

The Valley Women's Club NEWSLETTER

The Valley Women's Club is dedicated to community action, awareness and leadership in environmental, educational, social, and political concerns which affect the health and welfare of the San Lorenzo Valley and our community.

River and Road Cleanup a "Success"

135 volunteers from age 4 to over 75 participated in the Valley Women's Club's 24th Annual SLV River & Road Cleanup, supported by the expansion of the Coastal Cleanup up the River by Save Our Shores, and the coordination of the Felton morning effort by CORE (SLV Citizens Organized for Responsible Ecology), on Saturday, September 25th. Dedicated residents worked for hours to clean trash from the San Lorenzo



Volunteers at the Ben Lomond location: Laurie, Mark and Quinn Becker, Steven Patrick, April and Joni Martin.

River, its creeks, and the roads nearby. These folks brought out over 6,650 pounds of filthy trash, metal items, and recyclables back to two sites in Felton, one in Ben Lomond, and one in Boulder Creek. That's almost 1,000 pounds more than last year. With a combination of pride and horror, volunteers watched the piles grow, and load after load taken by the trucks provided by the County and the SLV Water District.

Next year, the 25th Annual Cleanup will bring back the great BBQ celebration at Highlands Park to commemorate the event. You will want to come!

The Redwood Mountain Faire Expands to Two Days in 2011

Lower Cost to Attend! Volunteers and Sponsors Needed Now!

Wahoooo!! The magnificent Redwood Mountain Faire will return June 4th and 5th next year for a wonderful weekend of music, arts and crafts, food and drinks, information and fun, at Roaring Camp, while benefitting over a dozen important local nonprofit organizations. The Faire Steering Committee has already been hard at work organizing and improving all aspects of the event, which provided \$15,000 to vital local nonprofits in 2010.

It will cost less to get into the Faire next year so that more SLV folks can come enjoy the event!!

Every aspect of the Faire has been reviewed and evaluated, enabling the Steering Committee to make improvements that will create an even more enjoyable experience from the time you enter the parking lot when you arrive, to the time you leave with hearts and minds full of delightful memories.

In order to fulfill this commitment, and to assure that the event raises significant funds for the many nonprofits helping staff the event, volunteers are needed. The VWC must provide half the volunteers at the event itself, and all those doing the planning for the event. You are invited to help us out! It's easy to sign up to help and you may receive free entry to the Faire while having fun working on a great event. Think about all the parts of

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Berry Creek Falls, Big Basin

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Felton Covered Bridge Update



Photo by *Leticia A. Kohnen, October 4, 2006*

The Felton Covered Bridge, which is both a state and national historic landmark, was damaged by last winter's storms and is currently in need of about \$9,000 worth of repairs.

Because it's part of a county park, Felton Covered Bridge Park, the county is responsible for fixing and maintaining the bridge. County Parks has asked the State Historical Resources money to help pay for it.

While it's unclear at this point whether grant money will be available, it is very clear that Santa Cruz County is short on funds for this type of project. As a result, an informal group has started taking steps to raise money to help the county pay to fix the front left corner that was knocked off by a falling tree; repair the holes in the roof; and to help maintain this San Lorenzo Valley landmark.

The bridge was built in 1892 and is believed to be the tallest

covered bridge in the US. It was used by horse-drawn and gas-powered vehicles for 45 years as the only entrance to Felton until it was taken out of service in 1937.

The 80-foot span suffered major structural damage during the storms of 1982 and, thanks to groups like E Clampus Vitas, the Felton Volunteer Fire Department and other local talent, was restored using native materials about 5 years later.

Bill Burton, a retired civil engineer who lives in Ben Lomond, is spear-heading the current effort on behalf of the bridge. Burton feels the bridge is a huge community asset that the residents of the Valley should be willing to help pay to maintain in good condition.

Burton says the other problem is that you can't even see the bridge unless you are right on top of it. He feels that some judicious pruning of the landscaping around the front entrance to the bridge would allow more people to appreciate it. As Burton says, "Perhaps the name of the park should be changed to "Felton Hidden Bridge Park"?"

