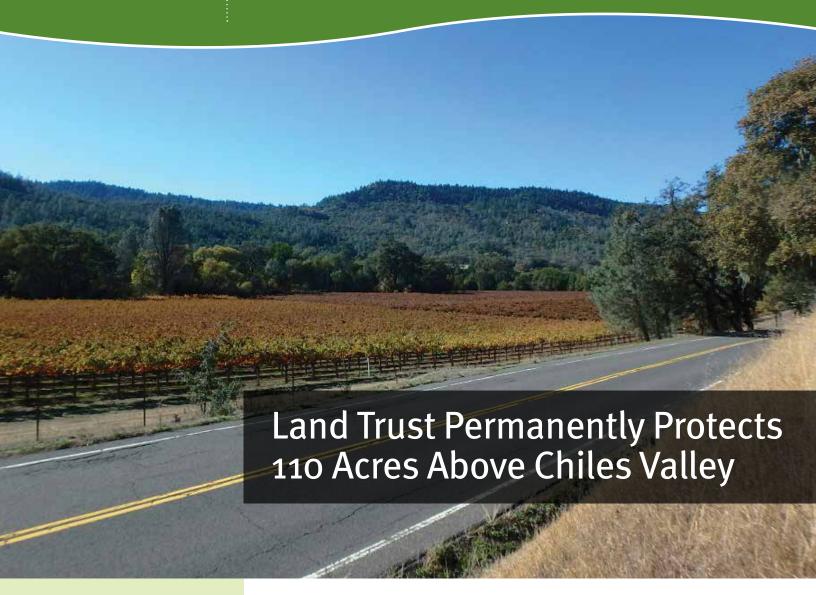


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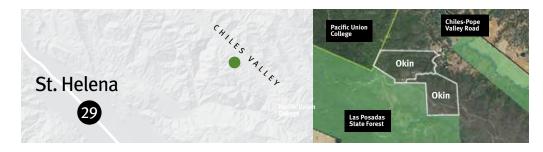




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#### **Letter from the CEO**

We are in the midst of the most exhilarating time in an exciting year for conservation. We've been working to strengthen our pipeline of priority conservation projects and right now, I am pleased to tell you we have 20 different land conservation projects that we are currently pursuing with landowners.

While there has been a lot of work to get to this point, this is the busiest time of the year because we are getting close to year-end, always an important deadline for closings. We are now working on 10 projects that we hope to close by the end of December. That's a lot of real estate work for our small staff. But we have put in the time to get these projects to this point and believe that we can close most, if not all, of these projects by the end of the year.



These projects will protect forests, watersheds, vineyards, rangeland,

creeks, oak woodlands, scenic ridgelines, and redwoods. They range from large projects of 1,000 acres to small projects of 10 acres; from a purchase of almost 600 acres near Lake Berryessa, to the donation of an easement over 50 acres in Calistoga; from protecting rangeland for ranching, to protecting redwoods near Napa, forests near Angwin and vineyards near St Helena. We're excited about these projects and will have more details for you as each project closes.

Your support is making this possible. If we can close these transactions, we will permanently protect over 2,000 acres this year! And that will be our second year in a row protecting over 2,000 acres.

I want to thank you for your support in helping build this momentum. And I want you to know that we see many more important opportunities for conservation in front of us.

Of course, permanent land protection is not the only thing we do at the Land Trust. We have also been strengthening our stewardship program, caring for and stewarding the land that we have already protected. In this issue, you'll read about several important stewardship projects that staff, volunteers and contractors are carrying out across Napa County. The list of projects and approaches is exciting, from controlled burns, working with CAL FIRE to reduce fuel loads while also restoring native species, to working with volunteers and students to bring back valley oaks—the oak species that has declined most precipitously across Napa—to riparian restoration where we are eliminating invasive species and planting native species along Conn Creek, to the development of grazing plans to restore native vegetation.

Thank you again for your support and I hope that our progress has met your expectations when you decided to support the Land Trust.

