

# AUDUBON CANYON RANCH

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Honoring our Past & Celebrating the Future

## Gathering to Restore Oak Woodlands

by Jeanne Wirka and Jennifer Potts

On a recent Friday morning, 22 students from Sonoma Valley High School were playing “PVC golf” in the courtyard of David Bouverie’s house at Audubon Canyon Ranch’s Bouverie Preserve. Instead of clubs and greens, this golf game involves racing a golf ball across the courtyard through many short lengths of PVC pipe without touching the ball, dropping it, or going backward. It’s harder than it sounds, a fact not lost on the ACR staff members who, having been drafted to one of the two teams, are running in circles waving pieces of pipe.

After six or seven tries, one of the teams manages to convey their golf ball to the finish line amid an explosion of hoots and high fives. Laughing and energized, the students reconvene and get down to the business that brought them to the Bouverie Preserve in the first place: laying over a mile of drip line and installing emitters for the 400 oak trees they helped to plant back in December as part of ACR’s new habitat restoration project known as Project GROW (Gathering to Restore Oak Woodlands).

Project GROW, which is a partnership between Audubon Canyon Ranch and the Southern Sonoma County Resource Conservation District



**Students secure grow tubes with stakes to ensure the seedlings are protected when they emerge.**

(SSCRCD), grew out of ACR’s Habitat Protection 15-Year Action Plan, which identified the abandoned vineyards at the Bouverie Preserve as a high priority for ecological restoration. As luck would have it, Bouverie staff was approached about three years ago by the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS), which needed to mitigate for oak trees that were lost due to construction

on Highway 12 and was therefore willing to fund restoration at the Bouverie Preserve. Because it could not contract directly with ACR due to its non-profit status, CALTRANS developed a cooperative agreement with the SSCRCDD, which then subcontracted the restoration to ACR. Through this agreement, ACR will receive approximately \$273,000 over the next four years to fund the

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## BURNISHING ACR's LEGACY

by Andy Lafrenz

Audubon Canyon Ranch has always been an organization that keeps one eye on the legacy of its past, protects and honors that legacy, while at the same time moving forward vigorously to fulfill its mission. Without the foresight, love, energy and hard work of such giants as Marty Griffin, Stan Picher and David Bouverie—just to name a few—ACR would not be where it is now. ACR is a premier environmental organization that protects large swatches of land in Marin and Sonoma counties for native plants and animals. Each year ACR brings hands-on nature-based education to thousands of schoolchildren and members of the general public and conducts important conservation science.

This year, to honor our past while looking to the future, ACR has launched its Founders Campaign in an effort to raise \$750,000 over three years. All this will lead up to our 50th Anniversary Campaign, which will commence in 2012.

These are very exciting times for Audubon Canyon Ranch. After many years as an effective and beloved Executive Director, Skip Schwartz has retired from his position. Thankfully, we have not lost the services of Skip,

who will continue as Senior Advisor and Executive Director Emeritus to lend his considerable talents in furthering ACR's work.

Stepping into Skip's giant footsteps is our new Executive Director Scott Feierabend. Scott comes from a long history of environmental work, including with the National Wildlife Federation and California Trout. He brings a new energy and enthusiasm that is electrifying our staff and volunteers. In the months ahead, we look forward to introducing him to the entire ACR community.

Meanwhile, the 2010 public season at Bolinas Lagoon Preserve is about to commence and, as I write, we look forward to the imminent arrival of those magnificent Great Blue Herons and Great Egrets, which nest in the redwood grove of the preserve's Picher Canyon. Additionally, docents of Bolinas Lagoon and Bouverie preserves continue to inspire joy and wonder in the schoolchildren who experience firsthand the native flora and fauna that inhabit our properties.

In northern Sonoma County, ACR biologists are working in close partnership with Jim and Shirley Modini to map the plant and animal



**Andy Lafrenz**

life on their magnificent 1,725-acre property, which will become the Modini Ingalls Ecological Preserve under the protection of ACR.

Audubon Canyon Ranch is committed to continuing that which it does best and to improving its ability to advance its tripartite mission by involving many diverse Bay Area communities.

To ACR donors and volunteers, I offer our heartfelt thanks for your commitment and support. I ask you to join our wonderful staff in continuing the legacy of our founders in advancing the cause of environmental education, conservation science and habitat protection on ACR's preserves.

**Andy Lafrenz**  
Ranch Guide and President of ACR  
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# THE YEAR 2060 – WHAT WILL BE THE FACE OF AUDUBON CANYON RANCH?

by Scott Feierabend

As Audubon Canyon Ranch approaches its 50th birthday, one can't help but marvel at how the organization has grown and matured, and the force it has become in preserving the rich biological treasures of Marin and Sonoma counties. The seeds first planted by founders like Marty Griffin, nourished by Skip Schwartz, and cared for by hundreds of volunteers have flourished into one of the most credible, effective, and inspirational environmental organizations in the Bay Area.

That Audubon Canyon Ranch today remains a critical voice for conservation science, a model for habitat restoration, and a leader in environmental education is testament to its relevancy and to its leadership. When ACR's 50th anniversary arrives, we will come together as a community to celebrate, to rejoice, and to reflect on the long list of achievements we have collectively accomplished since 1962. And, although it is important to take the time to look back and recount our successes, it is equally important to look ahead to the future and avoid complacency that can settle into an organization as vibrant and alive as ACR.

