



LAND NEWS

Connecting Land and Community

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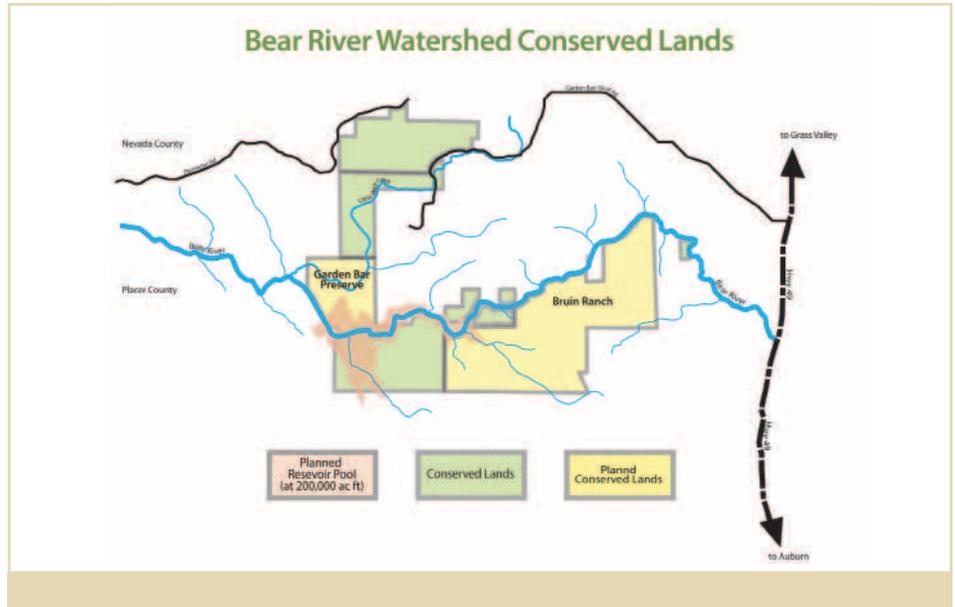
New Community Trails Online Portal Launched

At last there is a single place where hikers can go to learn about more than two dozen local community trails, get maps with trail feature details indicated, learn about trail organizations to join (*Nevada County Land Trust is not the only local group working to create trails!*), learn about trails construction progress and other trails news of interest. This is a community effort so if you'd like to help and to add more information please contact us at info@nevadacountylandtrust.org.

Visit often because information will be updated regularly, and new trail maps will continue to be loaded all the time.

Check out the new community trails portal at

www.nevadacountylandtrust.org/trails.



Stop the Urban Southern California Water Grab from Nevada County!

Remember the movie Chinatown? This situation is a déjà vu! A collection of Southern California urban communities are the primary funding source for a study to build an enormous dam on the Bear River, through an act of eminent domain, that will flood historic ranches, Native American archeological sites and permanently protected conservation lands. It will rob this community of any future growth potential by earmarking this water for only Southern California communities. Is this fair?

The South Sutter Water District proposes to construct a \$500 million dollar facility to impound a pool which will contain up to 345,000 acre feet of water. That would be almost five times the capacity of Rollins Lake. The dam will completely annihilate the Bear River ecosystem forever.

This proposal is being pushed through without any consideration of the community that will suffer as a result. What's worse, it's being done in secrecy. "But our focus isn't on the impacts," Steve Brown, a consultant with RMC Water and Environment hired by South Sutter Water District to speak on their behalf told the Union newspaper on June 9. "We're looking at the broad scope from a

cost-benefit perspective." And whose broad-scope cost-benefit is he concerned about?

Nevada County Land Trust presently has conservation interests in more than 2,100 acres of grazing land owned by three separate ranching families which will be directly affected by the dam. An even larger area of land, more than 3,600 acres is conserved or proposed for conservation in Placer County on the south side of the river.

The Garden Bar area is a beautiful plant community of blue oak-grey pine woodland. This creates a mix of hardwoods, conifers, and an understory of shrubs that are interspersed with patches of annual grassland. This biologically diverse niche provides breeding habitats for a diverse group of amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals.