A Felton Covered Bridge account has been set up at Liberty Bank in Felton. If you would like to donate money to help pay for repairs on the bridge, please send a check, made out to "Felton Covered Bridge," to Liberty Bank, 6230 Hwy 9, Felton, 95018.

5th District Report

By Supervisor Mark Stone

The Holiday season is the time of the year when we become reflective about what we have done during the year, and what lies ahead in the New Year. The work of the County Board of Supervisors continues to move ahead through some very choppy fiscal waters, but we are optimistic that there will be eventual relief. Much of the business of the Board may appear mundane, but even basic housekeeping is important and there are always some issues that stand out as critical

As a county we must, by law, balance our budget. In this respect the State budget process weighs heavily on what we can do locally. With much of the state budget locked into constitutional constraints, the most vulnerable area to cuts is human services. I am proud our Board of Supervisors has done everything possible to maintain some supports for our local human service programs, although they remain in jeopardy through the upcoming fiscal year.

Recreation and Parks has been another area that is vulnerable to budget cuts. One bright spot in the Fifth District is the Ben Lomond Park Dam, that for several years had languished in disrepair. Thanks to a very positive and involved community process, County Parks was able to qualify the Ben Lomond Park for a grant that will initiate the first stage of improvements and reinvigorate public use of the park. While we were not successful with the grant that would have funded the second stage of improvements, the community-driven process gave us all a good idea of what is possible. We will continue to try to get funding

for the upgrades and I am always hopeful that we eventually will also be able to reinstall the summer flashboard dam.

I was very pleased at the support I received from the entire Board of Supervisors in confronting the issue of plastic bag pollution. It appears each of the cities in Santa Cruz County will also issue bans on the use of single use plastic bags, making it a county-wide ban. After the environmental review is complete the proposed ordinance is scheduled to return to the Board in February 2011 for possible final approval.

There is one issue affecting County residents where the authority of the Board is unclear - the installation of PG&E smart meters. PG&E is a public utility under the legal jurisdiction of the State Public Utilities Commission. However, when that company moved ahead with a new technology and provided scant public information and no public input, the County Board called for a moratorium on further installations at least until the end of the year. We have asked the County Counsel to investigate aspects of possible County authority, requested the company to provide meaningful community meetings and information to the public, and asked the State Legislature and the Public Utilities Commission to investigate the environmental and health effects of the technology. PG&E has not acknowledged any constraint over their actions in spite of an angry public.

The Board also recently adopted in concept a new ordinance governing medical marijuana cooperatives. Some of the key issues are keeping them away from schools, proper security and locally sourced product. I think that the draft ordinance that we are working with is innovative and would provide much needed medicine while providing appropriate protections for our neighborhoods.

A hotly contested issue that will come to the Board in early December is the regulation of Vacation Rentals in Santa Cruz County. I certainly understand the impact that these sites have on their neighborhoods, I remain concerned about regulating where there has not been a demonstrated problem. I remain in favor of a simple ordinance that would require registration of vacation rentals so that the County would be ensured of collecting much needed transit occupancy taxes and neighbors would have contact information should there be any need to contact the property owner for noise or nuisance issues. If the ordinance is to contain any other restrictions, then it needs to be limited to the beach areas in the County where there are demonstrated problems. This ordinance will be very helpful to the beach neighborhoods but also should have minimal impact on the San Lorenzo Valley.

In the coming year the Board will continue to do as much as we can to maintain all of our responsibilities to the public, but there are some tough choices ahead.

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Redwood Mountain Faire Expands (cont.)

the Faire, and pick a role you would enjoy being involved in, and let us know! We'll try to match your interests to tasks.

Simply go online to the Faire website, www.redwoodmountainfaire.com and click on the link, below the photos of the non-profits receiving their checks, under the words "Get Involved!" If you cannot go online to volunteer, please call the Faire message line, 831-216-6535, and leave your name, address, phone number, and interest. The email address works too: info@redwoodmountainfaire.com. We'll contact you as soon as we can.