So... what will be the face of Audubon Canyon Ranch in 50 years when 2060 rolls around? While it is impossible to predict with any certainty, I expect ACR will be even stronger, even more influential and even more effective in providing leadership in science, education and restoration programs and will be best-of-class in delivering our mission.

Two strategies will be required for my prediction to be realized. First, the ACR community—defined broadly as volunteers, donors, board and staff—must become “enablers” as well as “doers.” The environmental challenges we face today—children disconnected from nature, climate change and sea level rise, habitat destruction, and misguided policies that favor short-term gain over long-term sustainability—will only increase in complexity and scope in the coming decades. There will never be adequate staff, board or volunteers to meaningfully and effectively meet these challenges.

This is why we need to inspire, train, educate and unleash a cadre of next-generation conservationists to do our work for us. Unless we embrace the concept of “enabling” others to carry our cause, and until we shed the need



Scott  
Feierabend

to always be the “doers,” we will never reach the critical mass needed to bring about truly transformational change for the natural world.

Second, we must evolve into “one ACR.” Much of what makes Audubon Canyon Ranch such a special and unique organization is the diversity of properties we protect and manage. The diversity of places where we work has at times led to confusion—within our own family and with the public—as to who exactly is ACR. Some see us through the lens of our cutting edge conservation science programs at the Cypress Grove Research Center; others see us through our unparalleled educational programs at Bouverie and Bolinas Lagoon preserves; while still

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## Honoring our Past & Celebrating the Future

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restoration and an additional \$140,000 as a stewardship fee once the project is completed to care for the trees in perpetuity.

While the ultimate purpose of Project GROW is to restore eight acres of oak woodland, the approach is based on education, participation and community. In addition to relying on Bouverie Stewards—habitat restoration volunteers—and members of the community to help out, Project GROW benefits from the participation of high school students through the SLEWS Program. SLEWS, which stands for Student and Landowner Education and Watershed Stewardship, links high school classes with restoration projects to benefit both the students and the landowners. SLEWS is the brainchild of the Center for Land-Based Learning, located in Winters, California, which coordinates the program throughout the state. Locally, the SLEWS program is sponsored by the SSCRC, ACR's partner in Project GROW. Through a series of field days and classroom visits, students participate in and learn about all phases of restoration projects including planting, installing irrigation and tree protectors, controlling weeds and monitoring. SLEWS also fosters team-building (hence the PVC golf), leadership and career exploration.

"By offering students this hands-on experience and mentorship by professionals in the field, this could be a jumping point for their interest in higher education, careers, and a lifelong ethic of stewardship

in their community," explains Nina Suzuki, who coordinates the SLEWS program.

No one is more excited about the opportunity that Project GROW is providing the Sonoma Valley High School students than their teacher Christina Story. Story teaches Plant and Soil Science, an elective for juniors and seniors, which draws students interested in plants, agriculture and the environment. When approached to participate in Project GROW last summer, she jumped at the chance.

"Not only are the students given a chance to learn in a hands-on environment, they can take pride in restoring an ecosystem in their own community," she observes. Story, who was herself a participant in another Center for Land-Based Learning program when she was in high school, knows firsthand that experiential learning can make a lifelong difference in a student's life.

"Project GROW is a great opportunity for students to work closely with professionals and learn about options available to them in fields that they may not have thought about before" she says.

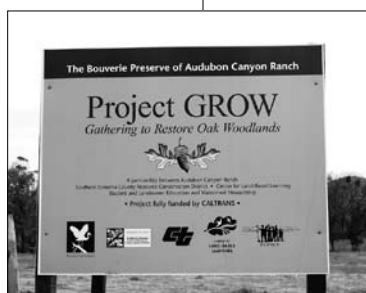
ACR science staff members who are lending their expertise as mentors for the project include Bouverie HPR Project Leader Jennifer Potts, Bouverie Resident



**ACR Project Leader Doug Serrill (left) shows a student how to attach a drip irrigation emitter.**

Biologist/Co-Director of Education Jeanne Wirka, Marin HPR Project Leader Doug Serrill, and Biologist/GIS Specialist Emiko Condeso.

Collaboration among ACR staff goes beyond serving as mentors, however. Indeed, Project GROW has been the catalyst for increased inter-preserve cooperation among both ACR staff and volunteers. For example, the GROW Project plan calls for planting not only oak trees, but associated oak woodland species such as Pacific madrone, California buckeye, toyon, and creeping snowberry (see sidebar). Bouverie Stewards and other volunteers will collect seeds and cuttings of these plant species, which Bolinas Lagoon Preserve volunteers will then propagate in the native plant nursery at ACR's Bolinas Lagoon Preserve.



