



FOR LOVE OF THE LAND

FALL/WINTER 2017

EXPERIENCES IN NATURE CAN HEAL



Jeannette Tuitele-Lewis, President/CEO

I recently read a book from Lauret Savoy titled *TRACE: Memory, History, Race and the American Landscape*. Ms. Savoy is a professor of environmental studies and geology at Mount Holyoke College. Her beautifully written book is a thoughtful account of the stories we carry, our relationship to place and how we are shaped by these experiences. Woven within these themes are questions to consider about history and migration, race and social justice and how we care for land. What immediately captured my attention when reading the description of the book was that as a young girl of mixed ethnic heritage growing up in the sixties, she understood that the American Land did not hate.

As conservationists, this message seems more important than ever. Our collective love of American land and our willingness to be changed by what we experience in nature is one way in which we can heal a growing divide in our nation, in our communities, even in our own families.

Thanks to the ongoing generosity of people like you, BSLT just completed our 50th youth camp. This summer our camps focused on building community through difference and shared experiences in nature. **Togetherness** – that is what we need more of; and togetherness in nature is the foundation and evolution of all human relationships. Whether we are caring for land together, growing food together, exploring forests, beaches and parks together or sharing stories around a campfire, our collective experiences in nature are deeply social.

This fall I hope you take the opportunity to find time for togetherness in nature. Make a commitment to regularly unplug from the news, social media and routine tasks to genuinely connect with people outdoors. Take your family and friends out for a hike, join BSLT staff on a volunteer stewardship day, or ask that person you have felt disconnected from to go on a walk.

It is well known that our shared experiences in nature are the most meaningful. Nature teaches us lessons of resilience, healthy dependency, integrity and community. Perhaps at some basic level these simple acts of togetherness in nature will translate into something more powerful: that this land is our land, our land does not hate and we will not be divided.

BSLT SUPPORTERS: SELF-GUIDED HIKES AT MARKS RANCH AFTER DECEMBER 1ST!

Beginning in December 2017, Marks Ranch will be available to our supporters for self-guided hikes. The ranch is our first conserved property in Salinas and is located just a few miles southwest of the city, adjacent to Toro County Park.

Marks Ranch was originally settled by Benjamin and Nisene Marks. Intending to farm their land, they purchased the 2000-acre Rancho El Toro property in 1890. Before a farming operation could be established, Benjamin died in 1893, leaving Nisene with four small children. Nisene decided to try her luck at raising chickens on the property; through her efforts Marks Ranch grew to be one of the largest egg ranches operating in California during the first half of the 20th century. Quite an accomplishment for a single mother with four children! During World War I, the family contracted with the federal government to provide powdered eggs for U.S. troops.

Her children were inspired by Nisene's great love for nature. Due to her business' success, Nisene's children became philanthropic pioneers with their donation of over 11,000 acres for public parkland throughout Monterey and Santa Cruz counties. (Their generosity helped create the 10,000-acre Forest of Nisene Marks State Park in Santa Cruz, and set aside 120 acres at Point Lobos to protect the rare Gowan Cypress). They donated 1,200 acres of their homestead ranch to create Toro County Park. They also brokered a deal between eight other land owners and the

County to purchase the additional 3,500 acres adjacent to the Marks property that comprise the rest of Toro Park.

Marks Ranch represents the final piece in a legacy of parkland donated by the Marks Family. After acquiring the ranch in 2007, BSLT transferred 737 acres at Marks Ranch to Monterey County Parks between 2010 and 2012. We own the remaining 79 acres and manage grazing on the entire 816 acres.

The ranch's rolling hills, woodlands and meadows are home to 90 species of wildflowers. These lands also provide important habitat and wildlife corridors for deer and small mammals, badgers, bobcats, coyotes, mountain lions and small raptors. The abundance of nature and wildlife make Marks Ranch a perfect outdoor classroom for our youth day camps in the spring.