Also, in order to provide the Faire at the reduced entry fee, since it costs many, many thousands of dollars to produce, sponsors are needed to provide funds, prizes for raffles and other fundraisers, and supplies for the event. Please consider becoming a sponsor. The publicity and recognition for sponsors is an important part of the PR plan, from the website and poster to giant banners at the Faire and more. If you know of an individual, business, company or corporation that might be willing to sponsor the Faire, please let us know so that we can request their support. Contact Linda Moore (566-7788) with this information.

In addition, if you have contacts in the media, please let them know about the Faire and ask them to help us get the word out about the event as it approaches – then let us know whom you have contacted, so we can provide them with the information they will need for their reporting and to find out if there is something special they want to do.

Finally, if you were at last year's Faire and have good photos of the event, we'd love to take a look, in case we can use them for publicity (with proper credit, of course). Send them to the Faire's email address. Be sure to include the name of the photographer, and indicate that we have permission to use the photos.

There is a LOT to do! Please, contact us right away (and tell your friends), so we can bring it all together after the first of the New Year!

The Tannery Artspace has Lecture Series

The public is invited to a series of lectures on a variety of topics, taking place in the Tannery's 1030 Community Room, located at 1030 & 1040 River St., Santa Cruz, CA., at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month through June. Dates and topics include: December 16th Understanding Art; January 20th An Evening of Dance and Music in Honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday; February 17th Tannery Musicians Co-Op; March 17th Bohemian Trance: Taking the Group Show "enTrance" to Bohemia, Czech Republic; April 21st Quantum Tantra; May 19th Found Object, Assembly Required; June 16th Council of All Beings. www.tanneryartscenter.org

IRS Acts on Email Fraud

The IRS has an email address where you can send suspected email fraud relating to the IRS. If you have ever filed a tax return online, you may be surprised to receive an email that appears to be from the IRS. If this happens, send it immediately to phishing@irs.gov so their fraud unit can investigate. (This happened to the VWC when we began to pay our Federal payroll taxes online.) The IRS NEVER EVER contacts people via email.

Mountain Community Resources Offers Free Parenting Workshops

Looking for new ways to manage your child's behavior? Mountain Community Resources (MCR) is offering a FREE workshop series for parents and caregivers to increase their awareness of how to change unwanted behavior and encourage desirable behavior in their children.

Although several of the classes have already taken place, you are welcome to take the next three. Pre-registration is required for all classes. Call MCR at 335-6603 or send an email to brenda@mountaincommunityresources.org to register.

All classes are held at the MCR office, 6134 Highway 9, Felton, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm and free childcare is provided.

WORKSHOP TOPICS	DATES
Preventing Tantrums	Thursday, Sept. 9 (English)
	Wednesday, Sept. 29 (Spanish)
Dealing with Disobedience	Thurs., Oct. 14 (English)
	Wednesday, Oct. 20 (Spanish)
Traveling in the Car	Thursday, Nov. 18 (English)
	Wednesday, Dec. 8 (Spanish)
Fighting and Aggression	Thursday, Jan. 13 (English)
	Wednesday, Feb. 16 (Spanish)
Managing Chores	Thursday, Mar. 10 (English)
	Wednesday, Apr. 13 (Spanish)
The Power of Self-Esteem	Thursday, May 12 (English)
	Wed., May 18 (in Spanish)

Mountain Arts Center's Holiday Exhibits/SLV Artists in Open Studios

The Gift of Art

You will enjoy both looking and shopping at The Gift of Art, through December 24th, at the Mountain Arts Center in Ben Lomond, across from Ben Lomond Market. You can easily be artful in your gifts this year! A host of local, very talented artists are sharing their work in diverse mediums: jewelry, glass, ceramics, paintings, prints, baskets, wood, sculpture, textiles and more! You will find these works of art and artistry reasonably priced for holiday gift giving. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 12 - 6 p.m. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. Bring your children so they can have a glimpse into the beauty of human creation.