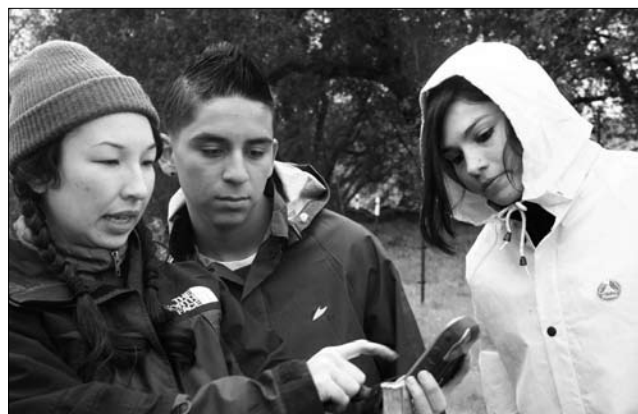
According to Doug Serrill, the nursery serves as a hub of restoration activity for ACR. “The nursery is a great way for building community both with plants and with people,” says Doug, who is overseeing seed collection and propagation efforts for Project GROW. Doug is also coordinating a growing cadre of Bolinas Stewards—volunteers who meet weekly to assist at the nursery and at other habitat restoration sites at the Bolinas Lagoon Preserve.

Even with the combined efforts of staff, volunteers and SLEWS students, Project GROW is a major undertaking for ACR, and results will not be immediately apparent. Oaks can take several years just to stretch a few feet above the ground, and they usually don’t begin to produce a healthy crop of acorns until they are between 80 and 100 years old. While collecting acorns

and planting trees are fun and exciting, much of the work in years to come will involve control of invasive species like velvet grass and calendula, tasks requiring a perseverance all too familiar to scores of ACR’s habitat restoration volunteers.

The goal, however, is invaluable. Mature oak woodlands support the highest number of plant and wildlife species of any habitat in California, including over 2,000 plant species; 330 species of birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians; and 5,000 species of insects. Over fifty species of birds and mammals depend on acorns as their dietary staple, and numerous others rely on oaks for nesting cavities and shelter.

The active portion of Project GROW will continue through the summer of 2013. SLEWS students will participate for three of the four years of the project. There will be ample opportunities for volunteers to become involved through regularly-scheduled



**Emiko Condeso shows students Brayan Laurel and Jazmine Ramirez how to mark the location of oaks using GPS.**

HPR workdays at both the Bouverie Preserve and the nursery at the Bolinas Lagoon Preserve.

So, remember, the “G” in GROW stands of “Gather”. We hope you are able to gather with us soon to participate in this important project. For information, please contact Jennifer Potts, HPR Project Leader, Bouverie Preserve, at 707.935.8417 or [jpotts@egret.org](mailto:jpotts@egret.org).

*Jeanne Wirka is the Resident Biologist at Bouverie Preserve and ACR’s Co-Director of Education. Jennifer Potts is the Habitat Protection and Restoration Project Leader at Bouverie Preserve.*

#### **Native species to be planted as part of Project GROW**

**Coast live oak** (*Quercus agrifolia*)

**Blue oak** (*Q. douglasii*)

**Oregon oak** (*Q. garryana*)

**Black oak** (*Q. kelloggii*)

**Valley oak** (*Q. lobata*)

**Pacific madrone** (*Arbutus menziesii*)

**California buckeye** (*Aesculus californica*)

**Big-leaf maple** (*Acer macrophyllum*)

**Toyon** (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*)

**Blue elderberry** (*Sambucus mexicana*)

**Sticky monkeyflower** (*Mimulus aurantiacus*)

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**California honeysuckle** (*Lonicera hispidula*)

**California pipevine** (*Aristolochia californica*)

**Creeping snowberry** (*Symphoricarpos mollis*)

**Blue wildrye** (*Elymus glaucus*)

**Purple needlegrass** (*Nassella pulchra*)

**California oniongrass** (*Melica californica*)

**Soaproot** (*Chlorogalum pomeridianum*)

**Mules ears** (*Wyethia angustifolia*)

**Snakeroot** (*Sanicula crassicaulis*)



**Mature oak woodland at the Bouverie Preserve provides the template for Project GROW.**



*Early Detection***GOOD FOR THE HUMAN, GOOD FOR THE PLANET***by Dan Gluesenkamp*

Of all the ways that humans are changing the earth, biological invasions are the most enduring. Human transport of organisms is reconnecting continents, resulting in harmful invasions such as Sudden Oak Death, French broom, and West Nile Virus. Invasions are now the second leading cause of extinction and are very long-lasting. It will be millions of years before new species evolve to replace those lost to the biological invasion crisis.

Human medicine has dealt with analogous challenges and established early detection and rapid response (EDRR) as critical for protecting human health. While early detection is widely recognized as the most cost-effective approach—yielding \$34 in benefit for every dollar spent—there are few EDRR efforts serving wildlands. Advances in information technology and improved coordination among environmental professionals now make it possible to set up robust early detection systems.

Protecting the natural resources of its sanctuaries is the core mission of Audubon Canyon Ranch. With the support of partners like the Dennis & Carol Ann Rockey Fund of the Marin Community Foundation and ACR

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Partners in Conservation, our Habitat Protection and Restoration program is serving this mission by building local and regional solutions. ACR's EDRR project, led by Vegetation Management Project Leader Matthew Danielczyk, supports science staff and volunteers in finding and mapping new infestations of harmful invasive plants. We then scientifically prioritize individual patches so that the most dangerous outbreaks can be removed before they spread and harm. We remove the easiest and most harmful first, while removal is cheap and before ecosystems have been harmed.