This land has played an important role in human history since the area was inhabited by groups of Maidu who established a village at the confluence of Little Wolf Creek and the Bear. Later, Garden Bar was the last crossing of the Bear for the Emigrant Trail prior to its terminus at the Johnson Ranch in Wheatland. The property continued to play a significant role in the Gold Rush and the farming period

Vigorous and Matured

A Message from Dave Palley, President

Twenty years old and LTA-certified, NCLT is both vigorous and matured. We are negotiating new conservation easements to add to our 5,000 acres under protection. Our Garden Bar acquisition, derailed by the state budget crisis, is back on track. We have begun seeding a fund for Strategic Lands Acquisition Bear-Yuba Partnership (with Trust for Public Lands and Placer Land Trust) is off to a strong start, targeting four projects representing about 5,000 acres to be conserved this year alone. Our trails program is going great with recent openings this year of the Orene Wetherall Loop and the Rattlesnake Ridge Trails, and soon both Hirshman's Pond and Deer Creek Tribute Trails. Our Youth Program and Treks are bringing more folks than ever into nature, deepening the appreciation which will ensure conservation.

The spirit of volunteerism is high throughout NCLT. My thanks to the many who have been building trails, leading treks and property tours, booth-sitting, making pre-concert preparations at North Star House, and more. We are having fun and doing something very important for our community! The Lands Committee and Investment Committee in particular are showing new vitality. The staff is doing a great job. The Board Advisory Council is fostering communications with other community organizations and re-engaging past Board members. New Board members Sue Hoek, Brent Fraser, Bill Trabucco and Rebecca Coffman bring new energy and perspectives to the Board. With Board term limits in effect, we are open to new participants, especially people with experience on one of our working committees.

For 2010's second half, my goal is membership growth! At our core we are committed to community-supported conservation and that means we should really represent the desires of the broadest base of residents as possible. To join visit www.NevadaCountyLandTrust.org or call Jean at 530-272-5994 x4. You can give a gift membership to a friend or family member. Please invite friends on a Trek or to the Mavis Staples concert (it's going to be great!), and encourage them to join. Let's double our membership! Will you double yourself by bringing in one new member? Or more?



Stewardship Update

Spring is when we conduct the majority of annual stewardship visits on lands we have conserved. These visits are vital for connecting with landowners about what's happening on the land, while ensuring the conservation values remain intact for future generations.

This spring was no exception. As of July we have monitored eight of our eighteen easements, representing 2460 acres. This included several of the large historic cattle ranches, like the Pioneer Dawson Nichols Ranch. At 553-ac, this ranch is still run as a sustainable cattle operation by descendants of the original pioneer family, Kevin and Gaylene Collins and Tim Smith. When we visited in May, the landscape was resplendent with wildflowers while the momma cows grazed peacefully with their young calves at their sides. The ranch represents the best of conservation practices; the ranchers are responsible stewards of the land while the tax breaks afforded them under the conservation

easement allow them the financial flexibility to continue with the family business.

I've been asked before about the pride and emphasis we place on our agricultural easements, and the answer is simple: they represent a unique opportunity for large, landscape-level conservation. These easements, usually several hundred acres in size, often represent the last large parcels of intact open landscape in our community. Not only do they represent the non-mining historical development of the area, these ranches typify the blue oak savannah habitat so important to wildlife. Not only do they provide excellent opportunities for low-impact agricultural practices, but they also provide critical wildlife migration connectivity and scenic open space.

In contrast to the large agricultural easement, we have smaller parcels focusing on other conservation values, such as the 27-ac Peardale Bird Sanctuary. Set aside by

Nevada County Land Trust

Mission

The Nevada County Land Trust exists to create a balance between nature and the needs of the people who make a life and a livelihood here. This is our home. Our mission is to enrich the deep community connection with our land – today, tomorrow, and forever.

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the McKirdy family, the easement supports an extensive riparian and wetland area for birds along Little Greenhorn Creek. The large pond is used by the family on weekends, but otherwise remains a quiet, out of the way oasis most of the year. In just the few hours of our visit we observed mergansers, nesting Canadian geese, rufous-sided towhee, Western flycatcher, mallard, bushtit, song sparrow, and red-shouldered hawk. If you know anything about birds, you'll recognize that this represents quite a diversity in bird species, and speaks well of the family management.

