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# THE CURRENT

Informational Newsletter for Winter 2024 - 2025 (Dec.- Feb.)

## American River Conservancy



### Taking Care of the Land

By Cathy Mueller

The American River Conservancy (ARC) has been a beacon of land stewardship since its founding in 1989, dedicated to protecting the natural landscapes of the upper Cosumnes and American River Watersheds. Over the past 35 years, ARC has successfully protected over 30,000 acres of land and continues to actively care for, monitor, and restore vital habitats. Our forest and meadow restoration projects safeguard these valuable ecosystems and neighboring communities from the risks of catastrophic wildfire.

Through ARC stewardship programs, many volunteers help to protect and care for the watersheds we protect. Our long-term Cosumnes River Water Quality Monitoring program has provided nearly a decade of seasonal data that supports important post-Caldor research on fire effects within watersheds. Through collaboration with partners and volunteers, we have built and maintained many miles of trails for community enjoyment. Our Land Steward program invites volunteers to participate in land monitoring and stewardship, enhancing staff capacity to care for over 14,000 acres of land owned and more than 2,000 acres of conservation easements held by ARC. Additionally, stewardship volunteers engage in river cleanups, phenology, bluebird monitoring, and various habitat improvement projects.

A key focus of ARC is forest restoration. In response to increasing threats from wildfires and climate change, we work to enhance the health and resilience of forested landscapes in our service area. This includes practices like selective thinning to reduce fuel loads and promote biodiversity. By restoring forests to sustainable conditions, ARC helps protect wildlife habitats and contributes to the overall resilience of the ecosystem. Projects like our American River Headwaters (2000 acres thinned as of 2024) and ARC South Fork American River Restoration projects (1031 acres planned to be thinned) enhance community wildfire resiliency, safety and the ecological value of protected lands.

Equally important is our commitment to meadow restoration. Functional meadows filter runoff, moderate

the extremes of high and low flows, store carbon, extend flows, and provide vital habitat for threatened and endangered species. In 2001, ARC acquired the Leek Springs Meadow property at the headwaters of the North Fork Cosumnes River. The land was transferred to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for management as an ecological reserve. For the last 6 years, ARC has planned for the restoration of this meadow, which suffers from deeply incised channels due to historical human impacts. In the summer of 2024, with the support of ARC staff and volunteers, Symbiotic Restoration installed 125 beaver dam analogs (BDAs) and post-assisted log structures (PALS) within the meadow channels. In September, we invited high school students from El Dorado High School's Natural Resources Program to participate in meadow restoration activities, sharing the enjoyment and hope of this type of work with the next generation.

Engaging volunteers is one of the most rewarding aspects of ARC's stewardship efforts. We attract individuals from diverse backgrounds—students, professionals, and nature enthusiasts—united by a common goal of environmental protection. Volunteers bring valuable skills and knowledge, enhancing the effectiveness of our restoration projects and fostering a sense of community. Their enthusiasm inspires others to join the conservation movement.

The American River Conservancy is a vital force in land stewardship, effectively protecting, monitoring, and restoring the landscapes of the American and Cosumnes River Watersheds. Through dedicated efforts in forest and meadow restoration, alongside the invaluable contributions of passionate volunteers, ARC enhances the ecological health of the region while fostering a community deeply connected to its natural wealth. As we look to the future, we are committed to ensuring that the beauty and Integrity of the land is preserved for generations to come.



Symbiotic Crew and ARC Staff standing in incised stream channel at Leek Springs Meadow

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## MEET THE STAFF

### Briegan Aguilar Stewardship Coordinator



My connection with ARC started in high school, around 2009, when the Cronan and Magnolia Ranch trails opened. My cross-country coaches would take us out there for runs. I felt a deep sense of freedom and adventure in those golden hills, beneath the oaks, and along the riverbanks. The ability to get "lost" in that landscape led me to develop a connection and love for the South Fork trail network. I later learned that

ARC was the organization responsible for conserving that land and opening it to the public after it had been passed to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

Nine years later, in 2018, I took the California Naturalist course, which further deepened my connection with ARC. That summer, I was invited to help with Nature Camp, and since then, I've had the privilege of co-coordinating it each year. Nature Camp has been the highlight of my summers. The overnights by the river, under the stars, are always magical. Watching campers experience their first shooting star, or seeing their awe at bats flying overhead, are moments that are just as special to me as they are to the kids—whether it's their first time or their third.