To learn how you can explore the rich history and beauty at Marks Ranch, visit <http://bit.ly/marks-ranch>.

Self-guided hikes on some of our conserved properties are a benefit for current BSLT supporters. Do you want to join our efforts to provide places where people and nature thrive? Renew your support at www.bigsurlandtrust.org.



Marks Ranch, Salinas: Photo Courtesy of Chris Cleary, The Treadmill, Carmel



Martin Dunes, Marina: Photo Courtesy of Tina Adams

POSTCARDS FROM THE LAND



It's been a season of recovery for many of our lands called into service due to last year's devastating Soberanes Fire and the storms that followed. Here's a brief update on each property plus some news about other landscapes you may not have heard from in a while!

GLEN DEVEN RANCH

- All the firebreaks and most of the roads have been restored. During a major winter storm, we lost access to our well when Garrapata Creek rerouted itself through a 100-year old road in Garrapata Canyon. Since we no longer have vehicle access, when we replaced our well pump recently workers hauled in the 150-pound pump on foot!
- Last year's epic storms caused a very large landslide on a steep, southwest-facing slope near the entrance to the ranch. We are working with consultants to determine the best, most cost-effective way to stabilize and revegetate this area.
- Over the last few years we have removed thousands of Eucalyptus trees. Taking out this invasive and dangerous fuel meant that fire crews had safe access and a place to stage closer to upper Palo Colorado Canyon as they fought the Soberanes Fire. We are currently planning and raising funds for the final phase of this critical project.
- Our six-acre redwood restoration area is doing well! Seedlings planted by volunteers continue to thrive, and we'll be collecting more seeds to continue our reforestation efforts. Thanks to all who have donated through our Redwood Tribute Trees program by dedicating trees to special people in their lives.



MITTELDORF PRESERVE

- Mitteldorf Preserve remains closed due to unsafe conditions! Access will only be permitted on escorted hikes. Watch for our fall schedule at www.bigsurlandtrust.org/events
- We are currently navigating permitting requirements from resource agencies to repair the roads and bridges damaged in the aftermath of fires and floods.
- In the spirit of responsible land stewardship, we are timing our road repair efforts with low stream flows to minimize any potential impacts on sensitive riparian habitat.



ARROYO SECO RANCH

- We successfully restored the five-acre staging area used by Cal Fire as the primary helipad and mobile fire retardant station during the Soberanes Fire.
- We repaired and upgraded a three-mile section of Horse Canyon Road which will provide better access to the backcountry for emergencies and escorted hikes.
- Conservation grazing continues to be implemented by a local rancher who offers grass-fed beef to the local community.



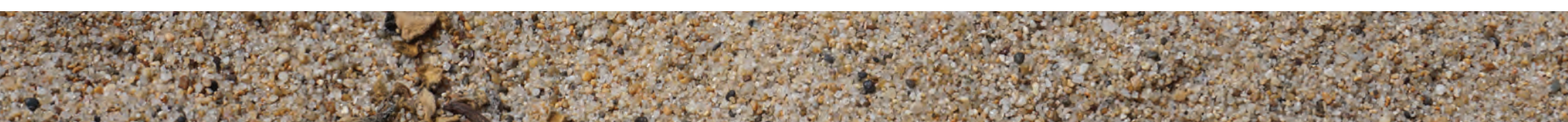
MARKS RANCH

- The five-acre field used for the incident command center by Cal Fire and the US Forest Service has been fully restored.
- We completed significant clean-up and security work throughout the ranch – including boarding up all the buildings.
- Thanks to all the volunteers who came out for work days focused on cleaning up the Hacienda and improving sections of trails through the property!



