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Leading the Environmental Community THANKS FOR 50 GREAT YEARS

by J. Scott Feierabend and Bryant Hichwa

As we celebrate Audubon Canyon Ranch's 50th anniversary, we reflect on the remarkable accomplishments of this organization-and we thank and honor those who made these achievements possible . . . you!

The timeline in this Bulletin traces our collective journey through the past five decades. It is a remarkable story of impassioned support and unwavering commitment from our donors and volunteers.

We are blessed to be standing on the shoulders of giants-ACR's founders. Their far-reaching vision provided clear direction and sense of purpose for the critical work of our past 50 years. As we look at ACR's magnificent preserves and programs, we are constantly reminded how Audubon Canyon Ranch was built by and thrives thanks to its volunteers.

Leading environmental change

Because of the financial contributions of our supporters and the tireless dedication of our volunteers, ACR is an enduring leader in the environmental movement of the Bay Area:

- Our science programs have resulted in significant conservation gains for wetlands and other precious ecosystems that sustain herons, egrets and other wildlife associated with our preserves and surrounding areas.
- Our nature-based education programs-truly the gold standard-have forever changed the lives of thousands of children and adults.
- Our preserves total more than 5,000 acres, and the natural resources they protect in perpetuity stretch from the

shores of Tomales Bay in Marin County to the wildlands of the Mayacamas Mountains in northern and eastern Sonoma County.

As we look to the past and all that we have accomplished together, we must also look to the future and all that we aspire to achieve.

ACR is going greener

One exciting and important change is the greening of Audubon Canyon Ranch. In the coming months, a number of projects to restore and improve many buildings and facilities will begin. By renovating and investing in these physical assets, ACR will attract new and greater public support, prepare our preserves for the

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Land Preservation, Nature-based Education & Conservation Science HIGHLIGHTS FROM ACR'S HISTORY

Setting the Course

1962: Martin Griffin, M.D., president of the Marin Chapter of the National Audubon Society, is inspired to protect a sensitive West Marin heron and egret nesting colony from logging. To galvanize community support, Dr. Griffin, together with Aileen Pierson and Stan Picher, establishes Audubon Canyon Ranch as a local organization, independent of the National Audubon Society. The Bolinas Lagoon Preserve (later renamed Martin Griffin Preserve) is its first property.



Tomales Bay view from Cypress Grove Research Center



Nesting Great Egrets at Martin Griffin Preserve heronry

1964: Local Audubon Chapter members greet visitors who wish to view the heronry at the Bolinas Lagoon Preserve, and thus the ACR Hosts program is launched.

1964: The Garden Club of America names ACR the outstanding conservation project in the United States. In gratitude for this award and the support of the club's local branches, Bolinas Lagoon Preserve's North Canyon is renamed Garden Club of America Canyon, now known as Garden Club Canyon. 1969: The U.S. Department of the Interior designates ACR as a registered National Natural Landmark.
1968: The 234-acre South Canyon of the Bolinas Lagoon Preserve is purchased to be used as an environmental education center.





1967: ACR, The Nature Conservancy and others initiated the purchase of the 110-acre Kent Island in Bolinas Lagoon. The donation of this land to the County of Marin as a park is critical in derailing the planned Bolinas Lagoon Marina. To this day, ACR owns almost 10 strategic acres of Kent Island.

1967: The Marin County Parks and Recreation Department purchases almost all of the perimeter shoreline and tidal flats extending from Bolinas Lagoon Preserve to the town of Bolinas.

1967: Helen Pratt, member of the Marin Audubon Society, begins her study of the Bolinas Lagoon Preserve heronry under the guidance of Professor Richard Doutt of U.C. Berkeley. Helen continues to collect data on reproductive success in the heronry for 32 years.



Helen Pratt

Martin Griffin Preserve from across Bolinas Lagoon

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Expanding Our Impact

1971: The collision of two Standard Oil of California tankers in San Francisco Bay creates an oil spill that threatens pristine Bolinas Lagoon. Volunteers mobilize to stop the slick at the entrance to the lagoon. In appreciation, the ACR Board renames South Canyon as Volunteer Canyon.