Luci Wilson,
Americorp Member

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which followed. Land in the area has been the home of some of the oldest pioneer families in Nevada County.

Today, it continues as a vibrant ranching area supporting a large cattle grazing population. It provides recreational opportunity for hunting, fishing, hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding for both residents and visitors.

The dam is designed to be part of a “pumped storage hydroelectric system” along with Camp Far West Reservoir. At peak electric hours, it would be drained to generate electricity. At times of lower demand and electric rates, it will be refilled. This water fluctuation will preclude recreational use of the reservoir. Nor is this a great new clean energy source for California. It is estimated that the pumping of the water back uphill consumes 40% more energy than is generated by the hydroelectric drop. The energy to pump the water uphill will be generated primarily

by coal-fired electric plants.

South Sutter Water District is a small district primarily serving a rice farming area. They need access to inexpensive water. The water from the Garden Bar Dam will be among the most expensive in the state – the equivalent in cost to desalinated water from a nuclear plant. South Sutter therefore must sell the water in hopes to be able to purchase other water at a rate that its users can afford. South Sutter has put together a consortium of urban water agencies to pay for the initial due diligence. It has raised \$1,000,000 from five agencies- The City of Napa Public Works Department, City of American Canyon Water Department, Castaic Lake Water Agency, City of San Bernardino Water District and the Palmdale Water District. Almost 85% of the cost was advanced by the three Southern California Districts.

The idea of a Garden Bar Dam has been around since the 1940’s but has come and gone primarily because the flows are not

sufficient to justify the expenditure – unless the community can afford very expensive water. Transferable water rights could allow for this dam to be approved. This means the water can be “deposited” here in Northern California and “withdrawn” in Southern California – it’s not the same water, just a water credit. This is not dissimilar to the way in which we use our ATM cards.

The Land Trust does not oppose sensible water storage facilities as they are the life blood of our agricultural community. We do oppose projects which are designed to transfer our water from rural communities to urban communities, especially where such projects take conserved lands supporting a rural way of life to build more suburbs elsewhere in the state.

Please join us in this protest now before it becomes too expensive and too politically hot to stop. And yes, it can happen.”

*Marty Coleman-Hunt,
Executive Director*

Protect Bear River Watershed Lands

Nevada County Land Trust has entered into an agreement to acquire 650 acres on the Bear River. This pristine landscape, called Garden Bar Preserve is the puzzle piece that connects over 5,000 acres of preserved land on both sides of the river in Placer and Nevada Counties.

This region is under intensive development pressure and now, under the threat of being flooded by a Garden Bar Dam proposed by South Sutter Water District.

Nevada County Land Trust and Placer Land Trust have established the Bear River Watershed Protection Fund to acquire and protect the oak woodland landscapes on both sides of the river. Our conservation goal includes improving wildlife corridors thereby enhancing migration and circulation between the Hidden Falls Regional Park to the Bear River and to Spenceville Wildlife Preserve.

What Can You Do to Help Protect this Important Landscape and Stop this Dam Project?

- Make a tax deductible donation to the Bear River Watershed Protection Fund
- Write a letter to your local public officials, NID Board and other water agency representatives
- Write a guest editorial or letter to the editor of your local newspaper
- Volunteer to help with the conservation effort. If you have any technical biological or environmental skills, community outreach, fundraising skills, we need you!

We can stop this dam. We must not be complacent thinking “it’ll never happen.” We need to work together as a combined force to ensure that it will NEVER happen.

*Marty Coleman-Hunt,
Executive Director*



Stars at North Star House

Featuring the Legendary Mavis Staples

This is a rare opportunity to experience this legendary lead singer of the celebrated Staple Singers. Mavis Staples has spent her career dominating the worlds of blues, pop soul and gospel. Her legendary deep voice will rock the stage with her songs 'I'll Take You There' and 'Respect Yourself'. Mavis picked up a GRAMMY Lifetime Achievement Award. She received a 2010 GRAMMY Nominee for Best Contemporary Blues Album. She was named one of Rolling Stones Magazine's Greatest 100 Singers of All Times, and was inducted into the Rock-And-Roll Hall Of Fame with The Staple Singers in 1999. She's sure to retell her many stories of traveling with Martin Luther King as a youngster during his Civil Rights campaigns and later during the days when she toured with Bob Dylan. She's appeared on stage with almost every president since Kennedy. Mavis will have you up on your feet shouting for more!