For the past three years, I've been ARC's Stewardship Coordinator, where I organize volunteers for various stewardship programs including water quality monitoring, river cleanups, trail workdays, and more. In this role, I get to foster connections—with and between volunteers, visitors, and the land. It's really wonderful when volunteers return from their water monitoring assignments, filled with excitement about the beauty of their

site, or thrilled to share that they spotted turtles or river otters.

One volunteer, who started out as a regular trail user, then participated in a trail workday, and now serves as a land steward for Salmon Falls Ranch, told me how after long days at work, he finds peace and a deep sense of connection by spending time at the ranch. Knowing his connection mirrors my own love for the trails near Cronan and Magnolia, and realizing that ARC helped conserve that land and that I play a small part in fostering these connections, is an incredibly rewarding experience.

For me, the most important things in life are connection to others and connection to the land. Working at ARC has allowed me to do both—to engage with incredible volunteers, adventurous and curious Nature Campers, and public visitors—and to help them foster their own connections to these special places.



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MARSHALL GOLD DISCOVERY STATE HISTORIC PARK  
AT 348 HWY 49, COLOMA, CA**

OUR OFFICES ARE OPEN TO VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORTERS MONDAY—FRIDAY 8AM-4PM  
WE CAN BE REACHED AT (530) 621-1224, [ARC@ARCONSERVANCY.ORG](mailto:ARC@ARCONSERVANCY.ORG) OR VISIT  
[ARCONSERVANCY.ORG](http://ARCONSERVANCY.ORG).



## LAND CONSERVATION UPDATE

For 35 years, ARC has worked with private landowners, public agencies and funding partners to preserve native habitat, agricultural lands, recreational access and riparian corridors. As the human population grows, conservation of large open spaces is critical to allow systems to adapt and maintain resiliency in the face of changing ecological processes produced by climate change. We are currently working towards the completion of several exciting conservation projects in the Upper American River and Upper Cosumnes River watersheds, including the following:

**El Dorado Ranch** Over the last 11 years, ARC has protected 4,182 acres of El Dorado Ranch in 4 different phases. We are now working with the landowner to purchase and permanently protect the remaining 3,000 acres of this beautiful oak woodland landscape along the Cosumnes River in El Dorado County. Once the site of a planned residential development, El Dorado Ranch will become a unit in El Dorado County's first Wildlife Area – a special designation by California Department of Fish and Wildlife that allows for non-motorized wildlife-related recreation. This ambitious final phase of the acquisition will require strong support from our community. We hope you'll join us in making this project happen! Visit [www.arconservancy.org/eldoradoranch](http://www.arconservancy.org/eldoradoranch) to learn more and donate to this exciting project.



Otter Creek Canyon

**Otter Creek Canyon Preserve** In 2023 ARC was contacted by the owners of land along the Middle Fork American River who were interested in donating their 483-acre forested landholdings to a conservation non-profit. The property is surrounded by existing public land (Eldorado National Forest) and supports mixed conifer forest and riparian habitats. We are happy to announce that we closed escrow and this property was permanently protected on September 13, 2024! ARC would like to extend our deep gratitude to the Joo Family for their generous and conservation-minded contribution.

**Steely Ridge Conservation Easement** American River Conservancy has been working with the Frost-Hurzel family for nearly 2 decades to facilitate the permanent protection of the Steely Ridge-North Fork Cosumnes River confluence area in Somerset. After donating the 150-acre Wells Preserve property in 2021, this conservation-minded family is now ready to place a conservation easement on their adjacent 158-acre property. Bordered by the Wells Preserve and BLM land, this conservation opportunity will ensure the permanent protection of North Fork Cosumnes River riparian habitat, mixed conifer forest, pond habitat (we've observed many native pond turtles here!), and several beautiful heritage black oak trees. This spring The Latrobe Fund awarded ARC with a \$25,000 grant to facilitate this conservation transaction. ARC is actively seeking an additional \$25,000 to match their generous contribution. Please contact Elena ([elena@arconservancy.org](mailto:elena@arconservancy.org)) if you are interested in contributing to this project!