To ensure that our local work has regional impact, we have worked with Andrea Williams from the Marin Municipal Water District and others to

create a regional network coordinating EDRR across the nine-county Bay Area. This Bay Area Early Detection Network (BAEDN) now includes hundreds of participants from dozens of agencies and organizations.

The Audubon Canyon Ranch EDRR project is about more than protecting ACR's sanctuaries against weeds, and it is about more than saving millions of dollars now spent managing invasive plants across the Bay Area. The project is about building a framework for the rational conservation of biological diversity in an era of dramatic environmental change. Virtually every climate change adaptation plan published has identified invasive plant management as a key strategy for saving ecosystems and species; similarly, mapping, prioritization and regional coordination are consistently identified as key needs for dealing with climate change.

The EDRR networks that Audubon Canyon Ranch is building are early steps in an efficacy revolution that will give us the conceptual tools and technical infrastructure for saving the ancient biodiversity of places we love.

*Dan Gluesenkamp is ACR's Director of Habitat Protection and Restoration.*

**THE MISSION OF AUDUBON CANYON RANCH**

Audubon Canyon Ranch protects the natural resources of its sanctuaries while fostering an understanding and appreciation of these environments. We educate children and adults, promote ecological literacy that is grounded in direct experience, and conduct research and restoration that advances conservation science.

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*A Conservation Ethic***THE EARLY HISTORY OF AUDUBON CANYON RANCH**

Growth and executive transition inspire reflection on the past and appreciation for “where we’ve been.” As Audubon Canyon Ranch *Honors its Past and Celebrates the Future*, we’d like to take this opportunity to tell the story of how it all began....

*A Lasting Impression*

In 1933, a 13-year-old Boy Scout from Oakland visited the coast of Marin County. He came upon dozens of herons and egrets feeding in the Bolinas Lagoon. They made a lasting impression.

In 1940, the scout, L. Martin “Marty” Griffin, had grown into a Stanford premed student who revisited the area on an ornithology field trip. During that visit, Marty saw over one hundred pairs of herons and egrets nesting high up in a concentrated grove of redwoods overlooking the lagoon. The grove was located in a dairy farm named Canyon Ranch.

“At the time,” says Marty, now retired and living in Belvedere, “little did I dream that saving those birds

and their home would become the passionate goal of my life.”

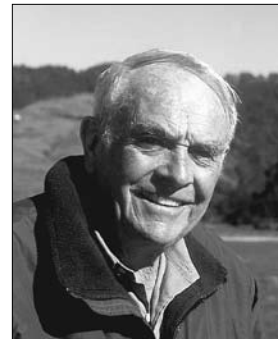
In the late 1950s as a young internist practicing at a Ross family clinic, Marty became incensed by state plans to build a coastal freeway along Highway One from the Golden Gate Bridge and to turn Bolinas Lagoon into an upscale yacht marina.

“I knew one way to stop the freeway was to buy land in its path,” he says, “and if that land held the heronry, so much the better.”

*A Few Committed Citizens*

So, in 1961 as president of the Marin Audubon Society, Marty waged a fundraising campaign with San Francisco businessman Stan Picher and the help of other local Audubon Society chapters and many dedicated individuals. They purchased 503 acres of Canyon Ranch for \$335,000—or about \$666 an acre.

“Even for the times,” as Marty says, “the price, terms and conditions were favorable.” The purchase not only helped stop the freeway and marina from being built, but it saved the birds’

**Marty Griffin**

nesting and eating place and helped preserve Bolinas Lagoon and Tomales Bay.

Thus, Audubon Canyon Ranch was created as an

independent, non-profit organization. Over the following years, ACR would acquire 500 more acres adjacent to Bolinas Lagoon, saving 1,000 acres of important coastal habitat in perpetuity.

Thanks to the vision and conservation ethic of a few committed citizens, the coast of Marin looks very different today than it might have had the bulldozers arrived.

We are eternally grateful.

**& The map on the following pages, from *Saving the Marin-Sonoma Coast* by L. Martin Griffin, M.D., details the next chapter of ACR’s conservation effort.**

**\* Save the date! \***

Audubon Canyon Ranch

**Donor Appreciation Barbecue &  
90th Birthday Party for ACR Founder Marty Griffin**

Saturday, July 24, 2010 • 11 am – 3 pm

With a special appearance by bluegrass musicians

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Bolinas Lagoon Preserve’s Picher Canyon

Tickets: \$50

Open to all. Watch [www.egret.org](http://www.egret.org) for more event details and opportunities to purchase tickets.

*Join us as we thank ACR’s supporters and wish Marty happy birthday!*

Today, Audubon Canyon Ranch conducts preservation, education and research programs on 2,000 acres in Marin and Sonoma counties, including the 1,000-acre Bolinas Lagoon Preserve near Stinson Beach, properties along Tomales Bay including Cypress Grove Research Center, and the 535-acre Bouverie Preserve in Glen Ellen. ACR is also in a collaborative agreement with Jim and Shirley Modini to acquire the 1,725-acre Modini Ranch in the Mayacamas Mountains near Healdsburg.

Reproduced from *Saving the Marin-Sonoma Coast* by L. Martin Griffin, M.D. (1998, Sweetwater Springs Press), this map details the years after the land now known as Bolinas Lagoon Preserve was saved from development and Audubon Canyon Ranch continued its conservation ethic along Tomales Bay.