"Mavis Staples has an almost superhuman ability to implant the pure power of passion and emotion."
- Rolling Stone

General Information

The event begins at 4 PM with a variety of entertaining activities. Come early and place your lawn chair in a primo spot in front of the main stage. There will be food, dessert, a local wines pavilion and other beverages available for purchase. You can have a picnic and listen to live music in the festival area. Check out the interactive exhibits at the Celebration of Lands featuring wildlife, birdwatching, trails information, land conservation projects, community outdoor recreation programs, and more! Don't miss out on our silent auction and docent-led tours of the historic North Star House. Mainstage music begins at 7:30.

The North Star House is located just off McCourtney Road near the Nevada County Fairgrounds in Grass Valley.

Tickets are available at \$55 for NCLT members, \$65 for non-members. Gala tickets are \$125 per person.

Group discounts available by calling Jean at 530-272-5994 ext 4.

Do the Green Thing

Please consider bringing a cloth napkin and your own cutlery and help us make our event a low-waste one. For sure bring your own refillable water bottle. Free Cooler Zone water dispensers will be available.

picture of Lorraine

Lorraine Gervais

Lorraine's Gervais is a perfect first act for Mavis Staples. Her love for Staples' type of music can be traced all the way back to her R&B band in high school, the first club band she ever had. As Mikail Graham describes her style, "Lorraine Gervais singing classic R&B and soul music is like manna from heaven for lovers of the genre." Gervais contralto voice is described as soulful and sweet. Her versatility is evident in her range of styles, performing soul, blues and jazz with equal ease. She is a favorite at our local Center for the Arts for her Sierra Sirens concert series. Lorraine sings to almost always sold-out crowd around town, performing retrospectives of great female performers of the past including Ella Fitzgerald and doing soul and Motown reviews. Performing with her band, The Burning Sensations, Lorraine is sure to set the night off on fire!

Saturday, August 28, 2010

- A magical outdoor event at a new community outdoor venue – the historic North Star House
- Featuring the infamous Mavis Staples and local favorites Lorraine Gervais with the Burning Sensations
- Gates open at 4 PM with fabulous food and local wines pavilion, exhibits and live music. Come early to place your lawn chair in a good spot in the amphitheatre. Headliners are on the main stage at 7:30 PM
- Pre-concert Gala: an elegant gourmet and wine extravaganza in the Historic Foote Orchard catered by Club 141's Jim E
- Live and silent auctions
- Celebration of Lands interactive exhibit area

Gala In The Historic Foote Orchard

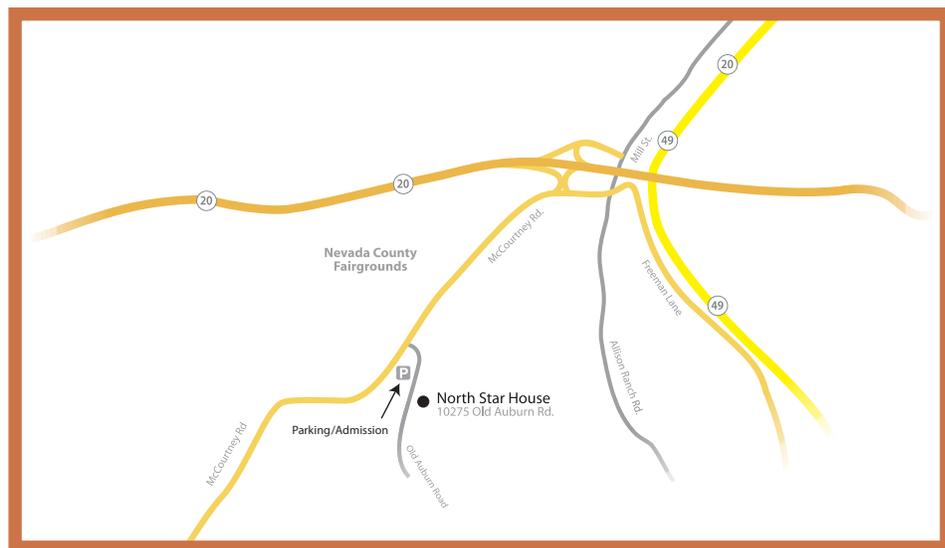
- An Elegant Affair – a cocktail reception followed by a specially designed Orchard-themed Menu
- Wine Pairings by Indian Springs, Double Oak, Nevada City Winery and Szabo Vineyards
- Takes place in the Historic Foote Family Orchard at North Star House, a few steps across the lawn from the concert amphitheatre
- Orchard docent: Carole Miller, North Star Gardening Historian
- Entrée options include: Triple Cheese Stuffed Piquillo Peppers with Red Pepper Pesto Sauce, Cumin Crusted Pork Tenderloin with Peach Chipotle Salsa, Grilled Teriyaki Salmon