Doug Parker, CEO



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### **COVER STORY**

# Land Trust Permanently Protects 110 Acres Above Chiles Valley

Land Trust of Napa County is pleased to announce the permanent protection of 110 acres rising from the western floor of Chiles Valley east of Angwin. The property's location is significant, providing a connection to other protected lands and ensuring wildlife corridors remain open. The property's western boundary abuts the 800-acre Las Posadas State Forest as well as forested lands owned by Pacific Union College.



The land has significant natural values and this conservation project will ensure a corridor for wildlife, as well as protect part of the Maxwell Creek watershed leading into Chiles and Pope Valleys. The property ranked highly on the Land Trust's list of priority sites with significant native biodiversity. Some of the natural communities found here include oak woodland habitats, coniferous forests and serpentine chaparral. The property's native habitat is very intact—including approximately 95% coverage of native plant habitats, with minimal impacts from invasive species. The land also provides scenic value and is easily seen and enjoyed from Chiles Pope Valley Road, a county-designated scenic highway.

The permanent protection of this property was made possible by an outright donation from the landowners, Bob Okin and his children, Laura and Justin. "We're very pleased and honored to have been able to work with the Okins to protect this land in perpetuity. We greatly appreciate their generosity in donating this beautiful site to the Land Trust," said Doug Parker. LTNC Chief Executive Officer.

"We have loved this land from the moment we walked on it," said Bob Okin. "We were thrilled by its diversity, its roughness, its untouched, unspoiled beauty, and in certain places, the feeling it gave us of being on top of the world as we looked across multiple valleys to successive ridges of mountains. The overriding reason we bought the land was because we couldn't bear to have it developed."

This property extends down the ridge from Las Posadas State Forest and forest lands owned by Pacific Union College, connecting almost to Chiles Pope Valley Road and a vineyard already protected by the Land Trust. Across the road to the east are over 1,700 acres previously protected by LTNC, including the 1,024-acre Keith/Catacula Lake conservation easement in Chiles Valley and LTNC's 730-acre Wantrup Preserve in Pope Valley. The Okin land will become the newest Land Trust Preserve, ensuring a connection between protected properties stretching from Howell Mountain down to Chiles Valley and then up and over the ridge to Pope Valley. This is an important step toward creating a protected wildlife corridor extending from the Howell Mountain plateau at Angwin eastward to Lake Berryessa.

The land is largely undisturbed oak woodland, grey pine and chaparral. The property sits at a highly unique intersection of geological formations, with strong representation by native vegetation communities typical on Sonoma volcanics, Central Valley alluvials and serpentine soils. The site has not been systematically surveyed for native species, but likely supports a range of special status plant species which have been found at Las Posadas State Forest.

The Land Trust plans to work with CAL FIRE, the manager of Las Posadas State Forest, to coordinate management activities across the adjacent protected properties. ■

The property's location is significant ... ensuring wildlife corridors remain open.



### 2015 Preserve Stewardship Highlights

It was another busy and productive year for stewardship across the Land Trust's 8,200-acre permanent preserve network. With lots of help from our outstanding volunteers and partners, we were able to make great progress toward achieving our conservation and restoration goals. Following are just a few of the many activities and projects that defined our year in stewardship.

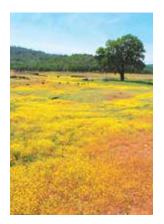
#### Conn Creek Restoration: Linda Falls Preserve



Native plants, propagated from cuttings and seed collected on-site, are staged for planting along Conn Creek on the Linda Falls Preserve.

Working with multiple partners, the Land Trust completed the next major phase of its Conn Creek riparian habitat restoration project within the Linda Falls Preserve near Angwin. In April, Oaktown Native Plant Nursery delivered 1,800 native plants of 23 species, grown from seeds and cuttings collected on the preserve. LTNC partnered with American Conservation Experience (ACE) crews and volunteers to plant these natives where invasive species had been removed in 2014. ACE crews also removed invasive Himalayan blackberry along an additional 200 meters of Conn Creek above the main falls, and laid biodegradable erosion control fabric to prevent sediment from reaching the creek as native habitat is reestablished in these areas. Much of this work was made possible by a generous second year of grant funding from the Napa County Wildlife Conservation Commission.

