

Habitat It! Creating Perches to Welcome Pond Wildlife

Tony McGuigan, Spore Lore



Lizard Stone House wildlife habitat installation at the LEC.

Fresh water ponds are important to wildlife and draw in many animals for food, shelter, and a place to raise their young. Such watering holes are rich in resources, and predators. Sonoma County does not have lions stalking the watering hole, but the hawks flying overhead might as well be lions to the songbirds and small critters frequenting the pond. Perches allow animals to “test the waters” before heading down to the pond. How wonderful it is to create a pond and to see it evolve into a rich habitat full of biodiversity and bursting with competing species of plants and animals!

This article focuses on wildlife habitat structures created around and in the human-made pond at the Laguna Environmental Center. Sunny Galbraith’s biology students from Orchard View School of



Left: Male red-winged blackbird puffs out a mating call from atop Oak Tunnel Tower.

Sebastopol worked with me to install Lizard Stone House and Oak Tunnel Tower.

To build our *Lizard Stone House*, salvaged oak limbs were collected from this winter’s fallen trees. Oak limbs were dug vertically into the soil to provide perches for birds on their way to the pond. Between the two posts is an arched horizontal oak limb that holds together mounded soil — we changed the flat to hilly! Inside and underneath the



Basking time on Turtle Pond Pier for a male Western pond turtle.

mounded soil is a crypt, or stone room, to provide shelter for critters. Note that the California native blackberry vines, including some dead vines, are pulled over the mound and onto the posts, just as Nature might do itself.

The *Oak Tunnel Tower* has four components: a 7-foot tall hulk of oak tree positioned as a perch, an underground stone-lined cavity at the pillar’s base, a 3-foot connecting tunnel of 6-inch drainpipe with holes, an escape hatch (small log reaching the surface) at the end of the tunnel, and native plants to eventually fill in the area and provide food and ground shelter.

Some pond critters spend most of their time in the water or just at the surface. For these animals, perches allow a break from the water and a chance to be “above it all.” Waterfowl, turtles, water snakes, and emerging insect larvae are some examples of animals wanting to exit the water. *Turtle Pond Pier* provides a crawl-out for these critters and the pond’s two new male Western pond turtles.

Start considering ways you can create more habitat in your own yard!

Tony McGuigan, a Learning Laguna docent, frequently volunteers at the LEC with habitat landscaping. He holds a Sustainable Landscape Professional Certificate from Sonoma State University and a Permaculture Design Certificate from Regenerative Design Institute. Tony is pragmatic, not a purist, is unconventional in his landscaping approach yet has an eye for the aesthetic, is a master of reuse and recycling, and is a keen observer of nature and nurturer of relationships - animal, plant and human.

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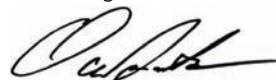


I was recently asked to give a presentation to the Northern California Rotary District 5130 Annual Conference. This District comprises all the Clubs from all the coastal Counties north of Marin. I have also recently done a similar presentation for the Madrone Audubon Society and the Healdsburg Sons in Retirement (SIRS) group. I am always happy to talk to community groups about the Laguna, the Foundation, and the work that we do. Part of our mission is to inspire public appreciation for the Laguna de Santa Rosa. Presentations such as these are a good way to inspire members of our surrounding community to find their own ways to help conserve and restore the Laguna.

I was particularly happy to do the Rotary Presentation because it was an opportunity for me to sincerely thank the Rotary, especially the local Sebastopol and Santa Rosa clubs, for their generous support. In reaching out to these clubs over the last 12 years, they have responded with 17 "actions of support." These ranged from winterizing an old milk barn at the LEC giving us much needed storage space to a recent collaboration with several clubs to help construct our Children's Natural Playscape. These clubs have also provided us with grant money for several projects including printing costs for our trail guide and the purchase of a windmill to aerate our demonstration wetland at the LEC which is critical to the many critters inhabiting it today. Many of these projects could not have been completed without our very supportive local Rotary clubs. Thank you so much Rotary! *Our local communities are richer and better off because of your presence.* I encourage people reading this to consider joining a local Rotary club. Rotary offers many great ways to give back to your community.