## *Audubon Canyon Ranch Strategic Acquisitions on Tomales Bay, 1968-1985 — 432 Acres*

### **Cypress Grove Preserve Headquarters**

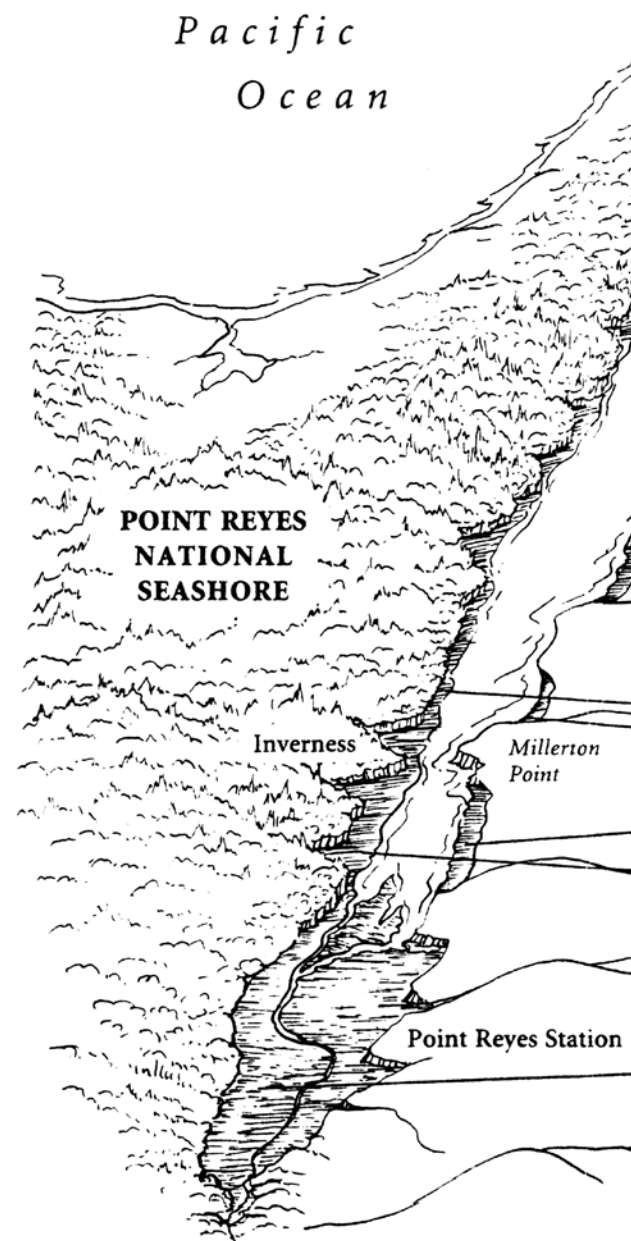
Located between Tomales Bay and Highway 1, with a commanding view of the Point Reyes National Seashore and Tomales Bay, Cypress Grove's restored Victorian hunting lodge houses educational and research facilities for salt and freshwater marsh and chaparral habitats. The Preserve is a major resting area for migratory birds on Pacific Flyway.

1. **Cypress Grove Promontory**, a stop on 1875 Sausalito-Russian River railroad, 10-acre gift from Clifford Conly, Jr. in 1971.
2. **Johannson Oyster Tideland** purchases, 20.3 acres protecting Cypress Grove and access to bay, cost \$25,000.
3. **Delta of Marshall Creek**, salt marsh and willow creek habitat, 14.53 acres protecting southern boundary of Cypress Grove, cost \$14,756.
4. **Livermore Marsh**, fresh and salt water habitat to the north, 26 acres protecting the delta of Cerini Creek, cost \$29,000.
5. **Part of Cerini Ranch** (rolling grasslands) between the bay and Highway 1, 57 acres protecting northern boundary, cost \$68,601.
6. **Part of Hall Ranch**, 41 acres of chaparral habitat, between Cypress Grove and Highway 1, cost \$52,986.