# Serpentine Meadow Restoration: Missimer Snell Valley Wildflower Preserve



LTNC continued its serpentine meadow restoration efforts on the Missimer Snell Valley Wildflower Preserve in 2015. Working with CAL FIRE, the Land Trust implemented a prescribed burn in the remaining five acres of the 65-acre restoration area, completing this important initial stage of the restoration process. Working with professional botanist and Napa County flora expert Jake Ruygt, LTNC continued to monitor the response of native plant communities to restoration activities. Excitingly, Jake has concluded that the Missimer restoration area

now represents the most intact and diverse meadow system remaining in Napa County! Jake documented an impressive 250 native plant species within the 60-acre southern meadow between March and July of this year, including a number of rare, serpentine endemic species such as swamp larkspur (Delphinium uliginosum) and two carpellate western flax (Hesperolinon bicarpellatum).



Spring wildflowers abound within the serpentine meadow restoration area on the Missimer Snell Valley Wildflower Preserve.



Mann Excavating improves a stream crossing on the Dunn-Wildlake Preserve road system as part of a water-quality-focused erosion control project within the Bell Canyon Creek watershed.

#### Watershed Restoration: Dunn-Wildlake Preserve

Working with the Napa County Resource Conservation District, LTNC completed the final phase of a multi-year, water-quality-focused erosion control project on the Dunn-Wildlake Preserve road system. Contractor Mann Excavating did an outstanding job outsloping, deberming and installing regularly spaced rolling dips on hydrologically connected road lengths along the entire 10-mile Hoffnagle Loop Road. They also improved 15 stream crossings to prevent road-generated sediment pollution from entering Bell Canyon Creek. Dunn-Wildlake Preserve protects the headwaters of Bell Canyon Creek, which serves as a key municipal water supply for the city of St. Helena.

### **Field Trips and Outings**

LTNC offered 63 hikes in 2015, attended by nearly 300 participants. Guided outings were offered throughout the preserve network and encompassed a broad spectrum of Napa County's biological, geological and historical features. The Land Trust hosted a record number of topic-specific, expert-led field trips over the year, including hikes focused on botany, ornithology, herpetology, geology and photography. Thanks to our dedicated volunteer field trip leaders for their help in making 2015 another successful year for the Land Trust's field trip program!

Field trip participants approach the Mt. George summit within the 757-acre Foote Botanical Preserve.





Volunteers show off the fruits of their labor on the Dunn-Wildlake Preserve—thousands of hand-pulled and bagged yellow starthistle plants.

### Volunteer Stewardship

LTNC hosted 30 volunteer stewardship events across six preserves in 2015. Dedicated Land Trust volunteers assisted with noxious weed removal, native habitat restoration and trail maintenance projects on the Dunn-Wildlake, Duff, Archer Taylor, Linda Falls, Foote, and Wantrup preserves. A huge thanks to our stewardship event participants, who donated close to 700 volunteer hours! (cont'd on p 6)

### Trail Improvements and Invasive Species Removal

The Land Trust partnered with American Conservation Experience (ACE) on 10 invasive species and trail improvement projects across six preserves during 2015. ACE contributed over 5,600 crew hours to Land Trust stewardship projects during the year, including hundreds of donated hours. Building on 2014 trail restoration accomplishments, the LTNC/ACE team replaced failing stairs and improved tread along the Maggie's Peak and Tin Cabin Trails within the Archer Taylor Preserve. ACE crews also cleared brush along the entire length of the Mount George Summit Loop Trail on the Foote Botanical Preserve, which was becoming



ACE crews work alongside volunteers to remove invasive exotic plant species from grasslands along the Duff Preserve-Robert Louis Stevenson State Park boundary.

impassable as heavy shrub cover grew into the trail corridor. In addition, the LTNC/ACE team removed invasive exotic plant species on several preserves, including large periwinkle on Archer Taylor, French broom on Duff, yellow starthistle on Dunn-Wildlake, barbed goat grass on Missimer, and blackberry on Foote.