I also want to acknowledge the broad community support that the Laguna Foundation and its mission enjoy. On page 4, we acknowledge the sponsorship and volunteer support for our recent *Laguna Re-Leaf Day*. In addition, our September *Art in the Garden Gala* would not be the fundraising success that we have come to rely on each year without the tremendous support of the community through both sponsorships and attendees. All of us at the Laguna Foundation are deeply appreciative for the tremendous support that we are so lucky to enjoy. We would not be here without it. THANK YOU!

For the Laguna,



David Bannister
Executive Director



Are you interested in joining the Laguna Education Team?

The next opportunity to become an education volunteer is coming up this Fall! Train to become a Laguna Guide and volunteer at the Laguna Environmental Center Open House events leading tours and activities. Guides also help with on-site and on-trail public education classes, walks and talks. Training takes place during 3 Wednesday evenings and 4 Saturday mornings between September 17 and October 11. Most of the volunteer work occurs on evenings and weekends. We ask for a modest commitment of 5-10 hours per month. Please visit our website at www.lagunafoundation.org for all the details or call Christine with questions at 707.527.9277 xt102.

Restoration Program Interns – Dirty Hands and Real World Results!

Brent Reed, Restoration Projects Supervisor



Our 2014 Restoration Department Interns (L to R): Paul Weber, Daniel Foley, Camille Harris, Caitlin Dunn, Shiloh Valentine, Laguna Staff member Aaron Nunez, Alexandra Hendricks, Laguna Staff member Joseph Robertson, and Volunteer Tony McGuigan. Not pictured: Kevin Hill, Mason Guild, Alec Moschetti, Ellen Ollah, and Forrest Werner.

The Laguna Foundation is fortunate to have so many dedicated volunteers. Many of our readers have participated in our Laguna Keepers days, as docents, guides, or have planted trees during our annual Re-Leaf or Tree-A-Thon fundraisers.

Student interns from the Santa Rosa Junior College and Sonoma State University are another group of dedicated

volunteers that work hard year-round to install and maintain our ever growing collection of ecological restoration projects.

The Laguna Foundation has between 2 and 8 active student interns in the Restoration program at any given time of year, each volunteering 8 to 16 hours per week. This is A LOT of invaluable project-work getting done each year which really helps to maximize our funding dollars. A great benefit to the students of the internship program is the opportunity for hands on experience that future employers are eagerly looking for. In fact, many current and past Restoration Projects staff members have transitioned directly from internships to employment with the Foundation.

We are so fortunate to have two institutions of higher learning in our neck of the woods, providing us with such eager, smart, and passionate student interns. A big THANK YOU to all of our SSU and SRJC interns for all of their hard work and dedication!

Natural History Corner: Nesting Success at the Laguna Environmental Center

Christine Fontaine, Director of Education Programs



Photo: Michael Leahy

of startled prey, to their notorious behavior of distracting potential nest predators by feigning injury, and the way they fly off with loud, excited “kil-dee” shrieks, they do indeed live up to their name! Their call can serve dual purposes: to let a predator know it has been seen, and as a sentinel warning other Killdeers that a predator is in the area.

Based on its scientific name, *Charadrius vociferus*, one can think of the Killdeer as a “clamorous character.” Between running across the ground in spurts then halting to a stop in search

One of the more common Laguna birds, Killdeer frequent grassy mudflats, pastures, road shoulders, and golf courses feeding on earthworms, grasshoppers and other invertebrates. They can also be opportunistic foragers, sometimes eating seeds, frogs or even dead fish. Because they live so close to people, however, they are vulnerable to pesticide poisoning and collisions with cars.

Each year, Killdeers nest at the LEC; they can’t resist a depression in our gravel paths, the driveway, and woodchip-covered grounds. Most years the eggs disappear (raccoons?) before their 22-28 day incubation period is up. This year, we optimistically watched a close-in nest of 4 eggs each day. Even though the parent’s egg-laying location was dubious, we are happy to report that all four eggs hatched on May 24 and the chicks ran away from the nest within a few hours!

