50 rounds) & \$110 entry (100 rounds)  
Includes safety instruction, ammo, eye/ear protection, shooters gift, and  
Vinnie's Smokin BBQ lunch and  
hosted beer and wine after the shoot

[Register online](#)

## Save the date for the member and volunteer appreciation barbecue!

Sunday, September 16, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Rush Ranch

Solano Land Trust members and volunteers, please join us on Sunday, September 16 for a BBQ at Rush Ranch - to celebrate you!

Members, through your tax-deductible contributions you preserve precious lands and help us steward them for generations to come. Volunteers, with your time and energy you provide education and recreation opportunities, and care for our lands. Together, you help us connect children and families with our lands and make it possible for us to reach goals far beyond what we could accomplish on our own.

Solano Land Trust board members cook and the food is not to be missed! We hope you can join us for this very special day - in honor of you!

**What:** Western fence lizard

**Where:** The Orchards

**When:** June 2012

**Who:** Dave George



Photo by David George

**What:** SLT staff member, Sue Wickham, photocopying weeds

**Where:** SLT offices

**When:** June 2012

**Who:** "Not every executive director finds their staff photocopying weeds," says ED Nicole Byrd



**What:** Baby great horned owls

**Where:** Rush Ranch

**When:** May 2012

**Who:** Tom Muehleisen



Photo by Suisun Nature Photography

Solano Land Trust

has been protecting working farms and natural areas in Solano County since 1986.



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Editor: Aleta George



[Please RSVP](#)

## Happy anniversary Lynch Canyon Trail Run & Community Hike!

By Deanna Mott, Associate Director



**Off to a positive start!**

Photo by Suisun Nature Photography

Year five was an epic year for the Lynch Canyon Trail Run & Community Hike! We netted near perfect weather, record participation and generous funds. Each year the event grows in participation, and this year the added 5K brought in many new runners and people running their first trail event. This has become a destination event that people put on their calendars many months in advance.



**Marichu Reguindin meets a horse for the first time**

Photo by Aleta George

With the perfect weather, we had lots of community hikers this year. Residents and first-time Lynch Canyon users walked over from their homes in Hiddenbrooke and then walked the community hike.

We owe a big thanks to our sponsors, the organizing committee, and volunteers who make this a spectacular event year after year!

[Race results and records](#)

## Support Solano County Farmers

Community Supported Agriculture:

[Eatwell Farm](#)  
[Shooting Star](#)  
[Soul Food Farm](#)



Farm stands:

[Castaneda Bros. Produce](#)  
[Erickson Ranch](#)  
[Larry's Produce](#)  
[Saechao Family Farm](#)  
[Sunny Slope Orchard](#)  
[The Vegetable Patch](#)

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