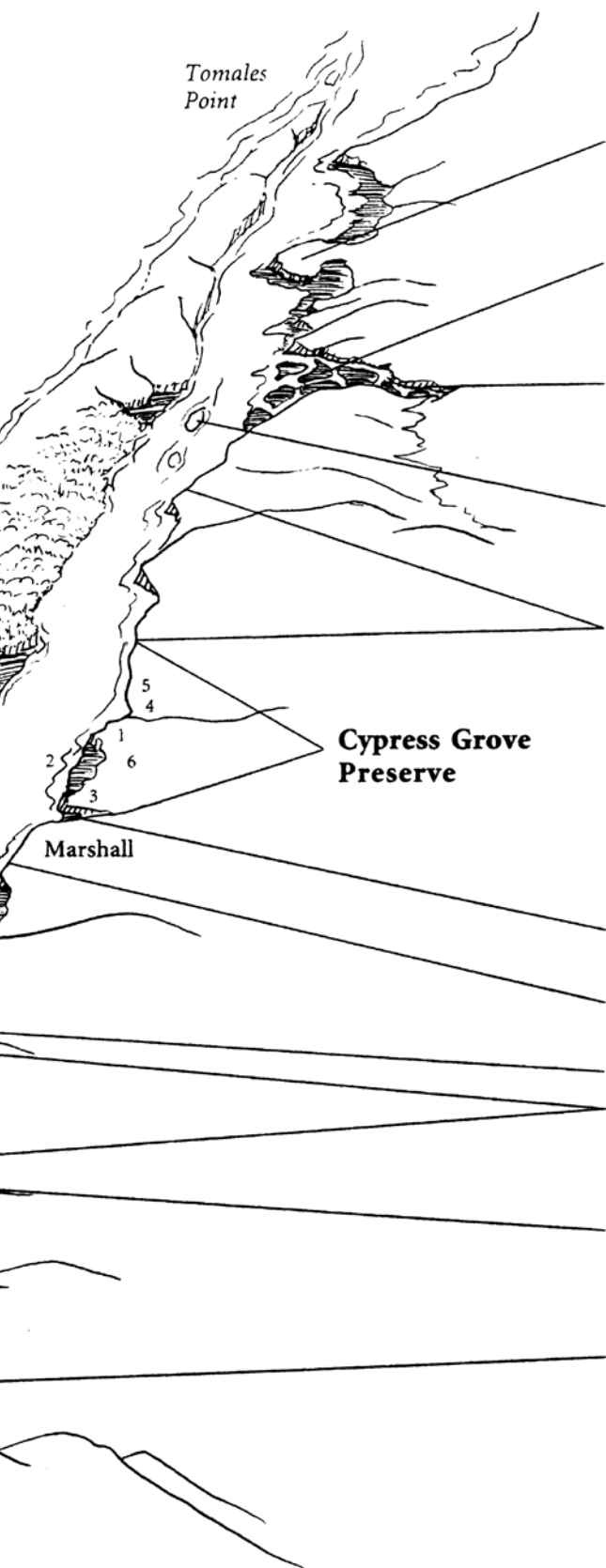
*This map by Ane Rovetta depicts Audubon Canyon Ranch properties purchased or donated along Tomales Bay.*

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**Toms Point Wildlife Sanctuary**, half-mile of tidelands frontage, commanding views, grassland habitat, no access, 71-acre gift from Margaret Quigley in 1985.

**Keys Creek/Walker Creek Delta Saltwater Wildlife Sanctuary**, 96.74 acres, rich bird and aquatic life habitat with sinuous tidal canals, no access, cost \$15,500.

**Keys Creek**, 5-acre parcel, cost \$13,000. Given to California Department of Fish and Game by Audubon Canyon Ranch for fishing access.

**Hog and Duck Islands**, 8.25 acres guarding oceanic habitat of black brant, harbor seal haul out and eelgrass beds, cost \$47,250. \*

**Certain Audubon Canyon Ranch Tidelands** plus 26 acres of the Cerini purchase were donated to California State Parks Department to complete the purchase of proposed Angress Ranch Development bordering the bay north of Cypress Grove: Kiefer Tidelands, 1.04 acres; Tideland gift, .25 acres; and Tidelands south of Nick's Cove, 8.1 acres, cost \$13,500.

**Other Tideland Sanctuaries to protect the shoreline:**

*Berg Tideland Parcel*, south of Marshall Tavern, 1.33 acres.

*Johannson Tideland Parcel*, one-acre at base of Marshall Boat Works bluff.

*Inverness Tideland Parcel*, Vision Road, .62 acres.

*Johannson Tideland Parcel*, 9 acres south of Millerton Point near Tomales Bay State Park, long and narrow, was used for oyster growing.

**Shields Marsh Preserve**, 4 acres near Inverness Park overlooking 500-acre Tomales Bay State Ecological Preserve, cost \$10,000.

**Olema Marsh Preserve**, 42 acres at south end of the bay, part of largest freshwater marsh in the County, rich habitat restored, cost \$51,500.

\* Note: In 1996, these lands were donated to the National Park Service.

## LEAVING LEGACIES

by Maurice A. "Skip" Schwartz

People ask me about the handsome cloisonné lapel pin I often wear. The pin features a Great Egret—a white silhouette in a center of green—and is awarded to members of ACR's Clerin Zumwalt Legacy Circle.

*As guardian of these sanctuaries and as a public benefit organization, ACR has an ongoing responsibility to care for these lands and the residing flora and fauna in perpetuity.*

Clerin "Zumie" Zumwalt was ACR's first naturalist. He left his mark of love and respect for nature on the people and preserves of Audubon Canyon Ranch. You've read elsewhere in this Bulletin about ACR's visionary Founder and Emeritus Director Marty Griffin. Marty grasped the importance of ACR's sanctuary lands as levers, vital components and pressure points for

stopping the commercial development slated for West Marin. He helped create a fabric of beautiful parks and nature sanctuaries: wild habitats that became a legacy not only for us, but for all the people of the Bay Area and the world. Marty is still actively supporting ACR and encouraging us to keep up the good work.

I feel honored to have inherited such a spectacular legacy and have worked for over 35 years to help grow this healthy organization and to expand on the vision of Zumie, Marty, Stan Picher, Clifford Conly, David Bouverie and so many others.

Our founders' legacy inspires us all to support and grow Audubon Canyon Ranch into an organization that will soon hold 5,000 exceptional acres of habitat and education facilities in trust for the greater good through ACR's



preservation, education and research programs.