## New Webpage for El Dorado Ranch

ARC's new El Dorado Ranch webpage highlights this unique 7,178-acre property nestled in the Sierra Nevada foothills that ARC has been steadily acquiring since 2012. The webpage invites viewers to explore the Ranch's resources, including its natural and cultural history, stunning landscapes, and diverse habitats for a wide variety of plants and animals. The page contains a 6-minute video with sweeping aerial views and encouraging words from ARC's staff and project partners. It outlines ARC's five acquisition phases, case for support, and frequently asked questions. After ARC raises the entire \$14 million purchase price to buy the remaining 2,997 acres of El Dorado Ranch, the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife will manage it as a State Wildlife Area, the first ever in El Dorado County. With your help, ARC's current acquisition and fundraising efforts will result in another property protected in perpetuity! The website offers more details at [ARConservancy.org/eldoradoranch](http://ARConservancy.org/eldoradoranch). See page 4 for more details about El Dorado Ranch.



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# EL DORADO RANCH

## PHASE 5 ACQUISITION

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### EL DORADO COUNTY'S FIRST STATE WILDLIFE AREA

**You can help permanently protect this wild place for future generations.**



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Since 2012, American River Conservancy (ARC) has worked in phases to preserve the 7,178-acre El Dorado Ranch, the largest privately-owned oak woodland in El Dorado County, California. Now in the final phase of acquisition, El Dorado Ranch needs your support!

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**Together, we can create a forever protected place along the Cosumnes River, the last undammed river on the western slope of the Sierra.**

Combined with the 4,181 acres that ARC has already preserved at El Dorado Ranch, this Phase 5 project will permanently protect an additional:



2,000+ acres of blue oak woodland



11 miles of tributary waterways and associated riparian habitats



2,997 acres of sustainably managed rangelands



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Previously slated for an extensive residential subdivision, this strategic conservation project is located between existing public lands and neighboring large ranches that are also permanently protected by conservation easements. Protecting El Dorado Ranch in perpetuity will:

- Preserve critical habitat linkages and wildlife corridors along the mainstem Cosumnes River, supporting black-tailed deer, black bear, bobcat, Chinook salmon, western pond turtle, and many other animal and plant species.

Learn More



[bit.ly/ElDoradoRanch](https://bit.ly/ElDoradoRanch)

- Establish new recreation opportunities, including a three-mile hiking trail, wildlife viewing, and hunting.
- Maintain the rural and natural aesthetic of El Dorado County.
- Eliminate the threat of unsustainable development.



## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES STEWADING CONSERVED LANDS

### Cosumnes River Water Monitoring Program Goes to Washington, D.C.!

Since Fall 2021, ARC has partnered with UC Davis and the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory to expand our Cosumnes River water quality monitoring program from a seasonal to a year-round effort. This shift, aimed at assessing the post-Caldor Fire impacts on the Cosumnes River Watershed, has allowed ARC volunteers to collect over 700 samples to date in support of this vital work.

This October, post-Caldor Fire program scientist Jasquelin Peña was invited to Washington, D.C., to present the program's findings and collaboration highlights at the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's Fall 2024 Board on Earth Sciences and Resources (BESR) Meeting. The event focused on "innovative approaches to geohealth research," exploring effective collaboration and the use of emerging geophysical and geochemical data to promote public health. Jasquelin's presentation, a proud moment for ARC and its volunteers, reflects the dedication and impact of everyone involved in this initiative.

To watch Jasquelin's presentation, visit [this link](https://vimeo.com/1017693740) (<https://vimeo.com/1017693740>). Her talk begins at 1:02.