Price \$125 pp includes concert admission. Proceeds benefit NCLT.

For Gala tickets, please visit: www.nevadacountylandtrust.org or call Jean Gilbert at 530-272-5994 Ext 4.

Event Considerations

- We strongly encourage car-pooling
- Bring your low-backed, low-seat chairs (30 inches or lower). High back or high seat chairs will be in a section toward the back. No umbrellas, please. The site will be in full shade for the concert.
- Ladies, high heels might look great with your outfit but they are not recommended
- Help support Nevada County Land Trust by purchasing your dinner, dessert and beverages from our vendors
- This is a no smoking event



Map to North Star House

North Star House Update

In 2000 while developer Sandy Sanderson was in the process of designing a residential area on the old North Star Mine, he donated a 14-acre section of this property to the Land Trust for preservation. The site includes a 10,000 square foot Julia Morgan-designed mansion that was about to succumb to the forces of age, neglect and nature. The North Star House, built in 1906 and designed by Julia Morgan is an early example of California vernacular Arts and Crafts design and is considered an epic achievement by the young designer and first licensed female architect in the nation.

dormitories, creating large communal bathrooms, mess halls, a chapel and other reconfigurations that had a harmful impact on the original Julia Morgan design.

restoration is still underway, while more attention has been turned to cleaning up the site, removing brush and debris from decades of neglect.



When the Land Trust acquired the House it was in such disastrous shape, many feared it would not weather another winter without caving in. The chimneys were full of debris. Animals including rodents, birds, feral cats and others had taken up residence. It was impossible to walk through the rooms because

The North Star House was Morgan's first residential commission. She went on to have an illustrious career, designing Hearst Castle at San Simeon, the Asilomar Conference Center, several buildings of the University of California at Berkeley and many private estates across California. The House was the residence of North Star Mine Superintendent Arthur De Winte Foote and his wife, author and illustrator of pioneering women in the West, Mary Hallock Foote. It was used as a hospitality center for investors and innovators in our local gold mining industry.

of the danger of becoming seriously injured with piles of debris. A passionate group of volunteers worked tirelessly to raise the funds and solicit free materials and labor for that early work on the House. The first task was to stabilize the structure with a new roof to keep the weather out.

In 2008 Nevada County Land Trust created a separate non-profit entity, the North Star Historic Conservancy, to manage the rehabilitation and ongoing operations of House. Though still affiliated with the Land Trust but with its own 501(c) (3) designation and Board of Directors, the Conservancy operates as an independent organization.

This House is made available currently for events for small groups. Private tours are available by appointment. The grounds are being used by the Grass Valley Growers' Market on Saturday mornings, which moved from the Fairgrounds this past spring.

In later years the House was used by a private boarding school, which made many changes – splitting rooms to create

Through the years, volunteer work parties, civic and scouting groups continued the work to "button-up" the House with glazed window, operable doors (that lock), removing debris from all the rooms and halls, painting out graffiti, and cleaning up the House so local residents could see what incredible potential the site holds as a community venue. Today, the House stabilization and preliminary

The Land Trust's big benefit concert is being held this year on the grounds of the North Star House. This will be the first large-scale event to take place on the spectacular site. With the House as a backdrop, the grounds can accommodate up to 2,000 attendees in lawn seating.