Coming Soon! Laguna Birds Checklist

We know the Laguna is important to waterfowl, but have you ever wondered which ducks and geese are here in the wintertime? Could that have been a wood duck you glanced as it paddled toward riparian cover? Which season does the Western Kingbird spend here? What birds breed in the Laguna? Has a Wood Stork ever been seen? Is Say's Phoebe here in the Spring or the Fall?

Designed to be used as a field guide companion, the Laguna Birds Checklist can help sort out these questions and many more. Use the checklist to keep track of your sightings throughout the seasons and develop your own Laguna birds life list! Special thanks to Lisa Hug who edited the checklist, John Muir Laws for his illustrations, Sebastopol Sunrise Rotary for funding to help develop the checklist.

A must have for any bird watcher at any age! Look out for its release in the coming months in the LEC gift shop, or pre-order your checklist today for only \$5 by emailing: christine@lagunafoundation.org.



Laguna Re-Leaf Day Recap

David Bannister, Executive Director



Photo: Jerry Dodrill

Many thanks go to all who participated and supported our 4th annual restoration and fundraising efforts for our Laguna Re-Leaf Day. On Saturday April 5, more than 80 volunteers

came out to plant 600 trees and shrubs along Irwin Creek; a tributary of the Laguna. What a fantastic day this always is! Volunteers enjoy knowing that their hard work will benefit the ecosystem for generations to come. Our Laguna Foundation board and staff love to see first-hand the support the Foundation and its mission receives from the community.

This event is both a fundraiser and part of our restoration program. We seek community support in the form of sponsorships and pledges for volunteers. As with all of our programs, without community support we could not continue our work. THANK YOU to all of our Sponsors and fundraisers. We would like to particularly recognize Redwood Credit Union. Since our first Tree-A-Thon, RCU has both sponsored AND sent out a team of twenty or more volunteers to help get the plants in the ground. We hope RCU and all the many supporters are back with us again for Laguna Re-Leaf 2015!

Thank You to Our 2014 Re-Leaf Sponsors!

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Learning Laguna Celebrates the 2013-14 school year

Christine Fontaine, Director of Education Programs



Photo: Dana Vallarino

Docents are the heart, soul, and teachers of the Learning Laguna program for 2nd-4th grade children. For the past ten years, we have celebrated them and the successful school year during a docent party hosted by Gary

& Barnee Alexander at their lovely place on the Laguna. And, now that we have another group of Laguna Education volunteers, we also celebrate the work of the Guides at the party. This year, the event was made even more special by a visit from the Bird Rescue Center who brought a Great Horned Owl and a Barn Owl, and by a fire dancing performance by docent Dana's troupe. The Education Team really knows how to have fun together!

At the party we honored docents who have served Learning Laguna for 2 years: Angela Sturr, Cathy Curran, Decker Smith, Djubaya, Jack Zeigler, Jan Gullarian, Jeani Ritter, Karin Guzman, Linda Bishop & Lois Cohen.

We also honored the 2-year Guides: Steve Abrams, Suzanne Abrams, Sharon Bouton, John Condon, Sandra Bodley, Marian

Doyle-Landis, Chris Engel, Victoria Fullerton, Barbara Gay, Marcia Johnson, Arlene Kallen, Franny Minervini-Zick, Doris Parker, Scott Posner, Erin Sheffield & Decker Smith.

And the 5-year Learning Laguna docents: Carroll Hirsch, Chris Woodward, Ellen Swenson, Jeff Muse & Victoria Fullerton.

And, the 10+ year education volunteers received their oak tree pins: John Condon, Anne Stephens, Chris Engel, Dana Blake, Franny Miniverni-Zick, Jim Dempsey, Linda Hanes, Marcia Johnson, Betsy Sanville, Raini Sugg, Carolyn Johnson & Denise Cadman.

2013/2014 Learning Laguna Recap

During the 2013-2014 school year, our Learning Laguna docents visited **50 classrooms** and led **50 field trips** to Sebastopol's Laguna Wetland Preserve or the City of Santa Rosa's Stone Farm, providing **over 1,325 students** with the Learning Laguna program. Those **50 classes came from 19 schools in 12 school districts** within the Laguna Watershed.