Open Studios Drew Visitors into the Mountains

Those attending Open Studios weekends this year had a huge number of artists to visit in the SLV. Three artists, including Linda Levy's digital paintings and her ceramics pieces, <http://lindalevy.com>, along with Larry Worley's shapely antler and driftwood baskets, <http://www.mountainartcenter.org/Artists/LarryWorley.htm>, and Lori Duino's paintings: www.mountainartcenter.org/documents/Oct2010.pdf, helped bring in 300 visitors to their "studios" at the Arts Center, while many others displayed their work at their home studios. The variety of artists in the SLV is remarkable; virtually every kind of art is made locally. There were glowing comments about many of the artists from those who visited local studios.

Kevin Leopold enjoyed demonstrating his remarkable glass blowing artistry at his studio in Lompico: kjleopold1@netzero.net.

Chris Moorhead's "functional art" stained glass designs: www.christinemoorhead.com, and Dyann Paynovich's jewelry: www.getalifestudio.com/artists/index.html, both attracted buyers as well as lookers to Boulder Creek, including many returning fans from previous years. Dan and Laurie Hennig, among the founders of the Arts Center, again attracted a crowd to their ceramics studio in Boulder Creek – drawn in by their unique animal characters and distinctive designs: www.campclimaxpottery.com. Iver and Jen Hennig are also talented ceramics artists whose work brings repeat visitors: www.liveclaypottery.com.

In Felton, Lucy Martin's paintings drew lovers of mushrooms and intimate scenes of nature up close: <http://www.lucymartinart.com>; April Zilber's gorgeous "fused art" glass designs, <http://www.aptosartshoppe.com/April%20Zilber/Fused%20Glass%20Art.htm> convinced visitors that her visions in glass were unique, and all found Michael Singer's work remarkable and beautiful; he does fine woodworking at his studio in Felton: <http://www.msfinewoodworking.com>.

Ben Lomond photographer, Frank Leonard, brought lovers of nature and of the human form, into his studio, who left with his remarkable calendars: <http://www.frankleonardphotography.com>.

Apologies to the other artists in our mountains who were not mentioned in this article. We urge you to visit the Mountain Arts Center in person, not only to see the art on display, but to participate in their many classes and workshops. Check it out online! www.mountainartcenter.org.

BOARD NEWS

Valley Women's Club

Board of Directors Election

VWC membership renewal reminders and ballots for 2-year terms on the VWC Board of Directors should be arriving in your mailbox soon.

Keep in mind that our bylaws require that you be a current VWC Member to vote. That's why your RENEWAL is included in the same mailing as the BALLOT.

Your membership means the VWC's voice carries more weight and, the more members we have, the broader the range of issues we can tackle in 2011.

Please take a moment to renew your membership and mail your ballot back to us by January 7th.

Save the Dates!

Please mark your calendars so you don't miss our **Annual General Meeting on Sunday, March 6th**, at the Highlands Park Senior Center. It is a chance to reconnect with other VWC members; get a report on what the VWC is up to as well as updates from various local elected officials.

2011 is also the year for the **Hammer-Marcum Awards** and the date for honoring those recipients is **October 2nd**. The Hammer-Marcum Award was created in 1987 to honor two incredible people in the San Lorenzo Valley who have done loads to improve the quality of life of thousands of local residents: Mary Hammer and Annette Marcum.

The Hammer-Marcum Award is presented to one or more people who have made outstanding contributions to the San Lorenzo Valley through action, awareness and leadership in environmental, educational, social and/or political concerns. We will be asking for nominations for this prestigious award later in the year.

“The Wild World of Frogs”

A presentation by Dr. Kerry M. Kriger, February 5th

SAVE THE FROGS! Founder, Executive Director & Ecologist, Dr. Kerry Kriger, is coming to the February Environmental Committee meeting to give his engrossing presentation on “The Wild World of Frogs.” The presentation, open to the public, will take place courtesy of the Mountain Parks Foundation at the Nature Center auditorium at Henry Cowell Park, on Hwy 9 in Felton, at 10:30, Saturday, February 5th.