MARTIN DUNES

- Since 2009, we've continued our long-standing, award-winning restoration work on BSLT's 125-acre Martin Dunes property located between Highway 1 and the Monterey Bay shoreline north of the City of Marina and the Cemex Lapis property. Thank you to the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for over \$100,000 in restoration funding!
- In 2012 we received recognition from USFWS for the success of our dune restoration work. Successful dune restoration efforts implemented by BSLT – in partnership with USFWS Salinas River National Wildlife Refuge – make Martin Dunes a model for property stewardship in coastal habitats.
- Part of the Monterey Bay Dunes Complex – the largest coastal dune system in California, with a high concentration of rare, threatened and endangered species – Martin Dunes is considered some of the best quality remaining dune habitat within this landscape.
- The Western snowy plover, Smith's blue butterfly and Monterey spineflower have been found at Martin Dunes along with many other species listed as endangered.
- Martin Dunes lies within a critical wildlife corridor known as the Monterey Seashore to Sierra de Salinas, which extends from the coast through the former Fort Ord and into the Sierra de Salinas mountain range.
- Thanks to volunteers we have successfully continued eradicating ice plant and other invasive plant species throughout the property. Check out more volunteer opportunities at www.bigsurlandtrust.org/volunteer.





CARR LAKE UPDATE

BSLT's stewardship team has been cleaning up our 73-acre property at Carr Lake in Salinas – fixing two homes on the property so that they can be rented to local residents. Existing agricultural operations are in full swing. Meanwhile, BSLT continues to develop a plan that will enable Salinas residents to share their vision for a park at this amazing site.

A TEAM EFFORT

Even before our first urban acquisition was completed, we began a series of meetings with a small group of community leaders and key City staff members. We sought their guidance on the best ways to involve community members in designing a new multi-benefit park. Now that we own the property, we've reached out to additional Salinas-based organizations with the expertise to help us implement a land use planning process involving significant participation from residents. We are honored to be working with

Building Healthy Communities, the Monterey County Health Department, California State University Monterey Bay's Watershed Institute's Return of the Natives, CHISPA (Community Housing Improvement Systems and Planning Association, Inc.), Center for Community Advocacy, Local Urban Gardeners, Urban Arts Collaborative, Action Council of Monterey County, Alisal Center for the Fine Arts, Alisal Community Arts Network, Baktun 12, Epicenter, MILPA and the City of Salinas.

MOVING FORWARD

Through the end of 2017 this team will study the key characteristics of BSLT's Carr Lake property so we fully understand all the needs of this unique piece of land and all the possibilities it offers. We'll also identify the best ways to communicate to residents so they can share their ideas for a future park. In 2018 we'll be having discussions with people throughout Salinas and gathering their ideas.

We have contracted with the Center for Community Advocacy (CCA) to help us plan and conduct these resident-led conversations. CCA works to "provide Salinas' residents with opportunities to participate, network and avail themselves of ideas and best practices for civic engagement and community involvement". BSLT's President and CEO Jeannette Tuitele-Lewis says, "Big Sur Land Trust is really excited to partner with CCA. Their expertise and long history of connecting with residents will help us ensure that the new park at Carr Lake will truly reflect the heart and soul of the people of Salinas."

SHARE YOUR IDEAS!

Do you have an idea for the park at our Carr Lake property? Please share it at <http://bit.ly/BSLT-at-Carr-Lake>.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM SPOTLIGHT

BSLT's stewardship team are land heroes in action! Caring for and monitoring over 12,000 acres of conserved lands and conservation easements, their knowledge and daily efforts are critical. We are grateful for donors who support our excellent land management practices. Because of your generosity and our stewardship team's expertise, our properties are recovering from the Soberanes Fire and stand ready to serve the community should another emergency arise. **To learn how to support our land stewardship programs through a donation to the McMahan Family Stewardship Endowment contact Kate Mitchell Mehle at 831-625-5532 ext 105.**

JEFF POWERS DIRECTOR OF LAND STEWARDSHIP

Jeff Powers joined the Big Sur Land Trust in March 2013, bringing with him more than 25 years of experience in land conservation. Originally from Ohio, he received a degree in natural resources management from Ohio State University and a masters degree in wildlife ecology from the University of New Hampshire. He worked for 10 years with the Nature Conservancy in the New Jersey and Illinois field offices, completing dozens of land acquisition projects and protecting tens of thousands of acres.