Thank you to all our volunteer docents for helping create another successful year for our Learning Laguna Program. Your dedication to the Foundation and to the children of Sonoma County is tremendous and appreciated.

Honoring Our Forefathers

David Bannister, Executive Director

It is with sadness that we note the recent passing of Bill Haigwood and Michael Kyes. Throughout the years, Bill and Michael were both well known community activists in Sebastopol and in the early days of the Laguna preservation efforts.

As noted in the Sonoma West Times, Bill was Sebastopol's Citizen of the Year in 1998 and was instrumental in the creation of the Sebastopol Center for the Arts. Bill was also a member of the first Sebastopol Laguna Advisory Committee that came together in 1986. That Committee later became known as the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation in 1989 when the Foundation was incorporated. Bill served on our Board of the Directors from its incorporation until 1998, serving as Board President from 1996-1998. His involvement was key to the production of the the first State of the Laguna Conference in 1989.



Bill Haigwood

Michael Kyes was also a multi-issue community leader, serving on the City Council from 2010 until his recent passing. He was a champion of green energy and all things nature oriented, including the Laguna. Michael joined the Foundation's Board of Directors in 1995, overlapping with Bill for several years, and served as Treasurer from 1996-1998.

All of us at the Foundation today, and all who appreciate and enjoy the Laguna extend our gratitude to these leaders and their counterparts who saw a problem (a degraded Laguna) and worked tirelessly over the years to create a better environment for all. The Laguna Foundation continues to work towards this goal. In celebration of our 25th Anniversary, we are planning a series of events to celebrate. As part of this series, we will host an evening honoring the leaders of the Foundation's past, including Bill and Michael.



Michael Kyes

Mark your Calendars for the 11th Annual Art in the Garden Gala!

Franny Minervini-Zick, Gala Committee Member



Sunday, September 14th
Vine Hill House, Sebastopol
2-6pm

Mark your calendars for our 11th annual Art in the Garden Gala Event, Laguna Foundation's primary fundraiser!

Hosted at the beautiful Vine Hill House in Sebastopol, our Gala offers delicious foods, boutique wines and non-alcoholic drinks, silent and live auction items, amazing raffles, fabulous company and a festive event.

This year more than 60 of Sonoma County's most notable artists are contributing their garden art, wearable art (jewelry and more), outdoor furniture, whimsical birdhouses and sculptures of various medium to decorate your gardens and homes.

Come bid on fine lots of wine and taste the poured wines as you savor The French Garden's appetizers, Pizza Politana's wood-fired pizza, The Olive Guy's olives, home-grown heritage tomatoes, an array of delectable cheeses from local creameries, heavenly Zix and Crumb Hither's desserts, and more! Moonlight Brewing's micro-brewed beer, Kefiry drinks, and local ciders will be available for sipping as you gaze over the beautiful Laguna and Mayacamas mountains to the east.

Perhaps you'd like to whale watch from a private plane, learn to make ravioli with seven of your closest friends, take a bioluminescence kayak trip on Tomales Bay? These are just a few of our wonderful live auction items. Other great meals and experiences await your bidding as well.

Planning since last October, the Gala Committee brings to you a fun, tasty and worthwhile fundraiser for the Laguna

Foundation's Education, Restoration, and Conservation Programs.

We hope you will join us September 14th for a truly memorable occasion!

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2014-2015 Laguna Keepers Event Calendar

Laguna Keepers are the Foundation's habitat restoration volunteers. Each month, in partnership with the City of Santa Rosa, we meet to give the Laguna a little hands-on love! **All work dates are on Saturday from 9am to noon.** Wear sturdy shoes and be prepared to get dirty. Snacks provided, but bring gloves, water, and friends! Only heavy rain cancels.