Stewardship Programs connect volunteers with opportunities to care for the land, hike, collect scientific data and keep our waterways clean. Please learn more through the links below, or visit the stewardship page on our website: [ARConservancy.org/stewardship](https://ARConservancy.org/stewardship)

**River Clean-ups** <https://app.donorview.com/Ky1eA>  
**Water Quality Monitoring** <https://app.donorview.com/KNDyl>  
**Land Steward** <https://app.donorview.com/v6x39>  
**Western Bluebird Monitoring** <https://app.donorview.com/GZvyP>  
**Phenology Program** <https://app.donorview.com/Z6ZQj>

Ready to  
volunteer?



## SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT

We are excited to spotlight three incredible volunteer botanists who have made significant contributions to ARC's mission. Their dedication, expertise, and passion for plant identification have greatly enriched our work and helped us gather valuable data for our conservation efforts. **Annie Walker, Janet Cicero, and Shelley Perry** have brought a wealth of knowledge to ARC and have dedicated countless hours this year to helping us collect data for our botany surveys for the ARC South Fork of the American River Restoration Project; a project that spans Lewis Ranch, Salmon Falls Ranch, Wakamatsu Farm and Elliot Pond, and aims to restore forested lands on each of the properties. Their work has been crucial in moving this project forward and many other ARC projects over the last 15+ years. Anyone who has spent time in the field with these ladies can appreciate their unique talent for identifying rare and native plant species, and their excitement to share this knowledge with others. The surveys they have conducted not only help us move our mission forward, but also contribute to our greater understanding of our local ecology and inform our future conservation strategies. We are deeply grateful for their contributions and dedication. Thank you, Annie, Janet, and Shelley, for your tireless efforts and passion for botany!

With Friendship - Sabrina Clark and Autumn Gronborg



# PROGRAMS PLUS

See our website calendar for updates, full descriptions, and registration links.

[ARConservancy.org/events](http://ARConservancy.org/events)

No dogs allowed unless otherwise stated



## NATURE WALKS

### NEW YEAR CLEANSE “POP-UP” HIKE January (Date and time TBD)

The intent of this hike is to welcome positive energy in 2025 and say goodbye to any negative experiences from 2024. Ami Stroud will lead this 2.5-mile hike to the South Fork of the American River where you will collect acorns and leaves as symbols of the negative experiences/energy you want to let go of in the New Year. When we get to the river, we will let these negative experiences float away. To make room for positive energy, we will do about 10 minutes of easy standing Tai Chi movements on shore and then loop around to Greenwood Creek and back to trailhead. Well-behaved children of all ages and dogs on-leash welcome. Meeting location Pilot Hill area. **FREE.**

### MUSHROOM “POP-UP” WALKS – WEATHER AND BLOOM DEPENDENT

**Date and time TBD**  
When winter offers us mushrooms...join ARC volunteer Elizabeth Standeven for a meandering hike and mushroom foray. Afterwards, gather to see the diversity of



mushrooms that were found and learn some basics of mushroom identification. The hike will begin with a brief talk to orient participants to the property and where to look for mushrooms. Handouts will help participants apply their knowledge as they assess mushrooms in the field. Local botany will also be discussed as it relates to mushrooms. Responsible 12-year-olds+ welcome. Meeting location (TBD) will be within 30 minutes of Placerville area. **Suggested Donation: \$5/members, \$10/non-members.**

### SNOWSHOE “POP-UP” HIKES WEATHER AND SNOW DEPENDENT Dates and times TBD

ARC volunteer & board member Scott Vail will lead Snowshoe hikes (5-6 miles) this winter and spring. These are intermediate-level hikes for snowshoers ages 12+. Well-behaved dog on leash OK. Meeting location Placerville area. **Suggested Donation: \$10/members, \$15/non-members.**

## LECTURES, WORKSHOPS, & MISCELLANY



### Winter Sogetsu Ikebana Classes Sundays, December 1<sup>st</sup>, January 12<sup>th</sup>, & February 16<sup>th</sup> 10am-1pm

Instructor Yasmin Spiegel is a “Sensei” (teacher) in the Sogetsu School of Ikebana: Japanese flower arranging. Ages

8+w/adult supervision. **Cost: \$35/members, \$40/non-members.**

### Classes Descriptions:

- December 1, 2024: Holiday Wreaths Using Succulents
- January 12, 2025: Sogetsu New Years Arrangements
- February 16, 2025: No Kenzan Arrangements Using Bark