*Marty Coleman-Hunt,
Executive Director*

2010 Trails Appeal for More Public Access Trails: Build a Foot of Trail for \$2.50

Trails don't just happen. Nevada County Land Trust staff, volunteers and other organizations work together to design, build and maintain more than 13 miles of local trails that we can all use and enjoy. The Land Trust has kicked off the 2010 Annual Trails Appeal whereby people can purchase a foot of trail for \$2.50. This is the second year we have a special Hahn Matching Grant that has been generously underwritten by Holger and Tacy Hahn. If we can raise the funds to build one-half mile of trail, the Hahn's will donate the remaining half-mile. That means your contribution will be doubled!

The Land Trust has created over 13 miles of trails throughout our community. Trails are designed, built and maintained through volunteer work parties. Land Trust trails are open to all residents of our community to use for exercise and enjoyment of nature. When people walk on a trail they meet their neighbors and take pride in the beautiful place in which we live. Currently the following trails are under construction:

- Hirschman Trail, Nevada City
- Deer Creek Tribute Trail, Nevada City
- Larimer Trail along Wolf Creek, Grass Valley
- Orene Wetherall Loop Trail, Phase 2 at Woodpecker Preserve, Nevada City
- Wildflower Ridge Trail at Kenny Ranch, Grass Valley

This year's matching grant campaign is designated for the Wildflower Ridge Trail that will eventually connect Grass Valley with Rough and Ready. A year ago, a trail easement was donated to NCLT by Phil Lester, Managing Partner of Deer Creek Partners, a partnership managed by Grass Valley's Gold Country Lenders, through the Wildflower Ridge property, known locally also as Kenny Ranch. Wildflower Ridge is a biologically rich and regionally significant area. One segment of this trail will take hikers along the 40-acre stretch of lava cap wildflower meadows, locally known as "Hell's Half Acre."

That means we must raise \$6,600 in order to qualify for the matching grant. There is a time limit on the availability of these funds so please make a donation today so it counts toward the match.

*Marty Coleman-Hunt,
Executive Director*



Orene Wetherall Loop Trail on Banner Mountain Opens with Public Donations and Volunteer Labor



Residents in the Banner Mountain area now have a new neighborhood trail thanks to the volunteer work parties and the many donations made to the 2009 Nevada County Land Trust Trails Appeal. The opening ceremony for the new trail was held as a part of this year's National Trails Day, on June 5.

Against a rugged backdrop of soaring pines and fir trees, the new mile-long Orene

Wetherall Loop Trail ventures through the 28-acre Woodpecker Preserve. This open space preserve has mixed conifer woodlands as well as wetland areas that together make this a prime wildlife habitat.

Work on the trail began last fall and was funded through a substantial matching grant provided by Holger and Tacy Hahn, who matched the \$7,400 raised for trails. Funds in the amount of \$1,000 were graciously donated by the Banner Mountain Homeowners' Association while other funds were donated by individuals in the community through the Land Trust Annual Trails Appeal. No tax or other public funding was contributed to this project.

The trail has been named after Orene Wetherall who passed away in 2003. She was born in 1913, she married William B. "Bill" Wetherall, and they moved their family to Grass Valley in 1955. Bill Wetherall established an endowment in her name with Nevada County Land Trust, for the creation and maintenance

of trails in our community. Bill attended the opening ceremony and read a poem in her honor, from *The Prophet* by Kahlil Gibran (the chapter, "Giving")

"And there are those who give and know not pain in giving, nor do they seek joy, nor give with mindfulness of virtue; They give as in yonder valley the myrtle breathes its fragrance into space. Through the hands of such as these God speaks, and from behind their eyes He smiles upon the earth."

Astonishingly Bill Wetherall, who is currently 99 years old, hiked the entire trail with about 30 neighbors along Woodpecker Preserve. The trail is currently an in-and-out trail, meaning when you reach the end you must retrace your steps back to the trailhead. The next phase of trail construction includes a loop through other areas of the Preserve.

*Marty Coleman-Hunt,
Executive Director*

Members Corner

Cheryl Belcher Founding Volunteer, First Executive Director and Member



Cheryl Belcher has been a supporter of Nevada County Land Trust since 1992. She has served as a fund development volunteer, board member, Executive Director, and more recently as an advisor on the organization's Board Advisory Council.