How many questions do you have about frogs? Have you wondered how long do frogs live? How many types of frogs are there? What’s the difference between a frog and a toad? Why are frogs disappearing worldwide and what can be done to save them? (The good news is that we, as individuals CAN help.) Dr. Kriger answers all these questions and more as he introduces the audience to The Wild World of Frogs. The presentation features many of Dr. Kriger’s extraordinary photos of amphibians from around the world, and there will be a question and answer session following the presentation.

Dr. Kriger is the Founder & Executive Director of SAVE THE FROGS! (www.savethefrogs.com), America’s first and only public charity dedicated to amphibian conservation. Dr. Kriger holds a Ph.D. in Environmental Science from Griffith University in Gold Coast, Australia, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, VA. His scientific research focuses on the am-



phibian disease chytridiomycosis, a topic on which he has published 15 articles in peer-reviewed international scientific journals. His research into amphibian declines has been supported by the National Geographic Society, and various philanthropic organizations throughout the world, and he has presented the results of his research at scientific conferences in several countries. He is fluent in Spanish and conversant in Portuguese. He has climbed mountains in the Himalayas, Alps, Alaska Range, Southern Alps and the Andes, and is an avid photographer who has created calendars and posters featuring his wildlife photography.

You won’t want to miss this! Plan to come and bring family and friends; all ages welcome.

Assemblymember Joins in Dialogue on the Environment

Bill Monning’s Second Annual Conversation and a New Book

For the second year, the VWC Environmental Committee invited State Assemblymember Bill Monning to participate in a “Dialogue on the Environment,” at Felton Community Hall. Ironically, the carefully chosen date ended up being the date of the first World Series Baseball Game, Wednesday, October 27th, so only 40 people attended. Even so, the event was a remarkable interchange of ideas and ideals, and Assemblymember Monning was open and articulate -- and practical -- in sharing his views, values and insights.

Many who were there had never been at a VWC event before, and went out of their way to thank the Environmental Committee for providing this public service. They commented that they were very excited to actually discuss their own issues of concern in person with their legislator, in a welcoming and well-organized forum.

Monning first gave his thoughts on the upcoming State Ballot Propositions and some other issues of general concern; then the audience Q&A began. Issues brought up for discussion included the following: legislation to block continued use of methyl iodide (a nerve toxin strawberry growers are hoping to use in place of methyl bromide, an ozone depletor) – Monning is well-informed about the health and environmental hazards of pesticides and herbicides; the enormous energy and financial costs of Santa Cruz City’s desalinization plans; requiring habitat conservation

plans for local water companies; the need for an oil extraction tax; requiring permeable asphalt for all State paving projects; PG&E’s Smart Meters and the inability of the public to influence decisions being made by this powerful corporation; and the status of high speed rail. The exchange of ideas was very exciting!

Monning, after thanking the VWC for the gathering, and visiting with individuals after the event, provided copies of his new book, *Vision for a Healthy California*, to members of the Environmental Committee who had worked to provide the program. The book discusses the challenges facing California and Monning’s vision for the Economy, Small Business, Workers, Education, the Environment, Energy, Health and Security. The book gives specific “Prescriptions for Reform” that would enable major improvements to be made in the system of government. The book is available through his office. It is an excellent guide to our State’s problems and some workable solutions.

Monning and his staff are available to respond to your questions and concerns. The local phone number is 831/425-1503. Or go to Monning’s State Assembly website: <http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a27>.

Many thanks to Mark Becker, Tai Stills and all those who helped with all the details of planning, set-up and clean-up, providing food and beverages, and getting the word out.