### WINTER WORKSHOP: WARM YOURSELF UP WITH FIRE CIDER

**Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm**

In this class, we'll learn how to prepare fire cider, first popularized by herbalist Rosemary Gladstar in the 1970s. The tonic contains apple cider vinegar (ACV), honey, onion, garlic, herbs, and other ingredients that may help support health and wellness. You'll learn about the properties of the ingredients and then make your own batch of fire cider to take home. Jessica Carew Kraft is a California naturalist, wild food forager, and author of *Why We Need to Be Wild: One Woman's Quest for Ancient Human Answers to 21st Century Problems* (Sourcebooks, 2023). Responsible 10-year-olds+ welcome. Meeting location Placerville/Gold Hill area. **Cost: \$10/members, \$15/non-members.**



### Many thanks

to the program leaders who taught a workshop, led a hike, or gave a presentation in the fall.

**Want to volunteer? Have an idea for a program?**

Contact [julie@ARConservancy.org](mailto:julie@ARConservancy.org)

**GPS DETOX: HOW TO NAVIGATE IN NATURE WITHOUT YOUR PHONE****Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm**

Nature is always making a map for us, and the land is full of clues and signs, though most of us have been trained out of this awareness by our digital tech. We will learn techniques for reading the landscape, expanding awareness, and amplifying perception used by wildlife trackers and our ancestors to forage and navigate. If you've ever wondered about how humans survived and thrived in wild environments, or questioned how to keep yourself from getting lost without using GPS, this talk will give you more knowledge and the confidence to safely wander off the beaten path. Jessica Carew Kraft is a California naturalist, a wild food forager, and author of *Why We Need to Be Wild: One Woman's Quest for Ancient Human Answers to 21st Century Problems* (Sourcebooks, 2023). Responsible 10-year-olds+ welcome. Meeting location Placerville/Gold Hill area. **Cost: \$10/members, \$15/non-members.**



**OUR SIERRAS GOT STYLE! A CENTURY + OF LANDMARK LOCAL ART, SCULPTURE, AND ARCHITECTURE**  
**Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> 7-8:30pm**

Enjoy wine and dessert during this unique **members-**

**only** slideshow presentation. We will examine important paintings, sculptures, monuments, buildings, and the people who created them. From the Gold Rush to present day, from Coloma to Tahoe, and many points in between, explore a myriad of styles within our watersheds. Find out about those murals, statues, churches, houses, cemeteries, or government buildings that make you wonder. An ARC member since 1992, Keith Atwater is a retired professor of humanities, History, and religious studies who is excited to present this unique showing. Meeting location Placerville/Gold Hill area. **FREE.**

**CAPTURING WAKAMATSU: A POETRY WORKSHOP**  
**Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 12-2pm**

Taylor Graham, El Dorado County's first Poet Laureate, and award-winning Sacramento-area poet Katy Brown will lead an exploration of farmhouse, barn, and surroundings, then ask participants to write a poem inspired by what they've experienced. Any who wish may share their poems with the group and ARC. Children 8+ welcome with adult supervision. Meeting location Gold Hill/Placerville area. **Suggested Donation: \$5/members, \$10/non-members.**

**IT ALL BEGINS IN THE NEST: AN INTRODUCTION TO BIRD NESTS AND EGGS (VIRTUAL PRESENTATION)**  
**Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30 followed by Q&A**

Though this topic seems early in the year, it's time to start getting ready for the nesting season! In

this presentation, naturalist David Lukas will introduce us to the fascinating world of bird nests and eggs. While spring is the most important time of the year for birds, much of that exuberant activity is hidden from view, so we will peek into the elaborate, precisely choreographed strategies that birds undertake in the nesting season as they mate, build nests, lay eggs, and raise babies. David ([lukasguides.com](http://lukasguides.com)) is a professional naturalist and author of *Sierra Nevada Birds*, *Sierra Nevada Natural History*, and *Wild Birds of California*. **FREE** - Donations appreciated. You will receive Zoom details once you register online.