We hope you'll join us as we build on these stewardship accomplishments in 2016. Stay tuned to learn more about exciting new stewardship work pertaining to old-growth redwood research, motion-triggered wildlife camera monitoring, conservation grazing, and more. For additional information on the stewardship program, to get involved, or to sign up for a field trip, visit www.napalandtrust.org or email us at info@napalandtrust.org.

### Wantrup Goes Solar: Gasser Foundation Grant

A generous grant awarded to the Land Trust from the Peter A. and Vernice H. Gasser Foundation funded our new solar system at the Wantrup Preserve. The Gasser Foundation's mission is, "To serve Napans today and in the future with a focus on health care, education, the environment, and the people and community of Napa."

The \$40,000 grant provided LTNC with funding for the purchase and installation of a solar system on the caretaker's residence at the Wantrup Preserve in Pope Valley, making the preserve more sustainable both economically and environmentally. The solar system allows LTNC to produce power locally and sustainably without generating greenhouse gases. Since its installation, the system has resulted in a 99% reduction in electricity costs for the preserve. This reduction has freed up revenues for land-related projects, including the installation of erosion control features on roads and trails, several projects that will eliminate invasive species, and an oak woodland restoration project.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the Gasser Foundation for its support of the Land Trust as well as the invaluable support it provides for the Napa community.



### Land Trust Acquires Berryessa Parcel for Future Park

The Land Trust acquired 80 acres overlooking Capell Cove at the southern end of Lake Berryessa, augmenting previously protected land to complete the protection of over 700 contiguous acres.

"We were pleased to work with this property's owners to fill in this 'donut hole,' the last piece of unprotected land within this 700-acre area," said Doug Parker, Land Trust CEO. "There were several owners in far-flung locations—some as far as Tokyo—

but we were able to come to terms."



The parcel is surrounded by the 224-acre Berryessa Vista property that LTNC protected and transferred to the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District in 2008, and 440 acres of land owned by the Bureau of Land Management. Because of the importance of coordinating management of this 80 acres with that of surrounding land, LTNC expects to transfer ownership of the property to the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District to manage over the long term.

"The land holds real potential for public recreation and LTNC believes that the Park and Open Space District is the best owner and manager for the property," said Parker. "We're pleased to have a partner who can own and manage properties like this, and were also pleased to receive some support for this project from Tuleyome."

"This is a perfect example of how an agency can partner with a land trust in a way that maximizes each organization's strength," said Dave Finigan, President of the Park and Open Space District Board of Directors. "The Land Trust can act quickly to protect property when it comes on the market; the Park District, with its publically elected board of directors and public processes, is better suited to manage long-term public use of that property."

In addition to completing 136 conservation easements with private landowners across the county, the Land Trust of Napa County has assisted a number of cities and other agencies to protect land for public use, including the City of Napa's Alston and Trancas Crossing Parks; large sections of Robert Louis Stevenson State Park, north of Calistoga; an addition to Bothe-Napa Valley State Park; several areas owned by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife; and Newell Open Space Preserve, owned by the City of American Canyon.

A long-time priority comes into focus as a \$1.4 million grant from the State will protect 600 acres of land in rural eastern Napa County. This protection will connect the 30,000 acres around Lake Berryessa to the 6,300-acre Cedar Roughs Wilderness Area and open public access between the two. The Land Trust has been working on this project for 15 years and we are pleased to see this important contiguous area linkage. Ownership of the land will transfer to Napa County's



Park and Open Space District. The Land Trust does not have to own all land we help protect and the District makes sense as the manager of this property and of its recreational potential. We want to thank the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the California Wildlife Conservation Board for their help and support in achieving this long-deserving conservation project.