Keep Your Butts Off the Ground

Campaign to Raise Awareness About Cigarette Butt Hazards

A team of Environmental Committee members, including Stephanie Sakasai, Mark Becker, Quinn Becker, Karen Burman and Nancy Macy, met in November to set the goals and timeline for a new campaign to motivate smokers to keep cigarette butts off the ground and out of the watershed. Having applied for a grant to help fund the campaign, from the Santa Cruz County Fish and Game Commission, the Committee will produce informational brochures, cartoons and information for a media campaign, purchase disposal receptacles for our SLV towns, hold a competition for the creation of eye-catching receptacles and enlist the support of the business community and Valley fire departments to help.

The timing is good because Save Our Shores is focusing on keeping cigarette butts off of local beaches. The concern about cigarettes is not simply for the toxins concentrated in the butts that affect wildlife from deer (attracted by the nicotine) who graze on them at the side of the road and are hit by cars, to fish

and other aquatic life who are sickened or killed by the chemicals, or swallow the butts and accumulate them in their digestive systems. (Whales, sharks, fish and sea birds have all been found with butts in their stomachs.) The millions of butts dropped worldwide are made of plastic fibers that join the horrific gyres of plastics circulating in our oceans, after being washed down our creeks and rivers into the Bay.

It's a lot of fun coming up with slogans and catch-phrases for the campaign. Should we use the title of this article? Or, as SLV Middle School student Quinn Becker, helping with the campaign, suggested, "The butt stops here." We're creating mascots to symbolize those critters who are negatively impacted by the butts, so watch for them, and for the contest – you may want to participate!

You can be involved in the campaign, so contact Nancy (nbbm@cruzio.com or call the recycling center line 338-1728) with your ideas and offers to help!

Environmental News of Note: *Details online so follow the links*

Transition San Lorenzo Valley

Presenting a Peak Oil/Sustainable Community Film Series; the January 7 film is "The Turning Point: a return to community". www.slvtransitions.ning.com

Dam Removal on Rogue River Already Having Impact

In three years, four dams have been breached in the Rogue basin (Oregon); now running free for 157 miles, the benefits to salmon are already being measured. [Read More >>](#)

Coastal Watershed Council Brings Watershed Education to SLV Schools

The Coastal Watershed Council (CWC), the City of Santa Cruz and San Lorenzo Valley Elementary and Middle Schools have teamed up to provide Kindergarten through 6th grade students a series of watershed-related lessons and activities. (CWC Newsletter 11/9/10, <http://www.coastal-watershed.org/education/>)

World Wildlife Fund Launches "Living Planet Report"

WWF's 2010 edition of the Living Planet Report, published every two years, finds that "humanity's demands exceed our planet's capacity to sustain us." Broken down by countries, the report covers species diversity and how its loss affects us, and what you can do to alter your impact on the planet. [Click here.](#)

Laundry Detergent Carcinogen

One of the major issues being tackled by consumer watchdog groups this year is the presence of 1,4-dioxane, a synthetic petrochemical carcinogen, in consumer products. To determine if your laundry detergent contains it and to find out more, [Click Here.](#)

VWC's Recycling on Earth 911

Check it out at <http://earth911.com>.

Great New Guide to "Greening Storm Water Runoff"

The Resource Conservation District has published an EXCELLENT manual to help home and business owners to solve their storm water runoff problems. Storm water, accelerated by impervious surfaces (buildings, walkways and roads), causes severe erosion, pollution and other problems in our steep and fragile watershed. This new manual, with excellent illustrations and photos, gives concrete guidelines of how to reduce the impacts of storm water, to protect your property and the environment. Contact the RCD for your free copy at 464-2950, or www.rcdsantacruz.org.

Weblinks

Weblinks, urls, or whatever you call the embedded links to websites can be downright unwieldy in print. Therefore, some web links mentioned in this newsletter are not written out. However, they can be easily accessed and visited via the VWC website. You can also download .pdf versions of the newsletters at the VWC website and click the links within.