1971: Pike County Gulch, the northernmost canyon of Bolinas Lagoon Preserve, is purchased from Mary and Alan Galloway. The buildings in this canyon are used as the administrative offices of Point Reyes Bird Observatory (PRBO) for decades.

1971: Clifford Conly states his desire to bequeath to Audubon Canyon Ranch his 10-acre parcel on Tomales Bay.



The Bouverie Preserve

1978: David Bouverie donates to ACR a major portion of his ranch for education and preservation, forming the Bouverie Preserve, ACR's second main preserve. **1982**: After creating the education program at the Bouverie Preserve, the first docent class graduates and school groups begin to arrive.

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Early 1970s: ACR acquires nearly 500 acres of tidelands and shoreline around Tomales Bay, including Toms Point (generously donated by Judi Hiltner and Meg Quigley), Hog and Duck islands, Walker Creek Delta and Olema Marsh. Hog and Duck islands were later donated to the National Park Service.

1970: The ACR Docent Program is born with docent training funded by the Junior League of San Francisco. ACR's first docent-led programs for schoolchildren and public visitors begin at Bolinas Lagoon Preserve.



David Bouverie

1986: The old hay barn at

converted into the Gilman

the Bouverie Preserve is

Hall Education Center.

1986: The first class of Ranch Guides, volunteer

Preserve.

naturalists, graduate from training at Bolinas Lagoon



Martin Griffin, Bill Tyukodi*, Clifford Conly, Clerin Zumwalt

1993: ACR assumes full ownership and management of Cypress Grove Preserve, land donated by Clifford Conly for ACR's third main preserve. This led to the establishment of the Cypress Grove Research Center.

1991: ACR initiates the ongoing Heron and Egret Project, and volunteers begin to monitor heron and egret nesting activities at all known colonies in the northern San Francisco Bay Area. The historic cabins of Cypress Grove Research Center

1998: A section of the old railroad berm that separated the Caroline Livermore Marsh at Cypress Grove Research Center from Tomales Bay is washed out by rainstorms and heavy runoff, transforming a created freshwater wetland to a transitional salt marsh.

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1994: David Bouverie passes away and leaves to ACR the remainder of the Bouverie Ranch, as well as an endowment.

1994: ACR's Junior Naturalist Program (Junipers) is launched at the Bouverie Preserve.



Learning about nature at the Bouverie Preserve

1999: A bridge, constructed of recycled plastic, is erected across the new tidal inlet at Cypress Grove Research Center.

1995: The Bouverie Preserve Docent Council receives a Certificate of Recognition from the California State Senate and a Community Service Award from the Volunteer Center of Santa Rosa.

* ACR mourns the passing of Bill Tyukodi in June of 2012. Bill was an avid outdoorsman, talented storyteller, life companion of Clifford Conly, caretaker of Cypress Grove and good friend to ACR.



Celebrating 50 Years

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Land Preservation, Nature-based Education & Conservation Science HIGHLIGHTS FROM ACR'S HISTORY

Creating a Sustainable Future



The Modini Ranch

2001: ACR launches its Habitat Protection and Restoration Program.

2001: The Overnight Program at Bolinas Lagoon Preserve is launched, offering urban students an intensive and educational nature experience.

2002: The Quercus Quire, a group of singing volunteers from Bolinas Lagoon and Bouverie preserves, receives the Community Service Award to Schools from the Volunteer Center of Sonoma County for bringing the message of ecological stewardship to 2,700 schoolchildren each year.

2009: ACR agrees to acquire 1,725 acres east of Healdsburg from Jim and Shirley Modini, creating the Modini Ingalls Ecological Preserve.

2009: The *North Bay Business Journal* presents to ACR one of the Best Places to Work awards.