As guardian of these sanctuaries and as a public benefit organization, ACR has an ongoing responsibility to care for these lands and the residing flora and fauna in perpetuity. ACR

provides education programs that make a difference and conducts conservation science that informs its land protection and habitat restoration goals.

Will you please join me in becoming a Zumwalt Circle member? Help ACR provide for the future. Help pass the torch to the next-generation. If you trust us to do this work, one great way to help—big or small—is to leave ACR a legacy gift... to ensure that we can carry on the ACR mission in perpetuity.

*Maurice A. "Skip" Schwartz is Senior Advisor and Executive Director Emeritus.*



Bouverie Preserve spring wildflowers

### The Clerin Zumwalt Legacy Circle honors supporters who have included ACR in their estate plans.

#### CIRCLE BENEFITS

- ◆ Invitation to the Annual Legacy Circle luncheon held on an ACR preserve
- ◆ Invitations to donor appreciation events and hikes
- ◆ Listing in the ACR Grove of Honor in The Bolinas Lagoon Preserve's Display Hall
- ◆ ACR publications: the Bulletin and Ardeid
- ◆ Complimentary estate planning organizer
- ◆ ... and a handsome cloisonné lapel pin

To receive information on ACR's Clerin Zumwalt Legacy Circle, contact ACR Director of Development Didi Wilson at 415.868.9244 ext. 13 or ACR's Planned Giving Specialist Phil Murphy at 415.457.7482.

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others see us through the nesting egrets and herons at our fabled Bolinas Lagoon Preserve. However, these are but parts of a much larger organization built on the tireless work of our volunteers, dedicated staff, generous donors and committed Board members. For ACR to remain at the forefront in tackling the enormous environmental challenges that await future generations, we must operate, speak, and collaborate as one.

So... what will ACR look like in the year 2060? Why don't you tell me? Pick up the phone (415.868.9244) or send me an email ([scott@egret.org](mailto:scott@egret.org)) and let me know what you think the future will be!



Scott Feierabend  
ACR Executive Director

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*Biologist and non-profit leader serving the environmental community for nearly 30 years*

**Professional Background**

California Trout, Interim Executive Director and Conservation Director

Marin Conservation League, Executive Director

The Nature Conservancy, Director of Conservation Programs

National Wildlife Federation, Regional Vice President

**Education**

Masters of Science, Wildlife Management, West Virginia University

For more about Scott, visit [www.egret.org/ScottFeierabend.html](http://www.egret.org/ScottFeierabend.html)

**VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT****Volunteering as a Family**

Volunteering is a family sport, and the Kauffman-Puchall family has found a playing field at Audubon Canyon Ranch, where they can pursue individual interests while spending time together.

Lauri Puchall and daughter Mara Kauffman are both Bolinas Lagoon Preserve Ranch Guides, volunteer naturalists who interpret the preserve's flora and fauna for the visiting public. "Mara favors newts," says husband/dad Turk Kauffman about his family's volunteer experience. "Lauri likes the plants and simply enjoys being outdoors."



**Turk, Mara and Lauri**

"When Lauri and Mara were in Ranch Guide training," Turk says, "they talked about egrets, herons, and their habitat. I started spending time with them on the preserve. I brought sketchbooks and a camera, which I used to capture details and qualities of light. I began observing nature more closely, and I met knowledgeable people who were excited about what they were doing. I studied the buildings in the landscape and found ways to participate that mesh with my own interests."

Turk, an architect with an office in Point Reyes Station, has since developed a design for a new Henderson Overlook at the Bolinas Lagoon Preserve... pro-bono. Recently, Turk was elected as an ACR Advisor.

"Collectively we have gained much as a family since becoming involved with ACR," says Turk.

A large cadre of stupendous volunteers supports Audubon Canyon Ranch; without them the preservation, education and research programs would not exist. Your gifts are varied and valuable, and we thank you all.

*by Anna-Marie Bratton, Bolinas Lagoon Preserve Docent,  
Ranch Guide and ACR Director*

PHOTO BY TURK KAUFFMAN

**Mother's Day BBQ**

Volunteer Canyon, Bolinas Lagoon Preserve  
Sunday, May 9, 2010



For approximately fifty years, the Marin Audubon Society has hosted this delightful fundraiser on Mother's Day, bringing families and friends together for a day of food and fun in the magnificent meadow of Volunteer Canyon. Proceeds benefit the education and conservation programs of Audubon Canyon Ranch and Marin Audubon Society. Call Mary Anne Cowperthwaite at 415.453.2216 for information. Space is limited. RSVP by May 3rd. Carpooling strongly encouraged!

\$20 per adult; \$10 children under 10. Mail your check payable to Marin Audubon Society to: 141 Oak Avenue, San Anselmo, CA 94960

Your check guarantees your reservation.



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### THANK YOU ACR VOLUNTEERS!

Audubon Canyon Ranch salutes the hundreds of individuals listed below for their dedication to ACR and for generously donating time and energy as Docents, Ranch Guides, Ranch Hosts, Field Biologists, Researchers, Habitat Restoration and Workday Volunteers, Directors, and Advisors. You are the backbone of this organization! For all you do, we thank you!

