

Meanderings

Restore, Conserve & Inspire: Nurturing a Healthy Laguna

Fall/Winter 2018

RENEW YOURSELF...BECOME A LAGUNA EDUCATION VOLUNTEER!



Volunteers are at the heart of our education programs and it takes many people to teach 1,200 students and reach 2,200 adults each year. The 2019 training course promises to be exciting and full of opportunities

to renew yourself and build your circle of friends while contributing to the community and the Laguna's future.

We offer 3 education volunteer opportunities:

Learning Laguna Docents

Teach our curriculum to 2^{nd} - 4^{th} grade children in their classroom and on field trips to the Laguna.

Laguna Guides

Teach about the Laguna and support public education programs and trail walks.

Laguna Greeters

Support the smooth running of Heron Hall and provide outreach tabling at community events.

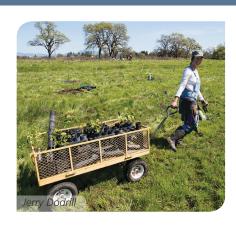
During the course all trainees will be together on Tuesday evenings to learn about wetlands, ecology, plants, birds and other animals of the Laguna de Santa Rosa in the classroom and in the field at Laguna Preserves. Then, trainees are divided into tracks to learn and practice the specifics of each volunteer job. Docents train on Mondays and spend time observing in elementary classrooms and on school field trips. Guides train on Saturdays. Greeters attend one Tuesday and one Saturday class. Everyone has the option to participate in additional educational outings to Laguna locations not usually open to the public.

Training starts in late February. Keep an eye on our website for exact training dates. Plan now to attend an orientation for all the details! Two dates are available, and will be held in Heron Hall, 6:00 – 8:00pm:

Thursday, Jan. 31, 2019 or Monday, Feb. 11, 2019

Curiosity, enthusiasm and a desire to learn, grow, teach and explore the natural world of the Laguna is all it takes to get started. Join the Laguna Foundation for these rich, rewarding and renewing experiences!

GET INVOLVED! MORE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Native Plant Garden Volunteer Days

First Friday of the Month, 9am – Noon

Upcoming Dates: November 2, December 7, 2018 & January 4, February 1,

March 1, 2019

Location: Laguna Environmental Center, 900 Sanford Road, Santa Rosa, CA

Laguna Stewardship Days

Once a month on a Saturday, 9am – Noon

Upcoming Dates: November 10, December 15, 2018 & January 12,

February 16, March 9, 2019

Details and location announced 1-2 weeks in advance of the workday.

All ages and abilities welcome. No experience necessary. Training and tools provided, plus abundant and hearty snacks! Wear clothes and shoes that can get dirty. RSVP only if you are planning on bringing a group of five or more people so that we can have enough supplies. Only heavy rain cancels.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us for exploring and learning about the Laguna de Santa Rosa at one of our Community Education Programs (also known as *Walks, Talks, and Classes*). Pre-registration is required for all events. New events added regularly. All events take place, or begin at the Laguna Environmental Center, 900 Sanford Road, Santa Rosa, Clifornia.

Expressive Nature Photography in the Laguna Watershed

Workshop with Brenda Tharp Saturday, November 17, 8:00am – 5:00pm. \$125

Nature Journaling at the Laguna

Workshop and field trip with Marley Peifer In Partnership with LandPaths and Ag+Open Space District Sunday, November 18, 1:00pm – 5:00pm. Free

Film Screening: ALBATROSS

Directed by Chris Jordan Thursday, November 29, 7:00 – 9:00pm. Free

Painting Mushrooms in Gouache

Workshop with Lucy Martin Saturday, December 1, 10:00am – 3:00pm. \$95

Weave a Willow Basket

Workshop with Charlie Kennard Sunday, December 2, 9:30am – 3:30pm. \$95

Traditional Environmental Knowledge and Climate Change

Presentation with Pomo Tribal Elder, Nick Tipon Thursday, December 6, 7:00 – 8:30pm. \$12

Wild Food & Medicine: Crane Creek Regional Park

With Laguna Foundation and Regional Parks Sunday, December 8, 10:00am – 12:00pm. \$10

Film Screening: The Most Unknown

Directed by Ian Cheney Thursday, December 13, 7:00 – 9:00pm. \$5-\$20

Watershed Perspectives Outing: Colgan Creek

Walk with Regional Parks and City of Santa Rosa Sunday, January 13, 2019, More details coming soon.

From Climate to Creatures: The State of the Ocean off Northern California

Presentation with Farallon Institute E.D., Dr. Jeffrey Dorman Thursday, January 17, 2019, 7:00pm – 8:30pm. \$12

Winter Colors: Branches, Leaves, and Winter Fruit

Colored Pencil Techniques workshop with Nina Antze Saturday, January 26, 2019, 10:00am – 3:00pm. \$95

For information on these or any of our events, please visit our website at: www.LagunaFoundation.org

LAGUNA FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS PLEDGE \$75,000 MATCHING GRANT

Our Board of Directors will match all gifts to the Laguna Foundation received by December 31 thereby **doubling the value** of your donation!

Funds will be used immediately to enact long-term solutions to the most pressing issues facing the Laguna. <u>Your donation and</u> <u>this match will help fund salmon restoration research, design the</u> <u>state's first county-wide vernal pool sanctuary, create more fire-</u> <u>resistant landscapes, improve water quality and wildlife habitat in</u>



numerous streams and bring 35% more children to our second year of Camp Tule!

Turn \$75,000 into \$150,000! Let's move closer to reaching our ambitious goal: restore the waters of the Laguna to a clean, swimmable and fishable condition.

Return your donation in the enclosed envelope or make a secure online gift at www.LagunaFoundation.org. Questions? Please contact Bev at (707) 527-9277, xt. 106 or bev@lagunafoundation.org

Thank you for your support!