Either way, we encourage you to visit our website and learn more about your community—and beyond!

www.vwcweb.org

Check Out Preventing Child Obesity on TED

Unique Online Site Offers Discussions on Hundreds of Topics

By Randy Macy, CSCS

You can go online to TED, and be engrossed for hundreds of hours by presentations on hundreds of topics by experts. One in particular should be watched by every parent, every educator, every nutrition-conscious person. http://www.ted.com/talks/lang/eng/jamie_oliver.html

The speaker provides mind-boggling information on childhood obesity. Listen NOW! And pass it on.

Forgetful? May Not Be Aging!

Research in the 1990's, intended to gauge how deeply the hormone changes of menopause disrupt women's memory, instead proved that women's forgetfulness was "a function of depression, stress and 'role overload' – the multi-tasking of many roles at once." (Peter M. Meyer, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago) More recent research supports the idea that multi-tasking, by both men and women, causes stress and even the death of brain cells in the hippocampus – an area critical to the formation of new memories. Damage there can "hobble a person's ability to learn and retain new facts and skills." (Dr. Jordan Grafman, neuropsychologist, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke at the National Institutes of Health) Think about it.

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PURPOSE: Dedicated to community action, awareness and leadership in environmental, educational, social and political concerns that affect the health and welfare of the San Lorenzo Valley.

COMPOSITION: This organization shall be nonprofit and open to the public. The Board of Directors shall have not less than five and not more than fifteen members.

MEETINGS: Meetings of the Board of Directors take place the second Tuesday of the month, 6:30 PM, at The Satellite, 6265 Hwy. 9, Felton. Meetings are open to the public. Please contact President **Vince Waskell** with agenda items (335-3130), and Nancy Gerdt with membership questions (335-4249). You are encouraged to attend the Environmental Committee meeting, held on the first Saturday of each month at 10:30 AM, at Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park, Hwy 9, Felton; call 338-1728 for information and to confirm the meeting date, in case of changes.

DUES: \$25.00 a year for individual and family memberships; \$15 students and seniors; \$200 lifetime membership. Includes quarterly Newsletter subscription. VWC mailing address: PO Box 574, Ben Lomond 95005. Recycling Centers' mailing address: 15485 Bear Creek Rd., Boulder Creek 95006. Website: www.vwcweb.org.

VWC CALENDAR FOR WINTER 2010–2011

See the full calendar for 2010–2011 at www.vwcweb.org

DECEMBER

Online Applications for Redwood Mountain Faire (music, arts/crafts, food vendors, volunteers): www.redwoodmountainfaire.com or call 216-6535.

Early Dec. - Board ballots/membership renewals arrive in mail

- 4 **Environmental Committee Meeting**, 10:30 a.m.
Henry Cowell Park Gift Shop Meeting Room
- 14 **Board Meeting**, 6:30 p.m. The Satellite, Felton
- 24 **Recycling Centers close early; info 338-1728**
- 25 **Recycling Centers closed**

JANUARY

- 1 **Recycling Centers closed**
Membership Renewals due
- 7 **VWC Board ballots due**
- 8 **Environmental Committee Meeting**, 10:30 a.m. ,Planning session for 2011. Henry Cowell Park Gift Shop Meeting Room,
- 11 **Board Meeting**, 6:30 p.m. The Satellite, Felton (New Board seated; officers elected)

FEBRUARY

- 5 **Environmental Committee Meeting**, 10:30 a.m.
Special Presentation on FROGS, featuring “Save the Frogs” founder, Dr. Kerry Kriger, Henry Cowell NATURE CENTER (not Gift Shop meeting room).
 - 8 **Board Meeting**, 6:30 p.m., The Satellite, Felton
 - 15 **Spring VWC Newsletter Input deadline** (338-1728 or email nbbm@cruzio.com)
- TBD Casino Night** – fundraiser for Redwood Mountain Faire

“ IN EVERY COMMUNITY THERE IS WORK TO BE DONE.
IN EVERY NATION, THERE ARE WOUNDS TO HEAL.
IN EVERY HEART THERE IS THE POWER TO DO IT. ”

–Marianne Williamson

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Sunday, March 6, 2011

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October 1, 2011



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