October 18 - Irwin Creek on City of Santa Rosa's Stone Farm

Help us celebrate the graduation of another successful riparian restoration project by removing old irrigation hardware and giving the plants one last dose of TLC. The plantings along Irwin Creek on the west side of Sanford Road, near the Laguna Environmental Center, have become established and no longer require supplemental irrigation. Let's send them off to a bright future together!

November 8 - Native Plant Nursery Propagation and Native Plant Garden Stewardship at the Laguna Environmental Center

Help us sew some seeds for the future! We will be potting native seeds that we have collected from various sites in the Laguna, taking care of the nursery, and adding to the ever-growing native plant demonstration landscaping around the Laguna Environmental Center. It's amazing how much growth has occurred in just the last couple of years helping the wildlife habitat improve drastically at the LEC. Do any of you remember when we first planted around the pond? Now it is seasonally home for Western Pond Turtles, frogs, seven species of dragonflies, ducks, egrets, and many other bird species. The list just gets longer every year! Stick around after our work day for a public education presentation at our Open House.



enjoy spectacular views of the Laguna de Santa Rosa and see robust and healthy trees that were originally planted by the Laguna Keepers and other volunteers! Just a hop, skip, and a jump away from downtown Sebastopol, the Laguna Uplands Preserve is hidden jewel.



December 6 - Sebastopol Wetlands Preserve, Meadowlark Field

It is hard to believe that the final phase on native tree and shrub restoration at the City of Sebastopol Laguna Wetlands Preserve's Meadowlark Field is finally done and plants are ready to be set free! Before it gets too wet out, we will be removing all the irrigation and plant protective hardware. Yes, the deer and rabbits can feast at will, now that the plants are big and strong enough to make it on

their own. It is exciting to imagine that the whole field will someday be part of a great riparian forest! Are you keeping tabs on the progress of these plantings as you walk the Laguna Trail and along the trails of the Sebastopol Preserve? It is looking good!

January 17 - Upper Laguna/Cotati

It has been a couple years since we joined forces with the Cotati Creek Critters to work on restoration efforts in the upper reaches of the Laguna. The Laguna Keepers are finally going back, on our own, and are looking forward to doing some infill plantings, mulching, weeding, and general TLC. Even urban areas can provide valuable wildlife habitat and many people enjoy using the pathways adjacent to the Laguna in Cotati.

February 21 - Laguna Uplands

It's time for our annual February trip to the Laguna Uplands Preserve. If you have not been to the Uplands Preserve before, be prepared to

March 21 - Joint Wetlands Native Plant Demonstration Garden

Native plant gardeners and wildlife enthusiasts should not miss this Laguna Keepers! The Demonstration Garden is a one-of-a-kind, drought-tolerant native plant landscape with a wide diversity of established species and stunning beauty. The neighboring Joint Wetlands is a well established restoration site that abounds with wildlife. Every year we expand the site a little more.

April 11 - 6th Annual Laguna Re-Leaf Day! Irwin Creek on City of Santa Rosa's Stone Farm

The Laguna Re-Leaf Day is our annual fundraising event to help support our efforts in securing bright future for the Laguna. You may be asking "were we not already at Irwin Creek during this Laguna Keepers season?" Yes we were, but we are doing yet ANOTHER restoration project on a new section of Irwin Creek! We just keep expanding the riparian corridor on this tributary to the Laguna de Santa Rosa. It is absolutely amazing what happens in just a couple hours during the Laguna Re-Leaf tree planting event! Laguna Keepers are of course welcome and encouraged to sign up as volunteer fundraisers! Stay tuned for more news as we get closer.

May 9 - Laguna Environmental Center

Can you get too much of a good thing? The answer is NO when you are talking about having the Laguna Keepers at the Laguna Environmental Center! The seasons change and so do the opportunities for fun stewardship work at the LEC. Plus, you can check in on how November's work is turning out. This Laguna Keepers will dovetail into another Open House at the LEC, so stay tuned to find out what fun presentation, public education event, and/or art exhibit is planned for the Open House after the workday.

Laguna Keepers take a break June-August, during the driest time of the year, and resumes in September.

