

# Friends of the Petaluma River - 2008 report



*We promote appreciation of the Petaluma River  
and protect the vitality of its natural resources*

## **Milestones & Memories of our Third Year**

Friends of the Petaluma River is proud of our progress and achievements. In three short years of “celebrating and conserving” we have grown from a fledgling grassroots watershed group into a regionally respected organization. Our ongoing activities include:

- Events to promote access and appreciation of the River. We have inspired many people to get out on the River, many for the first time.
- Community outreach and education efforts that annually provide hundreds of people with increased knowledge and awareness of the River’s resources.
- Newsletter and website services which are viewed by thousands monthly; together they are regarded by many as the go-to source for current river news.
- Public affairs activities with agencies and political decision makers to promote protection and improvement of conditions throughout the watershed.
- Leadership in creating a new facility to inform people about the river’s heritage and in creating programs and amenities to engage more people in river activities.

We deeply appreciate the people, businesses and organizations that have made these achievements possible. It is through donations, community participation, and volunteer efforts we are able to accomplish the many achievements reflected herein. Thank you!

Board of Directors –  
Patrick Campbell (Chair), Grant Davis,  
Elizabeth Howland, Dr. John Shribbs, Cari  
Pace-Koch, Andy Rodgers, Jaimey Walking  
Bear, David Hansen.

Founder & Director - David Yearsley

**Activities & Actions 2008**

**November 2007**



**“Step It Up Rally” – Petaluma**

Host “Annual Celebration” – 2<sup>nd</sup> year activities  
Table at CEQWA Workshop Petaluma Table  
Filming & boat tour for Spartina Documentary  
Copperfield Books window display  
NWLE / Green Coalition Dump actions

**January 2008**

Draft Strategic Plan 08-09

Meetings & communications

Gail Seymour Ca. DFG Salmonid work

Landfill forum Corte Madera

NBWA Bd. Meeting Novato

NWLE/ Green Coalition mtg. Novato



**Completed Captains License course**

**December 2007**



**Annual Board Retreat**

Distribute “Friends” video to community  
Spartina report for abatement activities  
PG&E media training workshop, Santa Rosa  
Presentation to Petaluma Realtors

**February 2008**

Attended and commented at Dutra EIR

Appointed to So. Co. Solid Waste Task Force

CPR & First Aid training

Public speaking workshop S. Rosa

Investigation of Pomo “earth works”



**Water treatment plant tour**



**Kortum family River tour**

**March 2008**

Salmonid Forum planning meetings

River trip w/ supporter Russell Chatham

Sonoma Community Fdn. non-profit seminar

SFBay Joint Venture mtg., Oakland

Organization Bldg. forum, Sebastopol

Presentation to Sunrise Rotary,

River Heritage Center presentation Park & Rec.

Sonoma Fish & Wildlife Comm. re: Mute Swans

Marsh Restoration event at Hamilton Field

Attended SMART & RR forum, Petaluma Library

**April 2008**



**Host Petaluma River Row**

Table at NBWA annual Conf. - Petaluma  
Host tour for River Cleanup committee  
Attend SF Maritime Museum open house S.F.  
Host 1<sup>st</sup> Nautical Mass 08  
Butter & Eggs Parade, "Petaluma Pioneer" float  
Chair 1<sup>st</sup> River Heritage Center committee mtg.  
N. Ca. Grassroots fund grant award \$5000  
Redwood Landfill hearing – Marin Co.

**May 2008 cont.**

Submit DFG grant for Salmonid restoration Provide  
Redwood Land Fill comments on EIR  
Host volunteer outreach meeting Hq.



**Appreciation Cruise on Delphinus**

Present video talk to Petaluma Estates  
2<sup>nd</sup> River Heritage Cntr. mtg.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Nautical Mass 2008  
Co-host Day on the River 08



**Sponsor Salmonid Forum w/ DFG & others**



**Tour for Petaluma River Rangers**

**June 2008**

Arrange loan of Tour barge w/Baykeeper  
Attend Redwood Landfill workshop, Novato  
3<sup>rd</sup> Nautical Mass  
3<sup>rd</sup> River Heritage Center mtg.  
Move offices from Marina to Water St.