2009: CALTRANS awards nearly \$500,000 to ACR's GROW Project to restore eight acres of oak woodlands at Bouverie Preserve.

2009: In memory of Phyllis Ellman, the David Bouverie Scholarship Fund is established for Junipers pursuing higher education in science or the environment.

> 2007: The volunteer programs, Bouverie Stewards and Bolinas Lagoon Preserve Stewards, are launched and begin to assist staff with habitat restoration projects.

2011–12: Jim and Shirley Modini pass away within a year of one another, initiating the transfer of ownership of the 1,750-acre Modini Ranch to ACR.

2012: Audubon Canyon Ranch acquires the 1,620acre Mayacamas Mountains Sanctuary in northern Sonoma and Lake counties from the National Audubon Society and Audubon California.

2012: Bouverie Preserve Docents celebrate the 30th anniversary of the preserve's education program.

2012: ACR celebrates 50 years of community support for its land preservation, nature-based education and conservation science mission.

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2006: The Bouverie Preserve Docents receive the 2006 Outstanding Environmental Program award from the Sonoma County Conservation Council and the Sierra Club. Certificates of recognition are received from the California State Assembly, the California State Senate and Rep. Lynn Woolsey. **2006**: ACR publishes the Annotated Atlas and Implications for the Conservation of Heron and Egret Nesting Colonies in the San Francisco Bay Area.



Habitat restoration at Cypress Grove

2010: Founding Executive Director Skip Schwartz retires as ACR hires J. Scott Feierabend as its second executive director.

2010: Bolinas Lagoon Preserve Docents celebrate the 40th anniversary of the preserve's education program.

2010: The Bolinas Lagoon Preserve is renamed the Martin Griffin Preserve in recognition of Dr. Griffin's many contributions to ACR.

How Birds Saved the Landscape of Marin 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ACR

by L. Martin Griffin, M.D., Founder, Emeritus Director

We owe the saving of coastal Marin County and its national parks to the Great Egret and Great Blue Heron colony of Audubon Canyon Ranch. The land was purchased by private donations in 1961. In 1962, the year we incorporated and the year John F. Kennedy authorized purchase of the adjoining Point Reyes National Seashore, ACR became its gateway.



These magnificent birds, nesting in their redwood aerie and feeding in Bolinas Lagoon, are still integral to dozens of Bay Area colonies, and are closely monitored and protected by ACR scientists and volunteers. The colony of majestic birds astride Highway One at ACR's Martin Griffin Preserve stopped a coastal freeway, halted a coastal aqueduct on the Russian River, and helped save Bolinas Lagoon and Tomales Bay from huge subdivisions.

An even broader impact

These birds transformed Marin politics, inspired the Design with Nature Countywide Plan, and set the stage for America's best idea, establishing the incredible Point Reyes National Seashore, a paradise for marine life and birds. Today, about 70% of Marin County is preserved as public open space and privately-owned protected property.

The first 50 years were the land acquisition and education years for ACR. To document this tumultuous era, I began writing my book, *Saving the Marin-Sonoma Coast—Battles for Audubon Canyon Ranch, Point Reyes and the Russian River*. It is intended to help other counties emulate Marin's land use ethic and watershed planning success and remind newcomers how Marin's open space got that way.

Continuing ACR's legacy

The next 50 years will be devoted to protecting and restoring the habitat values of our five great preserves. In Marin County we have the 1,000acre Martin Griffin Preserve with the protected heronry on Bolinas Lagoon and the Tomales Bay's Cypress Grove Research Center with flights of oceanic birds. And in Sonoma County we manage the 535-acre wildlife-rich Bouverie Preserve, the Modini Ingalls Ecological Preserve and the Mayacamas Mountains Sanctuary.

The latter two collectively protect 5,000 acres in the steep headwaters of the Russian River, where steelhead trout eggs were taken to replenish the fisheries of New Zealand.

We pay tribute to all those devoted volunteers, officers, board members, donors and staff who have worked diligently over the past 50 years to bring ACR to its present status.