Eager to expand his horizons, Jeff then ventured out to Pescadero, California, to serve as project manager for the Peninsula Open Space Trust's (POST) 6,000-acre Cloverdale Coastal Ranch. During his 13-year tenure at POST, he developed and directed a wide variety of natural resource projects, including pond restoration, innovative invasive species and erosion control work, a unique prescribed fire program, and the development of a thriving volunteer land stewardship program. Over the years, Jeff's role grew to include management of more than 20,000 acres of POST properties on the San Mateo and Santa Cruz County coasts, where he developed conservation grazing projects, managed agricultural and residential leases, administered a water company, and supervised trail construction projects.

Jeff wants to use his expertise in land management to provide opportunities for local residents to enjoy and appreciate the incredible BSLT properties. He resides in Aptos with his wife, Diana; daughters Carrie and Eliza; their dog, Murphy; and three spoiled cats. Jeff enjoys hiking through numerous protected open space areas throughout the Central Coast.

PATRICK RIPARETTI STEWARDSHIP PROJECT MANAGER

Patrick Riparetti became BSLT's Stewardship Project Manager in June 2015. He manages the Land Trust's annual easement-monitoring program, implements restoration projects with volunteers, generates maps, and cares for the ecological assets, facilities, and infrastructure of Big Sur Land Trust properties throughout the county. He was drawn to BSLT's initiatives to responsibly manage conserved land, to restore impaired environments and ecological processes, and to provide tangible benefits for the community.



As a graduate of the University of Montana's Wildland Restoration Program, Patrick spent the previous five years working on ecological restoration and species recovery. He was a fisheries technician for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, where he mapped and analyzed habitat, monitored populations, and performed rescues for the Southern California steelhead. As a biological consultant and restoration practitioner, he also worked to remove invasive species, improve habitat, and protect sensitive species in both California and Montana and in the Patagonia region of South America. Patrick strives to engage with and inspire community members to create and be a part of meaningful projects rooted in responsible land management principles.

Patrick grew up in Utah, Washington state, and California and spent his youth adventuring in the outdoors on backpacking, river-running, and surf trips. His love for wild places and desire to share his experience with others led him to become a Grand Canyon river guide. As is often the case when pursuing the outdoors, Patrick developed a strong sense of responsibility to learn ways in which we can best conserve and manage special landscapes.

JIM COX GLEN DEVEN RANCH CARETAKER

Jim Cox has been the caretaker of Glen Deven Ranch for more than 40 years. His duties run the gamut from grading and mowing roads, fixing fences and gates, repairing water lines and pumps, and maintaining buildings. He welcomes guests to the ranch, acts as BSLT's local representative in the Palo Colorado community and helps out with all the special events for BSLT supporters and donors.



Jim was instrumental in forming Big Sur's volunteer Mid-Coast Fire Brigade and served there for 24 years (15 of them as chief or assistant chief), handling fires, medical emergencies, and rescues year-round on the Big Sur coast. In 1998, he was voted Volunteer Fire Fighter of the Year by the Monterey County Fire Chief's Association. Jim has three daughters and five grandsons.



Glen Deven Ranch, Big Sur





BSLT OUTDOOR CAMPS IN ONE WORD: TOGETHERNESS



In many of our communities, there are various barriers which prevent youth from spending time outdoors in the awe-inspiring landscapes of our county. We are working to change this dynamic so that accessing open green spaces becomes part of a healthy lifestyle for all these kids. Since 2013, we've completed 50 camps at Glen Deven Ranch serving more than 700 Salinas Valley and Monterey Peninsula youth.

At our camps, youth learn to see the world from a different perspective, gain self-confidence, develop a profound connection to the land and begin to see themselves as the next generation of conservation stewards. By sponsoring campers, our generous donors and funders are helping to build bridges across Monterey County to generate a sense of shared home and place among diverse people and communities.