Questions? Contact Brent Reed: 527-9277 x101
or brent@lagunafoundation.org

Public Education Calendar

We host several public education events per month for all ages. We hope you will join us and spread the word!

All events are held in Heron Hall at the Laguna Environmental Center unless otherwise noted.

900 Sanford Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Laguna Environmental Center Open Houses

Second Saturday of the Month, 10:00am-3:00pm

August 9, September 13, October 11, and so on . . .

Free, all ages, no RSVP required

Learn about the natural and cultural history of the Laguna de Santa Rosa and historic Stone Farm by taking a guide-led tour or exploring a variety of hands-on activities. Birdwatch from the observation deck. Enjoy our gift shop in Great Blue Heron Hall and the art exhibit: "Our Countryside" a group show by the Watercolor Artists of Sonoma County (WASCO) on display through September 28. This is a working farm, so please leave your pets at home. The site is wheelchair accessible.

Environmental Stewardship in the Laguna: Past, Present, and Future. Presentation by John Guardino, LF's Director of Restoration & Conservation Science



Thursday, July 17,

7:00-8:30pm

\$10 at the door.

No RSVP necessary.

This presentation will provide an inspiring overview of the Foundation's stewardship efforts in

the Laguna de Santa Rosa. John will share successes and ongoing challenges we all need to face in securing a bright and vibrant future for the Laguna and its residents. Learn about the extent of what we've been able to accomplish collaboratively over the years and what some of the opportunities are in the fields of restoration ecology and conservation science in the Laguna watershed.

Family-Friendly Star Party and Dessert Potluck with Sonoma County Astronomical Society

Friday, August 22, 7:00pm into the night

This FREE event is offered in partnership with LandPaths and is sponsored by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District.

Pre-registration required at landpaths.org.

Join us for this wonder-filled astronomy night with members of the Sonoma County Astronomical Society (SCAS) sharing their expertise, enthusiasm, and powerful telescopes! Doors to Heron Hall will open at 6:30pm. Program begins at 7pm with an indoor presentation by SCAS astronomers, then we'll go outside to view

the night skies with multiple telescopes. Depending on viewing conditions, we may see dozens of night sky objects including planets, nebula, galaxies, stars, and star clusters. Wear layers and prepare for cool conditions (bring hat, gloves, and warm shoes). Bring a flashlight. We will provide red cellophane and rubber bands to cover the lens (bright white light ruins our night vision), and if you'd like, bring a camping chair to relax outside under the stars. No pets please. The site is wheelchair accessible. For being so close to town, the night skies here at Stone Farm are amazingly dark!

Rolling the Climate Dice: How Can We Make Sense of Climate Scenario Science? Presentation with Dr. Lisa Micheli, Executive Director, Pepperwood Foundation

Thursday August 28, 7:00pm

\$10 at the door. No RSVP necessary.

Dr. Lisa Micheli will introduce us to the science of "downscaling" future climate models and will highlight cutting-edge research that has been done here in the North Bay to see what our future may hold in terms of both climate, water, and natural resources. She will talk about how this data is being used via the North Bay Climate Adaptation Initiative in partnership with the Laguna Foundation and in the context of the Sonoma County Climate Action 2020 Plan. Learn how scientists are working to make the global local in order to understand how climate change is already impacting our every day experiences and what our neighbors at Pepperwood are doing to start measuring these effects in real time.

Cordage-Making Materials and Techniques Workshop with Charlie Kennard

Saturday, September 6

9:30am-3:30pm

\$75 (\$65 members)

Pre-registration required.

Suitable for ages 13 and up

The leaves, bark and roots of many native plants yield fibers that can be used for making string and rope. Each has a characteristic strength, appearance and scent. We will process a variety of plants—including dogbane that can be seen growing at the Laguna Foundation—and use several techniques to make cordage. Participants will be able to try their hand at thigh-rolling dogbane fibers. We will also discuss net-making techniques. Further details emailed upon registration.



We continually add new events. Please visit our website www.lagunafoundation.org/laguna_walks_classes or contact Anita Smith, Public Education Coordinator at (707) 527-9277, ext. 110, anita@lagunafoundation.org.



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