L. Martin Griffin is one of ACR's founders

CLERIN ZUMWALT LEGACY CIRCLE

ACR's Clerin Zumwalt Legacy Circle honors supporters who have included Audubon Canyon Ranch in their estate plans. If you name ACR in your estate plan—at any amount—you become a member of the Clerin Zumwalt Legacy Circle. For more information, contact Didi Wilson, Director of Development and Communications, at 415.868.9244 or didi@egret.org. We welcome your questions.

ACR is in strict accord with the ethical guidelines of the National Planned Giving Committee.

ACR BENEFACTORS WHO HONORED THE LAND

David Bouverie: Bouverie Preserve, Glen Ellen

David Bouverie was a London architect who came to the US in 1933, later buying land in Sonoma County. When he passed away in 1994, ownership of the Bouverie Preserve was transferred to ACR in a planned giving arrangement. His love of nature and dedication to the preserve and Audubon Canyon Ranch have inspired the docents who continue in his footsteps and thousands of children who hike on his beloved land. The following is excerpted from his 1988 writings.



In 1938, I found the Sonoma Valley and knew it was a part of my destiny to save and nurture this land. The Bouverie family, headed by the Earls of Radnor, have owned and protected vast land holdings since 1530 and still do, so the stewardship of land is in my blood.

For many centuries, waist-high native grasses grew everywhere on this land, cougars and bears lorded it over the smaller mammals, a profusion of oak trees flourished, and springs of bubbling water flowed. The Pomo and Wappo Indians cherished the land and used the caves behind the waterfall for religious rituals.

Then, around the turn of the 20th century, came a succession of owners who started to despoil this blessed ground, digging great holes to sell the shale, cutting acres of trees and leaving huge piles of unburnable rubbish. I bought the front property in 1938—\$8,500 for the first 140 acres—and the back land in 1947. When I came, the pasture was horribly overgrazed and very few wildflowers had a chance to grow. There was a barely livable house made of rubble and a dirt road. There was a mountain of abandoned cars and junk by the front door.

Now there are nine cottages, a recreation building and Gilman Hall. The smallest dwelling is Emily's Cottage, which I built for my stepdaughter when she was eight years old. It has been a haven for a troubled survivor of the Vietnam war, a Buddhist nun, a beautiful French girl who studied landscaping, and my old Swiss foreman, among others.



In the 1950s I improved the pasture by removing the beautiful surface rocks. From those rocks, I designed the belltower and bought the finest bell in all of California from the estate of William Randolph Hearst. It is four feet in diameter and weighs two tons. Our copy of Jack London's book *The Valley of the Moon* (in the preserve's library) is inscribed to me by London's nephew and niece and verifies that all the rocks for 'Wolf House' came from our land, as did his large natural tombstone, which was hauled across the valley on a farm cart pulled by mules.



And now, in my old age, I continue to do everything in my power to see that this place is cherished and used for fine purposes and shared with the millions of other living things that inhabit this land. Those millions of living things neither know nor care who bought what when, nor do I.

To those who might read this in 2088 AD I say, *cherish this land, or any other piece of beautiful, unspoiled land but do not overcrowd*

it. For if you do, so many living things will die out or retreat into the hills. And when you see the sweet spring flowers, enjoy them all the more by remembering that if you give them a chance, they will bloom and die and live again in a recurring parable of life and death and immortality.

Clifford Conly: Cypress Grove Research Center, Tomales Bay

Clifford Conly, during a1976 interview, stated his intention to leave his beautiful shoreline property on Tomales Bay to ACR

for its conservation science programs and preservation in perpetuity. ACR fondly remembers Cliff's commitment to his land and his desire to protect it.





In Cliff's words:

"I think there lies in the future the possibility for educational purposes here. It's nice to think that, rather than having a house torn down and a lot of little condominiums put up, a little historic house will remain and will be savored by future generations."