### 2015 Acre by Acre Award Recipients: Chip Bouril and Penny Proteau

The Land Trust of Napa County was pleased to announce its fourth annual Acre by Acre Awards, honoring the significant land conservation achievements of individuals and organizations. The 2015 award was presented to Chip Bouril and Penny Proteau at the second annual Land Trust Cornerstone Society gathering. Chip and Penny are longtime land preservation advocates and avid contributors to their community. Both have volunteered for approximately 20 years and average 200 hours of volunteer time annually for LTNC in various capacities. "The impact of Chip's and Penny's conservation efforts and generosity benefits the entire Napa County community now and for future generations," said Doug Parker, LTNC CEO.



Chip Bouril is a professional in natural resource management and environmental consulting, serving as an advisor to landowners with Natural Resources Conservation Service and a consultant for LSA Associates, Inc. He has been a member of the Land Trust since 1984 and served on the board of trustees twice in the last 22 years, both for six-year terms. In addition to his commitment to LTNC, he also donates his time to other organizations including the Napa Valley State Parks Association, the California Native Plant Society, the Napa County Regional Parks and Open Space District, and the Sierra Club.

Penny Proteau has been a Land Trust member since 1984 and is a generous volunteer and ambassador for LTNC. She has a deep love and appreciation for her hometown as a Bay Area native. Penny started volunteering for LTNC in the mid 1990s, and participates on the Field Trip Committee, leads four to eight hikes per year and has also served on the Connolly Ranch Committee. Beyond her service to LTNC, Penny actively donates her time volunteering for the Master Gardeners of Napa County, Napa Valley State Park Association, the California Native Plant Society, and the Napa Vine Trail.

### Cornerstone Society

The Cornerstone Society is the principal giving circle of the Land Trust of Napa County, and consists of members who donate \$10,000 or more annually. The Society's philanthropy is critical to realizing our mission to preserve the character of Napa by permanently protecting land and represents a shift in fundraising for the organization.



The Land Trust thanks the 39 members of the Cornerstone Society this year and offers sincere gratitude for their generous support of our ongoing mission to preserve agricultural, biodiverse, scenic and viewshed lands in Napa County in perpetuity.

Members of the Society, both individually and as corporate sponsors, gathered together at a dinner, hosted by Andy and Betty Beckstoffer at their residence in St. Helena in May. Cornerstone Society raised over \$330,000 in support of the organization's efforts. Land Trust CEO Doug Parker, the Board of Trustees and staff extend thanks to these far-sighted local families and organizations helping protect Napa for the long term.

For additional information about Cornerstone Society membership, please contact Doug Parker at doug@napalandtrust.org.

### Land Trust Hosts Appraisal Workshop

LTNC hosted our first Appraising Conservation Easement education workshop in May, which brought an outstanding panel of speakers together to offer appraisers, attorneys, and real estate professionals the latest information on conservation easement appraisals. We once again thank all attendees and especially our panel members, Judge James Halpern, U.S. Tax Court; Karin Gross, Supervisory Attorney, IRS Office of the Chief Counsel; Tony Correia, ARA, The Correia Company; and Nancy McLaughlin, moderator, University of Utah, S J Quinney School of Law Professor for joining us here in Napa.



LTNC was proud to serve on the Land Trust Alliance 2015 RALLY Host Committee and joined hundreds of other land trusts in Sacramento in October to share conservation ideas and successes and to learn more valuable skills to continue our work protecting natural places for generations to come. Land Trust Alliance is a national land conservation organization that represents more than 1,700 member land trusts and is supported by more than five million members nationwide.

Land Trust of Napa County was awarded accreditation in December 2013 by the national Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, after an extensive multi-year review. The accreditation seal is a mark of distinction in land conservation, signifying that the accredited group meets national standards for excellence, upholds the public trust and ensures that conservation efforts are permanent. Of the many land trusts across the country, fewer than 20% have been awarded accreditation.

LTNC continues to engage in ongoing training and involvement within the land trust community and through the Land Trust Alliance. Staff and Board of Trustee members attend the Rally annually for continued education and our Lands Program Manager, Lena Septimo, presented as speaker at the convention again this year.