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### Calendar of Events

#### Open to the Public § Bolas Lagoon Preserve

**Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays** ~ March 20 to July 11, 2010  
**Weekends** ~ Open 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.  
**Weekdays (except Mondays):** Open by reservation ~ Call 415.868.9244  
 Come hike the more than eight miles of trails at Audubon Canyon Ranch's Bolas Lagoon Preserve. Visit the newt ponds, view the nesting Great Blue Herons and Great Egrets and enjoy the wildflowers. Knowledgeable Ranch Guides will answer your questions.

#### Guided Nature Walks § Bouverie Preserve

**Saturdays** ~ March 13, April 17, May 1, May 8, 2010  
 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.  
 Experience the beauty and rich natural history of this 500-acre preserve. Reservations required and accepted one month before each respective hike date: [bouverie@egret.org](mailto:bouverie@egret.org) or 707.938.4554.  
*Donations appreciated. § Docent Council of Bouverie Preserve*

#### Spring & Fall Work Days § Bolas Lagoon Preserve

**Sunday, March 7, 2010** ~ Picher Canyon  
**Saturday, September 11, 2010** ~ Picher Canyon  
 9:15 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. ~ 1:00 P.M. – lunch  
 Help us with trail and library work, pulling weeds, planting native flowers or cooking lunch (we provide). Bring your favorite tool and gloves for outdoor projects!  
 Registration required: [rsvp@egret.org](mailto:rsvp@egret.org) or 415.868.9244. § ACR Staff

#### Docent Training § Bolas Lagoon Preserve

**Wednesdays** ~ September 2010 to March 2011  
 Become an ACR docent! Training for the next class of Bolas Lagoon Preserve docents begins Sept. 1st. Classes meet once a week on Wednesdays for 24 weeks and discuss diverse topics including birds, insects, pond life and teaching techniques. Upon graduation, docents have the knowledge and confidence to lead field trips for schoolchildren. Orientations: June 16 & August 25. Call 415.868.9244 for more information or to sign up for orientation.

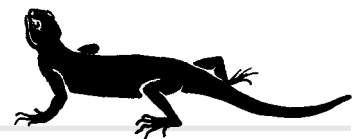
#### Backyard Naturalist Series § Bouverie Preserve

**Saturdays** ~ 9:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.  
 • March 27, 2010 ~ **Wildflowers** with Jeanne Wirka  
 • April 10, 2010 ~ **Digital Nature Photography** with Bryant Hichwa  
 Geared toward the adult amateur naturalist, these Saturday seminars include time in the classroom and on the trail. One to three mile hike on mildly- to moderately-strenuous terrain. Bring a bagged lunch and water for the trail. Class size is limited. \$25 per seminar. Registration required: [rsvp@egret.org](mailto:rsvp@egret.org) or 415.868.9244.



#### Habitat Protection & Restoration Workdays § Bouverie Preserve

**Mondays** ~ 8:30 A.M. to noon  
 Bouverie Stewards work intimately with the land throughout the year at the Bouverie Preserve in Glen Ellen. This dedicated crew assists with all sorts of habitat protection and restoration work, while learning about the ecology behind the project. Examples include: removing Douglas Fir seedlings; removing invasive species; using GPS units to map invasive species. Call 707.935.8417 or e-mail Jen Potts at [jpotts@egret.org](mailto:jpotts@egret.org)



**More information on all these nature exploration opportunities is available at [www.egret.org](http://www.egret.org).**

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### WHEN TO VISIT

#### **Bolinas Lagoon Preserve**

Mid-March to mid-July: Saturday, Sunday  
and holidays. 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.  
Weekdays by appointment only;  
415.868.9244. Closed Mondays.

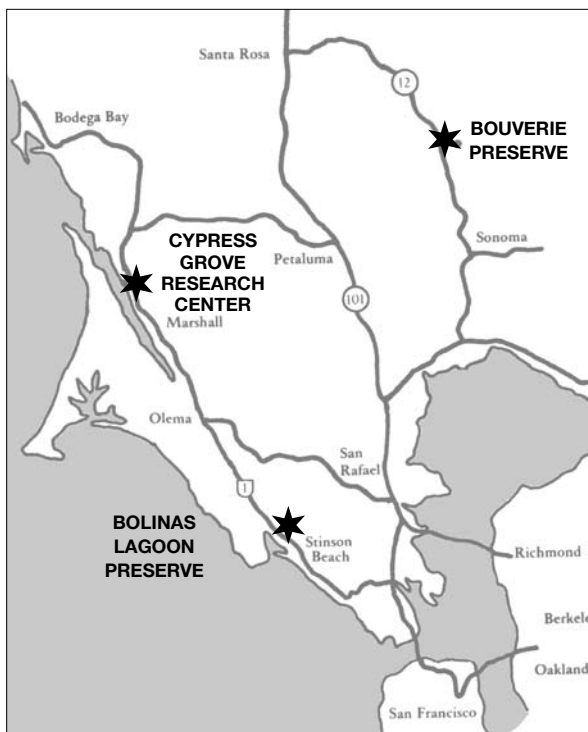
Bolinas Lagoon Preserve is adjacent to  
Bolinas Lagoon on Shoreline Highway One,  
three miles north of Stinson Beach.

#### **Cypress Grove Research Center**

By appointment only. 415.663.8203

#### **Bouverie Preserve**

See calendar of events inside.



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