A 24-year resident of Nevada County, Cheryl moved to Nevada City from the Bay Area where she owned a printing company. While fixing up a dilapidated old house in Nevada City, she worked for Music in the Mountains and became a trainer and tutor in adult literacy. Then she was introduced to Nevada County Land Trust.

"When I was asked to help the newly formed land trust get started, it was a natural for me. The exceptional beauty of our area

and the great sense of community is what drew me here in the first place," Cheryl said. "To be able to work with landowners to conserve some of these lands made my job a real pleasure."

Wondering what was over that hill or beyond that mountain is what led Cheryl to come up with the Treks Through Time program, a series of guided educational and recreational hikes for Land Trust members and non-members alike. "The first year we did this, we offered all the treks on one day and then met up afterwards for a big party," she said. "It has been wonderful to see the program continue to grow over the years." In 2010, Treks Through Time is offering 25 different treks to a great variety of locations, all guided by local experts in their fields. It is one of the most beloved of Land Trust programs.

Cheryl enjoys gardening, hiking, travel and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

*Jean Gilbert
Office Manager*

New Members

4 Elements Earth Education

Robert and Judith Bee

Rick Berry

Douglas and Luanne Bjorkman

Susan Byrne

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Jennifer Dewey

Doug and BJ Forster

Joe Friedman

Randall Frizzell

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Deborah Gibbs

Michael Good

Joan Girdler

Willy and Barbara Kollmeyer

Diane and Chet Krage

David and Vicki MacDonald

Linda Meyers

Paul Mosher

Deborah Pinto

Jo Proctor

Gaynell Rogers

Alan Rosenbloom

Sierra Mountain Productions

Janet Swift

Barbara Blake Wilson

his family, coaching softball, traveling, hiking, camping, hunting and working on his property. During retirement he became involved with the California Abandoned Mine Lands, the Sierra Fund, and served on the board of directors of Nevada County Land Trust.

*Jean Gilbert
Office Manager*

Cherished Lives

Nathalie Cooley

Nathalie Fretwell Cooley grew up in Taft during the 1920s and 30s, an extremely arid part of the San Joaquin Valley, where her father worked in the oil fields. She loved the outdoors and enjoyed frequent family camping trips to Tuolumne Meadows. In 1939 she went on a school trip to the World's Fair at San Francisco's Treasure Island where she met her future husband Glen Cooley. An extended long-distance courtship began between the college student and the young bomber pilot. Always resourceful and self-reliant, Nathalie owned a car and her own house at the time they married in 1948. Glen retired from the Air Force in 1963 and they moved to Nevada City where Nathalie designed their Cement Hill home. Dedicated to protecting the natural environment, they helped found the Nevada County Environmental Council and were active members of the Sierra Hiking Club, Sierra

Slowpokes Running Club, Goldancers Square Dance Club, volunteered for the Narrow Gauge Railroad Museum, and helped build the Independence Trail. Nathalie was beloved in the community and will be missed by all.

Tracy Gidel

Born in Lake City, Iowa in 1948, Tracy Gidel spent his childhood years in Iowa, California and Arizona. He loved visiting the family farms of his many relatives. Upon graduating from high school in 1967, Tracy enlisted in the Navy Seabees and served in Vietnam and two tours of duty in the Antarctic. He returned to California and attended Cal State University in Northridge, graduating with a bachelor of science degree in Environmental and Occupational Health. He worked for the Nevada County Environmental Health Department for 27 years, retiring in 2007. Throughout his life, Tracy enjoyed spending time with



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Junior Stewards can apply early too! Get your Community Service hours accumulated now for college applications and job resumes!
Ages 13 to 18

Grandparents are Gifts! We invite you to participate and volunteer at camp again, we LOVE having you with us even if you're not a grandparent!

Upcoming Treks

Van Norden Meadow History and Ecology Tour

Saturday September 4th, 2010

Skillman Camp to Rock Creek Nature Trail

Saturday September 18th, 2010

Sutter Buttes Bragg Canyon Hike with Middle Mountain Foundation

Saturday October 2nd, 2010

Colgate Powerhouse

Saturday October 16th, 2010

For more information or to make a reservation go to www.nevadacountylandtrust.org/treks

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