### Thank You Volunteers







The Land Trust relies on volunteers in so many ways. Whether you are a board member, committee member, field trip hike leader, office volunteer, easement monitor or preserve volunteer, we simply could not accomplish what we do without your help. To express our gratitude to our group of incredible and dedicated volunteers, we gathered together for a Volunteer Appreciation in September. Thank you to all who joined us to celebrate at Connolly Ranch. We enjoyed a family-friendly day with local food, wine, cake and even some earth-friendly crafting for the kids! It was a wonderful day to spend time appreciating you and all you do. Thank you all!

### LTNC Board of Trustees News

#### Welcome New Board Members: Linda Cantey and John Coleman



Linda Cantey, PMP, Founder Clarus Consulting, moved to Napa in 2009 and supports several nonprofits including NapaLearns, the Vine Trail, the Queen of the Valley Medical Foundation, and the Napa Valley Opera House. She founded Clarus Consulting Group in 1999. Clarus provides project management

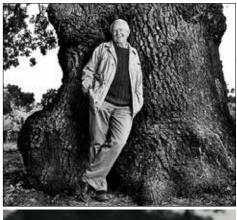
and process re-engineering consulting to technology-driven industries, including aerospace and telecommunications, as well as government agencies. She earned her Project Management Professional (PMP) certification in 2002 and served as President for the Washington DC Chapter, the largest Project Management Institute (PMI) Chapter with over 10,000 members. She holds a BS in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Colorado.



John Coleman grew up in Menlo Park, CA. He graduated from Whitman College in Walla Walla, WA in 1973, then attended the University of CA, Berkeley, where he received an MBA in 1975. He then joined Wells Fargo Investment Advisors, a pioneering asset management firm in quantitative analysis

and indexed investments. He was later hired by Morgan Stanley & Company, where he became a Principal and senior institutional representative in the western states. In 1997 he joined Pacific Growth Equities, from which he retired in 2009 as Vice Chairman. John currently serves as Trustee of Whitman College and is Past President and current Board member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Napa Valley. He and his wife Cathy O'Callaghan live in Coombsville.

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We acknowledge the lasting legacies of two Napa leaders who donated easements on their land to protect them in perpetuity.

### In Memory: Volker Eisele and Joseph Phelps

Napa lost a longtime friend, supporter and agricultural land preservation advocate in 2015. Volker Eisele passed away on January 2 at the age of 77. Volker, known as the "lion of land use" in the valley, spearheaded two ballot measures that fortified protections in the Agricultural Preserve. A native of Münster, Germany, Volker made wine in Chiles Valley for 40 years and loved his community. He and his wife, Liesel, have been longtime supporters of the Land Trust and in 1991 donated a 432-acre Conservation Easement including agricultural, open space and watershed lands in Chiles Valley, including 60 acres of vineyard at the Eisele Family Estate. Volker's impact on conservation is truly a permanent accomplishment.

In 2015, Napa lost an icon. Joseph Phelps passed away on April 15, at the age of 87 in St. Helena, surrounded by his family. Joe was a successful businessman, father, pioneer of the Napa Valley, and active philanthropist, helping to fund many organizations throughout Napa County. Joe was a longtime supporter of the Land Trust, and in 1999 donated a 480-acre Conservation Easement, including the Joseph Phelps Winery, a historic schoolhouse, lake, and 300 acres of agricultural land. Joe's contributions to conservation will benefit the Napa community forever.

Foote Legacy Society The Foote Legacy Society is the legacy giving circle of the Land Trust of Napa County. It is named after founders Si and June Foote, who willed the Foote Botanical Preserve at Mt. George to the Land Trust, creating our first permanently protected property. You can leave a lasting legacy by making a gift in your will or living trust to the Land Trust. For more information, please call 707.252.3270.

### Farewell to Outgoing Board Members: Rob Andreae, David Butler and Anne Cottrell



Rob Andreae served on LTNC's Board of Trustees from 2009-2015 and as Board Chair from 2011-2013. He was Vice Chair from 2010-2011 and also served on the Executive and Marketing and Development committees. While he was Chair, LTNC sold the Wildlake Conservation Easement, began a strategic planning process, and started working towards

accreditation. He also headed the CEO Search committee that resulted in the hiring of Doug Parker. He and his wife Linda have volunteered many hours at LTNC gala's. During his tenure an additional 2,700 acres of land were permanently protected throughout Napa County. Rob's vision and dedication to the success of the Land Trust are greatly appreciated.