**May 2008**



**Petaluma River Clean-up**



**Delivering Tour Barge by from Stockton**

**June 2008 cont.**



**2008 Spartina survey tour**

**August 2008**

River Heritage Center work party  
Move into new office location  
Luncheon presentation – SIRs 90 + participants



**River tour w/ Cherry Valley school 90+**

**July 2008**

Water taxi & tours for 2 private event  
Constant Contact computer training – S.F.



**Fishing Fair event 7/26 AM**



**Mayor's Boat Ride**



**Canoe-dling social event 7/26 PM**



**River Fest 2008**

**August 2008 cont.**



**Open house at Livery Stable**



**Livery Stable work day**

**September 2008**



**Race for the River event Sept 6**



**Spartina spraying Sept 12**

**October 2008**

Table at Sustainable Novato Watershed forum  
City Council Mtg. Speak to Dutra concerns  
Sonoma Planning commission /Dutra EIR final



**Sponsors "Tagged" race markers**



**Sampling tour for Eco club w/John Shribbs**

## Friends of the Petaluma River - Members and Supporters 2008

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**Golden Friends - \$1,000 +**

**Best Friends - \$500 +**

**Trusted Friends - \$250 +**

**Great Friends - \$100 +**

**Good Friends - \$50 + Warm Friends - \$20 +**

#### Golden Friends

Anonymous  
Arturo Keller  
Econ  
Environmental Resolutions  
Nancy and Jim Hage  
Port Sonoma  
RNM Properties  
Ryan Phelan & Stewart Brand  
Yvonne & David Cunningham

#### Best Friends

Neary Landscaping  
Petaluma Poultry  
Warren Watkins

#### Trusted Friends

Bill and Lucy Kortum  
Patrick Campbell  
Russell Chatham  
Tiffany Renee and Jaymie Walking  
Bear  
William McDevitt

#### Great Friends

Babs Kavanaugh & Mike Witte  
Bob and Cari Koch  
Charles Denicke  
Clavey River Equipment  
Darcy Aston  
David and Lee Devin  
David and Susan Sabin  
Dolphin Charters  
Ed and Cathy Cardoza  
James Cohee  
Janel and Jeffrey Feierabend  
John Thelen-Steere  
Judith Pekala  
Leo O'Brien and Vandy Howell  
Marshall Fitzgerald  
Melissa Ward  
Noah Zim

Paula Lane Action Network  
Phillip Danskin and Associates  
Richard and Lucille Sharke  
Roger Flick  
Rosalie and Ralph Webb  
Sheryl Speck and Don Rich  
St. James Business Services  
Teresa Barrett and John Cota  
William Phillips  
ZRC Financial Services

#### Good Friends

Anton Hilchey  
Bill and Connie Hammerman  
Bill Wolpert & Megan Donner  
Bonna and George Flynn  
Central Market  
Cowgirl Creamery  
Craig Anderson &  
Lee Hackling  
Dairydell  
Diana Painter  
Discount Graphics  
Elizabeth Mori  
Elizabeth Wiegardt &  
Ken Egel  
Ellen Biechler  
Eric and Mary Swanson  
Evermay  
Gail Winmill-Lee  
Graffiti  
Grant and Marcy Davis  
Greg Yearsley  
Ingrid Hogle  
Jared Vollmer  
Jesse Ryan  
John Shurtz  
Karen Buchanan  
KM Ward  
Lee's Body Shop  
Martin Bennett & Claudia  
Robbins  
Mary and Trethan Heckman  
Sylvia McLaughlin

Mimi Robinson  
Nan Moon  
Ned Orrett  
Out West Garage  
Rags to Stitches  
Raymond Thompson  
Richard DeGraf  
Ruth Persselin  
Sheri Cardo  
Susan Starbird  
Tom and Denise Nelson  
Zainer Rinehart Clarke

#### Warm Friends

Anne Watts and Mark Kupke  
Carole Barlas  
Caroline Zago  
Caryl Fuller  
Cheri Page  
Chuck Pheil  
Craig Sawyer  
Ed Jacobson  
Emily Roeder  
Frederick Butler  
Imke Bieri  
Jason Rucker  
Jim O'Keefe  
Jonathan Toste  
Karen Boudrie  
Karen Short  
Stephen Pozsgai  
Karin Jones  
Lance Cerny  
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Ron Smith  
Sally McLaughlin  
Shawn Rohwedder