Jim and Shirley Modini: Modini Ingalls Ecological Preserve, Mayacamas Mountains

We honor Jim and Shirley Modini, who enjoyed poetry and who both passed away within the last year. They gave Modini Ranch for all to enjoy, and we remember them fondly and with gratitude.



Crossing the Bar By Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Sunset and evening star, And one clear call for me! And may there be no moaning of the bar, When I put out to sea. But such a tide as moving seems asleep, Too full for sound and foam, When that which drew from out the boundless deep Turns again home. Twilight and evening bell, And after that the dark! And may there be no sadness of farewell, When I embark; For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place The flood may bear me far, I hope to see my Pilot face to face When I have crost the bar.



Greening ACR

Audubon Canyon Ranch is shifting to electronic communications wherever possible. If you are a volunteer and do not receive email from ACR, contact us at 415.868.9244 to ensure we have your email address.

MEMBERSHIP WITH AUDUBON CANYON RANCH

Audubon Canyon Ranch members and corporate sponsors think globally and act locally through ACR's land preservation, nature-based education and conservation science programs. Please join today, and together we will protect wildlands in Marin and Sonoma counties. Call **415.868.9244** or visit **www.egret.org** to join. We are especially grateful to ACR Corporate Sponsors



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future, reduce our water and energy consumption and their associated costs, and better align our operations with our core values. Watch for more details on this major undertaking and how you can participate in this exciting initiative.

A second area critical to sustained growth and the long-term success of ACR is the continued strengthening and development of our volunteer programs. Ours is an organization built by volunteers, and these volunteers continue to be our lifeblood. Providing the resources necessary to recruit, inspire and cultivate our volunteers for the future, and fostering lifelong learning are essential elements that will ensure a vibrant and effective ACR in decades ahead.

Join us to celebrate

Audubon Canyon Ranch will kick off its 50th anniversary celebration as our family of volunteers, donors and supporters come together in Volunteer Canyon on September 8th. This afternoon of reflection, fun and socializing will bring together old and new and mark the start of a series of celebrations that will continue throughout the year—so rich and so deep is the history of ACR!

In closing, we extend our thanks to ACR supporters and volunteers whose enduring commitment to Audubon Canyon Ranch continues to make it possible to achieve the critical work so vital to our mission: protecting nature though land preservation, nature-based education and conservation science. Please join us in this special moment in the history of Audubon Canyon Ranch and help us chart a course of success for the next 50 years.



Bryant Hichwa is the President of ACR's Board of Directors



J. Scott Feierabend is ACR's Executive Director

ACR extends its sincere gratitude to the many volunteers and supporters who helped us protect natural resources and habitat, and teach children about nature over the past 50 years.

the Art of Cating Heartfelt thanks for your support

Audubon Canyon Ranch extends its deepest gratitude to everyone who provided invaluable resources to support the ACR Education Programs and who made the Art of Eating 2012 a great success. We are thankful to the generous event attendees, volunteers & committee members, sponsors (listed below), restaurants, chefs & purveyors, wineries & brewers, auction donors & artists who participated.