The essence of a camper's experience during their stay at Glen Deven Ranch is best summed-up in a letter BSLT received from Michael L. Jackson, President & CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County and Erika Matadamas, Girls' Health in Girls' Hands (GHGH) Program Manager:

"The three-day experience nourished the body, mind and soul of the participants. It was empowering to hear about the initial feelings of hesitation felt by some of the first-time campers slowly disappear as they immersed themselves in the breathtaking views that Big Sur has to offer. The girls encouraged one another to try new things and supported each other during the long hikes up hills and mountains. We couldn't have asked for a more perfect or qualified group of people to guide and encourage the girls to step outside their comfort zone and take in all that nature has to offer. Using nature as an example of resiliency and community, GHGH girl leaders are ready to start the year advocating for the socio-emotional well-being of girls in Monterey County."

If you'd like to learn more about sponsoring a camper for our 2018 season, please visit www.bigsurlandtrust.org.





BSLT REACHES OUT TO SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA AUDIENCE THROUGH NBC'S OPENROAD WITH DOUG MCCONNELL

Thanks to the special donors who understand our need to reach a broader audience, Big Sur Land Trust was featured on the popular San Francisco Bay Area Show, NBC's OpenRoad With Doug McConnell! The program "takes viewers on journeys to explore the natural, historical and cultural treasures in the Bay Area and Northern California focusing principally on parks and open spaces protected by the public and made accessible to all people for all time".

Doug and his teams have won numerous Emmys and other national and regional broadcast awards, including the prestigious Harold Gilliam Award for Environmental Reporting in Northern California. BSLT felt confident that the show could effectively communicate that we all share collective responsibility to treat landscapes with respect and great care – especially those as vulnerable as Big Sur – to a massive San Francisco Bay Area audience and beyond.

Airing near the anniversary of the Soberanes Fire, our segment on Big Sur featured an interview with Butch Kronlund, Board Chair of the Coast Property Owners Association, and Jeannette Tuitele-Lewis, with a clear message that whenever we are out on the land we must be responsible visitors. We are grateful to Doug and his team for capturing our stories and sharing the incredible footage they collected so we can continue to use it!

We want to thank LightHawk, an organization that donates flights to elevate conservation, for taking Doug, his crew and BSLT staff members up in

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the air to capture amazing aerial shots of our beautiful conserved lands. Special thanks also to Butch Kronlund for hiking out from his home to meet the film crew and share his respected perspective as a long-time Big Sur resident. Thanks also to Rafael Payan, General Manager, Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District and Jim Bilz, Monterey Sector Superintendent, California State Parks for joining in to talk about our partnerships. Check out the videos at www.bigsurlandtrust.org/blog.



INTRODUCING OUR VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR, TINA ADAMS!



To connect more people to our mission and our conserved lands, Big Sur Land Trust is focusing on building a robust volunteer program. We are fortunate that Tina Adams has volunteered to help us create more opportunities for people to participate in our work throughout Monterey County. Interested in volunteering? Sign up at www.bigsurlandtrust.org/volunteer.

A lifelong California resident, Tina spent her childhood camping in the mountains and sailing the coast of California with her family. Through these experiences, she developed an abiding love for its natural landscapes and seascapes, which she has instilled in her own children.

Tina has been bringing people together for many years as a community organizer. Along with numerous other volunteer positions, she served on the Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce board of directors, including terms as vice president and president. Drawing on her love for open spaces, for several years Tina produced Las Mamacitas Summer Fun Camps to connect women with the outdoors in Carmel Valley.

Her passion for the preservation of California's natural environment led her to take on the role of volunteer coordinator for Big Sur Land Trust. She is dedicated to getting Monterey County's diverse community involved with BSLT's unique properties to increase local knowledge and interest in our conservation mission. We are so very grateful to Tina for volunteering her time to help us grow our volunteer program!