**NATURE JOURNALING & MIXED MEDIA ART CLASS**

**Saturdays, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup>, & March 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**11am-1:30pm**



This 3-class series focuses on observing, documenting and creatively expressing experiences in nature via drawing, painting, printmaking with natural resources, and collage. Art is used as a means to connect to and experience nature as well as deepen a creative journaling practice. Ray Becker is a local artist who loves exploring a variety of artistic mediums. Responsible 12-year-olds+ welcome. Meeting location Placerville/Gold Hill area. **Cost Per Class: \$20/members, \$25/non-members.**

## ARC Wish List

For full list visit <https://bit.ly/3eTOVN4>

- Side by side UTV
- Walkie talkies (long range)
- Riding Lawn Mower
- Small, reliable TRUCK
- Field microscopes
- Small camp stove and lightweight cooking gear
- Canvas folding wagon
- Cellular game camera
- Canoe paddles
- Life jackets
- Mason jars
- Thermal laminator machine
- Gift cards
- Lawn games
- Glasses & napkins

...And much more

# EDUCATION UPDATE

The education department always looks forward to fall. We love the cooler temperatures, changing foliage, and most importantly, the return of school field trips! We've been excited to welcome new schools and some familiar faces to the new Environmental Education Center at Wakamatsu Farm. Students have been busy bees, learning about pollination and how seeds are made, and then designing their own seeds with novel ways of dispersing - like needing to be sung to by a bluebird after being buried by a chipmunk. Our kiddos have transformed into salmon, using their noses to help them find their way back home through the twists and turns of the delta. We are fostering a new generation of water conservation warriors through a game that models how water has been used throughout the centuries and stresses the importance of making water-wise choices in everyday life.

In September, 50 students from the Natural Resources program at El Dorado High School were invited to Leek Springs Meadow to lend a hand in building beaver dam analogs. They spent four hours in the field working with the staff of Symbiotic Restoration on a project that hopes to return the headwaters to a thriving Sierra meadow. They also spent some time working with ARC staff and volunteers to learn how the meadow is being monitored to show the impacts of our work. They measured groundwater levels, did a vegetation transect, and learned about soil sampling and bird surveys.

Another group of high schoolers from across the state visited our property at Wells Preserve as part of the Forestry Challenge. Over 120 high school students representing 17 schools spent two days learning the basics of forestry, timber cruising, and land management before conducting their own surveys. Data was compiled, and the teams spent another day planning their recommendations for how to manage the property and then presenting their proposals to a panel of judges from across

the industry. This year's winning team was from Foresthill High School and will go on to compete at the Finals in May. You can learn more about the event at [forestrychallenge.org](https://forestrychallenge.org)

The 2024 cohort of Climate Stewards also completed their certifications this fall. This group of 15 climate champions joined us from all over California - even as far away as Los Angeles! We learned about climate science and how to communicate about it and create community action around it. This year's participants engaged in action projects that included nature journaling workshops in fire-impacted landscapes, training social work grad students about the mental health impacts of climate change, and art installations using discarded materials to create a call to action. It has been a pleasure to work with such a diverse and motivated group of Climate Stewards on this journey.

### Upcoming programs:

Nature Camp registration begins February 7th! Camp will run the weeks of June 9th, 16th, 23rd, and July 7th.

The next California Naturalist course will begin in March and run through May.

Please keep an eye out for registration information in January.



Students from El Dorado High School's Natural Resources Program help to build a beaver dam analog at Leek Springs Meadow under the supervision of staff from Symbiotic Restoration.