"I thoroughly enjoyed working with such remarkable staff, volunteers, and fellow board members during this transitional time for the Land Trust."



David Butler served on the Board of Trustees from 2009-2015, and participated in the Project, Strategic Planning, Development and Outreach, Marketing and CEO Search committees, the latter resulting in the hiring of Doug Parker. During David's tenure, 2,700 additional acres throughout Napa County were permanently protected. David's wife, Patricia, was the

volunteer chair of the 2014 "Jeans & Jewels" Gala, which was the most successful fundraising auction event hosted by LTNC. David brought a wealth of insight and knowledge to LTNC. He continues to

provide financial support as a charter and ongoing member of the Cornerstone Society. David also serves the Napa community as a board member of Auction Napa Valley and chairs its Grants Review Committee.

"My wife and I applaud and support the successful efforts of the Land Trust to permanently protect all that is wonderful here in Napa."



Anne Cottrell served on the Board from 2010-2015 and as Board Chair from 2013-2015. She served on the Executive, Project, Acre by Acre, Wildlake, and Development committees. Anne also helped monitor multiple Land Trust easements, and did stewardship work on the Dunn-Wildlake Preserve. During her tenure, LTNC became an accredited Land Trust,

completed a strategic plan that will help guide the organization for the next several years, and permanently protected an additional 2,700 acres throughout Napa County. Anne brought excellence in leadership to the organization and offered a keen eye to strategic planning. Anne left the board in December 2015 to take a position as a Napa County Planning Commissioner.

"The Land Trust is an organization close to my heart—it has great people involved with it, and its mission is so critical to the future of Napa County. Our whole community benefits from the preservation and stewardship efforts that happen every day at LTNC."

We thank you, Rob, David and Anne, for your commitment and generous support.

## Get to Know Our Volunteers: Pamela Smithers

Originally from the Midwest, Pam moved to San Francisco in 1975 and to St. Helena in 1989. After working for KPMG Peat Marwick in San Francisco, she started her own CPA practice, which she sold in 2010. She is a



longtime member and supporter of the Land Trust and started volunteering in 2004 as an Easement Monitor. Pam serves as Monitor for four conservation easement properties in Napa County, as a Project Committee Member, doing monthly water quality testing on Redwood Creek in the Archer Taylor Preserve, and is a Land Projects Volunteer currently updating GIS property monitoring maps for the Land Trust. She has provided critical office support for our Lands Department for four years, coming in weekly to offer

her time. She's always up for a new challenge and offers valuable insights.

Pam is passionate about the environment, having obtained an Environmental Conservation/Watershed Management Credential from Santa Rosa Junior College in 2013. She now uses that knowledge to volunteer for the Coho Salmon Monitoring Program in Sonoma County, as a Board Member for WICC—Watershed Information Center & Conservancy of Napa County, and as Fish Trap Volunteer for the Napa County Resource Conservation District. When she's not volunteering, she enjoys traveling, and spending time with friends and family. She has been married to Mark for 28 years; they have two sons, Ryan and Will.

As a nonprofit, the Land Trust could not do its work without the big-hearted efforts of our volunteers. Thank you, Pam!





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#### **Upcoming Field Trips & Events**

#### December

- 27 Archer Taylor Preserve Family Stroll
- 28 Archer Taylor Preserve Ladybug Hike

#### January

- 10 Henry Road
- 16 Archer Taylor Preserve Creek & Peak
- 24 Linda Falls Hike
- 30 Foote Botanical Preserve Workday

#### **February**

- 14 Devil's Well
- 20 Linda Falls Workday
- 26 Mt. George Manzanita Hike\*
- 27 Maggie's Peak
- 27 Owling in the Napa Valley\*
- \*For Land Trust members only—a great reason to join and support us!

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