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Art of Eating 2013

Celebrating Food and Wines from our Valleys

The Bouverie Preserve of Audubon Canyon Ranch

Docent Training	Wednesdays for 23 weeks ~ September 2012 – March 2013 beginning September 5						
Martin Griffin Preserve	Immerse yourself in natural history and inspire a conservation ethic in the children you teach. Become a Docent of ACR's Martin Griffin Preserve.						
	Classes cover topics from banana slugs to Great Egrets to redwoods ecology. Upon graduation, Docents have the knowledge and confidence to lead groups of students on nature walks. RSVP or get more info: Raquel Ximenes at raquel@egret.org or 415.868.9244						
Bouverie Preserve	Saturday ~ September 15, 2012 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.						
Open House Bouverie Preserve	Explorers of all ages welcome! Take a short hike on the trails of this 535-acre preserve with a trained volunteer. Wander the display hall and learn about mammal skulls, bird specimens and other native flora and fauna. Don't miss this rare opportunity to explore ACR's Bouverie Preserve and learn about programs and volunteer opportunities.						
Work Day	Saturday ~ September 15, 2012 – Picher Canyon 9:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., followed by lunch						
Martin Griffin Preserve	Help with trail and library work, pulling weeds, planting native flowers or cooking lunch (ACR provides). Bring your favorite tool and gloves for outdoor projects! Limited to 80 participants. Registration required: rsvp@egret.org or 415.868.9244						
Guided Nature Walks	Saturdays ~ October 6, October 20, November 3, November 17, December 1, 2012 January 12, March 9, March 23, 2013 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.						
Bouverie Preserve	Experience the beauty and rich natural history of this 535-acre preserve. Reservations required and accepted one month before each respective hike date. rsvp@egret.org or 415.868.9244						
Backyard Naturalist	Saturday ~ October 13, 2012 – Oaks & Galls at Bouverie Preserve with Jeanne Wirka 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.						
Series Bouverie Preserve	Geared to the adult amateur naturalist, these Saturday seminars include time in the classroom and the trail. One- to three-mile hike. Mildly to moderately strenuous. Bring lunch and water. Class size is limited. \$25 per seminar. Discount for ACR members at Sponsor-level or above.						
	Registration required: rsvp@egret.org or 415.868.9244						
Trail Work Day	Saturday ~ October 27, 2012 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.						
Bouverie Preserve	Join Bouverie Preserve staff, Santa Rosa REI and Summer Search for a day of trail maintenance and improvement. Chores require moderately strenuous activity. Bring sturdy shoes, lunch, water and gloves, if you have them. Snacks and tools provided. Volunteers age 14 and older welcome. Space is limited.						
	Registration required: bouverie@egret.org or 707.938.4554						
Under the Herony Martin Griffin	Saturday ~ October 27, 2012 9:30 a.m. social, 10:00 a.m. start. Ends at noon.						
Preserve	Join former Resident Biologist Ray Peterson for an exploration <i>under</i> the heronry at the Martin Griffin Preserve. See the architecture of Great Egret nests and learn about ACR's history in this very special setting. Limited to 20 participants. Registration required: bouverie@egret.org or 707.938.4554						
Habitat Protection	Stewards work intimately with the land and help with ecological restoration projects.						
& Restoration	Bouverie Preserve: Mondays ~ 8:30 a.m. – noon Call 707.935.8417 or e-mail Jen Potts at jpotts@egret.org						
Stewards	Martin Griffin Preserve: Thursdays ~ 9:00 a.m. – noon Call 415.868.9244 or e-mail Gwen Heistand at gwen@egret.org						
Nature Hikes	September 9, 16 and 23, 2012						
Mayacamas Mountains Sanctuary	Explore the rugged terrain of ACR's newly acquired preserve, the Mayacamas Mountains Sanctuary, just east of Healdsburg. Hikes organized in partnership with the Madrone Audubon Society and guided by local naturalists. Visit www.egret.org/calendar for more information. No RSVP or cost, but donations appreciated						

More detail on all these nature exploration opportunities is available at www.egret.org.

To keep up to date on the latest ACR happenings, **sign up for our e-newsletter**. Published once every two months, this free e-mail newsletter highlights updates from the preserves, including school group visits, latest findings from science staff, volunteer opportunities and ways to come explore ACR's nature sanctuaries. To sign up or to view past issues, visit **www.egret.org/eNewsletter**.



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Our Mission

Audubon Canyon Ranch protects nature through land preservation, naturebased education and conservation science.

WHEN TO VISIT

Cypress Grove Research Center

By appointment only 415.663.8203 Bouverie Preserve See Calendar of Events inside

Martin Griffin Preserve (formerly the Bolinas Lagoon Preserve) Mid-March to mid-July Saturday, Sunday and holidays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Weekdays by appointment only 415.868.9244 Closed Mondays

Central Mayacamas Preserves Mayacamas Mountains Sanctuary See Calendar of Events inside

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