Students from a local school spend time nature journaling in the native plant garden at Wakamatsu Farm

*As a conservation organization based in California's upper American River and upper Cosumnes River watersheds, we acknowledge that we work within the land and waters that make up the ancestral homelands of the Miwok, Nisenan, and Washoe people. We pledge to honor, learn from, and actively engage local tribes in our work.*



## A Memorable Fall Fling

This year, Fall Fling was an especially joyous occasion during **ARC's 35th anniversary** year of celebrations. On September 29, ARC was joined by nearly 200 supporters, our biggest crowd yet for this special event. Following our tradition, the evening was all about great friends and gratitude along with a delicious, free meal and drinks. We awarded "Donor of the Year" to Latrobe Fund. The RIPE AREA project earned Myrtle Tree Arts our "Partner of the Year" award, ARC's "Volunteer of the Year" went to both Steve and Lucinda Parker. We honored Deb Jensen for her 1990 foundational work to establish ARC's Environmental Education programming, still growing stronger today. As in prior years, our volunteers who tracked 100 or more hours during the past 12 months received special gifts. Our deep gratitude extends to our event supporters, including Xpressions Catering and music by Hard Times No More, Melinda Velasco, Daniel Torres, and Elena DeLacy. Thanks to our event volunteers from National Charity League, Boys Team Charities, and many others. We are grateful for members of the Ripe Area 2024 artist cohort for their displays and demonstrations, including Myrtle Tree Arts, Sara and Tony Raske, Lara Gulate, and Corina del Carmel. Fall Fling was made possible by ARC's dedicated staff and board plus all our gracious guests who now share this special memory.

Next year, Fall Fling will be hosted on a different date than our typical last Sunday in September. Instead, we anticipate Fall Fling will happen during early October, 2025.



### Trail Run Reflections

(A poem by Kyle Pogue, presented at Fall Fling 2024)

Out To Magnolia For A Morning Run  
Thank You ARC For Something That Cannot Be Undone

With Scout And Shannon To The Vail Trail We Go  
The Name I've Coopted For Someone You All Know

As We Ascend To The Top—A Steep One I Might Add  
Each Step I Reflect On The Impact This Protection Has Had

Bringing People Together And Connecting Native Wildlife  
Our Relief From Daily Pressures And So Loved By My Wife

We Pause At The Pass To view The River Below  
Was That Keith Gershon Who We Just Passed—Oh, How Will We Know?

On The Descent, We Fly Like the Winds  
Made Possible By People Like You, Our Friends

Volunteers Coming Together So This Land May Thrive  
Just One Of Many Examples Of ARC Bettering Our Lives

We Are All Benefactors From This Collective Vision  
Conservation, Stewardship, And Education.

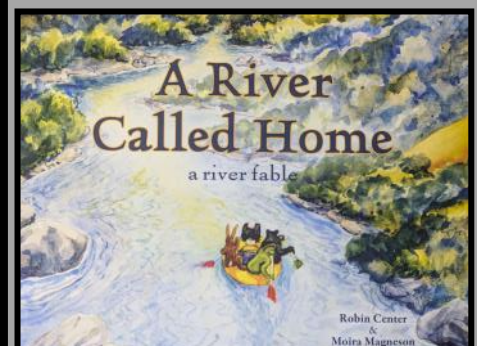
Thank you all so much for your grand work provided on a daily basis.

### Book Sale

[ARConservancy.org/  
Merchandise](https://ARConservancy.org/Merchandise)

Shop online now for  
new ARC logo apparel

Purchase a beautiful book by  
locals Robin Center &  
Moira Magnuson



## THANK YOU, AMERICAN RIVER CONSERVANCY SUPPORTERS! JULY—SEPT. 2024

### Our Generous Supporters

ARC is sincerely grateful for the dedication of our volunteers, donors, and partners who commit their time, talents, and resources in benefit of local watersheds. Please join us in appreciation of countless individuals and organizations through the decades who have helped us preserve rivers and land for life. May this list serve as public acknowledgement of our supporters from last quarter.

Ahlf, Laurie	A-Total Fire Protection	Benevity	Brown, Mason	Christian, Marcus
Akers, Aiko	Atwater, Keith &	Bertram, Susan Reiko	Bush, Carolyn	Ciofalo, Catherine
Allen, Joanne & Ed	Vrecheck, Jean	Blackbird, Beth	Bush, Leslie	Clark, Connie
Almeida, Charles	Backlund, Stanley	Boehm, Lucy & John	Buss, Margaret	Clark, Steven & Lora Beth
Amen, Shoshanna	Bailes, Craig	Booze, Thomas	Butler, Alice	Clemens, Ted
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