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR BIG SUR LAND TRUST'S ACCREDITATION RENEWAL IS NOW OPEN

The land trust accreditation program recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever. Big Sur Land Trust is pleased to announce it is applying for a renewal of accreditation. A public comment period is now open.

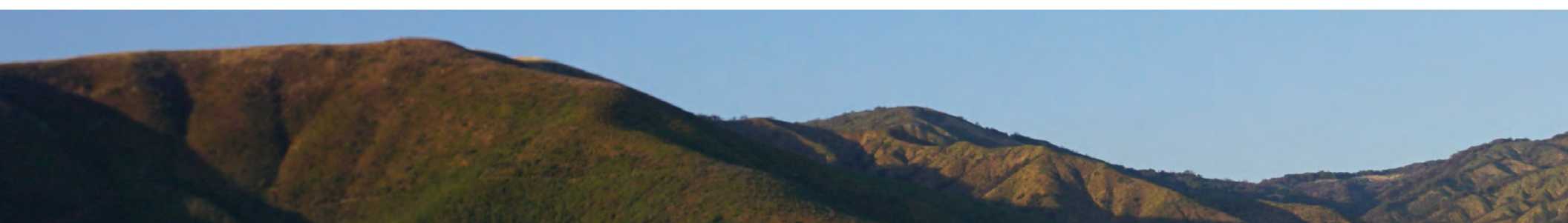
The Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, conducts an extensive review of each applicant's policies and programs. Jeannette Tuitele-Lewis, President and CEO says, "As we work in the continually more complex arena of land conservation, Big Sur Land Trust's accreditation strengthens our credibility and the quality of our work.

Donors, funders and partners that share our love of land can feel confident that we maintain the highest standards and practices. The renewal process further ensures our 40-year legacy of providing places where people and nature thrive will continue to be fulfilled for the long-run."

The Commission invites public input and accepts signed, written comments on pending applications. Comments must relate to how Big Sur Land Trust complies with national quality standards. These standards address the ethical and technical operation of a land trust. For the full list of standards see <http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org/help-and-resources/indicator-practices>.

To learn more about the accreditation program and to submit a comment, visit www.landtrustaccreditation.org, or email your comments to info@landtrustaccreditation.org. Comments may also be faxed or mailed to the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, Attn: Public Comments: (fax) 518-587-3183; (mail) 36 Phila Street, Suite 2, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

Comments on Big Sur Land Trust's application will be most useful if received by January 1, 2018.





WELCOME AND THANK YOU TO OUR NEWEST LAND & LEGACY MEMBERS

Anonymous (9)
Lillian and Cal Hartman
Bob and Susan Montgomery
James Thorsen and Lila Staples

Individuals and families who include Big Sur Land Trust in their charitable estate plans exemplify the spirit of stewardship that conserves Monterey County's treasured landscapes for generations to come. Big Sur Land Trust established

the Land & Legacy Society to honor and acknowledge those who provide support by including the Land Trust in their estate plans. We invite you to join a growing group of open space enthusiasts who, as a part of their legacy, have already made a lasting commitment to preserving our treasured landscapes. **For more information, contact Kate Mitchell Mehle at 831-625-5523 ext. 105.**

IS THIS THE YEAR TO CONSIDER A GIFT OF APPRECIATED STOCK?

If you are looking for a tax-efficient way to give, stocks and gifts of appreciated securities (including appreciated shares of stocks and mutual funds) may be the answer. By giving securities that have increased in value, you receive a deduction based on the full appreciation value, while avoiding the capital gains that would have been due had you sold the shares.

We appreciate your consideration and planning, and recommend you speak to your financial advisor before making this type of gift. **For more information, contact Kate Mitchell Mehle at 831-625-5523 ext. 105.**



REDWOOD TRIBUTE TREE DONATIONS APRIL 25 TO AUGUST 15, 2017

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LAND & LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBER PROFILE: BOB MONTGOMERY



Bob Montgomery with his grandson Mason

Bob Montgomery recently concluded his six-and-a-half-year term with BSLT's Board of Trustees. We are exceedingly grateful for his dedicated service and ongoing commitment to our mission. Here's what Bob had to say about his time on our board and his decision to join the Land & Legacy Society.

As a lifelong lover of the outdoors, my heroes have been some of the greatest names in conservation: Teddy Roosevelt, John Muir and John Wesley Powell. While I never realized my childhood dream to become a forest ranger, I can still identify with John Muir's famous declaration that his "true home was in the High Sierras".

Not long after I retired from my law practice and moved to this area, a friend asked if I'd be interested in serving on BSLT's board. Saying "yes" was one of the best decisions I ever made. My tenure as a trustee has been incredibly rewarding. I have had a good deal of nonprofit experience outside the conservation arena, and I've never worked with a more talented and dedicated group of people, or with an organization that produced such consistently impressive results.

As time passes, I have occasionally reflected on what my legacy might mean. While my dad was around my age, he told me that people seldom regret acts of kindness or generosity. They really only regret the times when they did less than they could. Borrowing one of Woody Allen's sentiments - the words I'd love to hear most at my memorial service are: 'Look, he's moving!'. But that seems unlikely. So instead, I will hope to be remembered as someone who appreciated and truly understood the natural world and tried to make a difference.

Given the opportunity to join the Land & Legacy Society, I recognized that BSLT's work reflects some of the values I hold most dear: the preservation of our amazing natural world, and the opportunity for young people to experience the wonder and joy that come with time spent out on the land. I concluded that a bequest to the Land Trust is one of the best ways I could honor these values and do my small part to advance my heroes' philosophy.



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A NOTE FROM MARITZA SORIA, CAMP COUNSELOR

Helping my fellow campers get cocooned into "blanket caterpillars" after agreeing to sleep under the stars together is one of my most vivid memories of being a BSLT camper – but after recently working as a counselor for several weeks, Glen Deven Ranch has become so much more than a summer camp.

I was challenged to create community from difference and facilitate impactful experiences for individuals whose perspectives I have never seen. My world grew each camp as I met kids from all over the county and learned about the communities that they grew up in. The most impactful camp for me was working with foster youth because my world had never included their perspective. I was so unaware of how the system works and the challenges that foster youth face. Each camp was different and there were challenging times but the growth and relationships I saw develop among the campers made the Big Sur Land Trust's mission and intention so clear to me.

Youth from diverse communities throughout Monterey County crave exposure to nature and good role models. As a counselor I had the opportunity to share the sense of community and loving support that I experienced as a camper at Glen Deven Ranch. I am beyond grateful for the opportunity to work with BSLT because they have brought me into a world that I would have never been exposed to. I feel blessed to have been able to share and create the same experiences for so many youth throughout the summer!



Maritza Soria



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BSLT HAPPENINGS

President's Circle Dinner Palo Corona Ranch Sunday, September 24

Savor an extraordinary evening filled with stories of the land, sumptuous food and live music!
President's Circle Donor Event (\$5,000 and above)

Full Moon Hike & Concert Glen Deven Ranch Friday, October 6

Picnic on the point at Glen Deven Ranch. Sweeping views of the Big Sur coastline as the sun sets over the Pacific will be set to a marvelous soundtrack.
Trailblazer Circle Donor Event (\$1,000 and above)

Back-Country Hike Arroyo Seco Ranch Saturday, October 21

Choose a moderately strenuous 5-mile round-trip hike through rich riparian habitat and sycamore alluvial woodlands. Or trek to higher elevations and cross the Arroyo Seco River on your return trip.

Volunteer Work Day Southbank Trail Saturday, November 4

Dogs love it, people love it – but by late fall Southbank Trail will need a little tender loving care! Help us clean up this popular 1.5-mile trail in Carmel Valley.

Details at www.bigsurlandtrust.org/events

