



MARIN COUNTY FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION

From The Commission.....

This newsletter is an annual publication of the Marin County Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Volunteer members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors for three year terms.

The Commission serves to advise the Board and administer the annual grant program.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month.



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This year the Commission was pleased to receive proposals for many wonderful and educational projects. The following grant proposals for the 2014 - 2015 year, from non-profit organizations to provide equipment and supplies to directly benefit habitat, wildlife, and fishing populations in Marin, have been reviewed and approved for funding by the Marin County Board of Supervisors.

Tyee Foundation

The Tyee Foundation annually raises over 50,000 salmon fingerlings in net pens in Tiburon in the San Francisco Bay. Volunteers feed and release the fish as smolts to leave for ocean migration and then return to support sportfishing in Marin and Sonoma. The grant funding is for fish feeders, food, and tagging. Information: (415) 665-7839 or (650) 766-5129.

Point Reyes Seashore Association

This association is a partner with the National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore. Membership dues support a variety of park programs. The association provides a variety of educational field seminars, summer camp programs, and operates sales outlets in park visitor centers that help fund various park programs. The grant request is for printing costs of 10,000 educational booklets about offshore ecosystems, to educate preschoolers to third graders. These booklets will compliment the existing Junior Ranger activities. Information: (415) 663-1200 or www.ptreyes.org.

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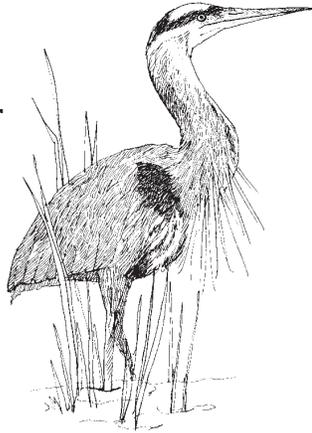
The Dance Palace Community Center

The Community Center serves West Marin by providing classes, meeting space, concerts, cultural events, afterschool programs as well as a summer camp. The grant funding is for materials for nature study classes during the annual summer camp and elementary school afterschool science education. Information: www.dancepalace.org

Wildcare

Wildcare/Terwilliger Nature Education and Wildlife Rehabilitation operate a wildlife rehabilitation center for injured animals. In addition, Terwilliger nature vans travel off-site to dozens of schools throughout the area each year to provide hands on nature education. The grant funding is for material, literature and support items for Nature Discovery Programs, Terwilliger Nature Camps, and Wildlife Ambassador Programs.

Information: (415) 453-1000 or www.wildcare.org



Audubon Canyon Ranch (ACR)

ACR was founded in 1962 to protect one of the largest heronries on the west coast. ACR's mission is to protect nature through land preservation, nature-based education and conservation science. The grant funding is for educational supplies for teachers and docents at the Martin Griffin Preserve. Info: (415) 868-9244

Marin Audubon Society

Marin Audubon Society (MAS) was established more than 50 years ago to protect the environment and is also a chapter of the National Audubon Society. Marin Audubon's educational activities focus on birds and other wildlife as well as wildlife habitats. The Society offers regularly scheduled field trips to natural areas focused on bird identification, and monthly programs on natural history topics. The grant funding is for the Corte Madera Ecological Reserve Expansion project, to acquire, restore, and permanently protect a 5.2 acre site adjacent to the Reserve. Information: www.marinaudubon.org

California Department of Fish & Wildlife

The CDFW has primary responsibility to enforce fish and game regulations in Marin County. The grant funding is for supplementary adapters and cameras to be used with existing spotting scopes. Information: P.O. Box 47, Yountville CA 94599

Tiburon Salmon Institute

TSI currently raises approximately 10,000 salmon per year to be released into the San Francisco Bay. They directly connect the youth of Marin to this effort to save the fish that swim in their backyards through public raise & release efforts. The grant funding is for construction of a mobile aquarium display that will be exhibited for schools and informal education. Information: www.tiburonsalmoninstitute.org, (415) 435-2397.

Mill Valley Streamkeepers

The Streamkeepers are an all volunteer organization that began in 1998 working to restore and protect Mill Valley's watershed through educating the community. The grant funding is for newsletter production. Information: www.millvalleystreamkeepers.org

S.T.R.A.W.

Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed (STRAW) grew out of the work of the Shrimp Project that began in 1992, to respond to the problem of an endangered species. Today STRAW is a wing of Point Blue (formerly PRBO Conservation Science) that sustains a network of teachers, students and restoration specialists who plan and implement watershed and riparian corridor restoration projects. The grant funding is for tools and materials to support new installation and maintenance of recent project sites. Information: www.pointblue.org

All One Ocean

This group, founded in 2010, is working to protect ocean and marine life from the dangers posed by marine debris, especially plastic trash. They have established "Beach Clean-Up Stations" (B'CUS) at various West Marin beaches. They also have an educational program for local Bay Area schools about the dangers of marine debris to ocean ecosystem and human health. The grant funding is for material for two on site beach clean up stations. Information: (510) 859-9198 or Lauren@alloneocean.org

Richardson Bay Audubon Center and Sanctuary

The Bay Audubon Center and Sanctuary protects open space in Tiburon along the San Francisco Bay as well as provides nature education programs about local flora and fauna. The grant funding is for educational materials and binoculars. Information: (415) 388-2524 or www.tiburonaudubon.org

Friends of Novato Creek

Friends is a non-profit, volunteer based, watershed preservation group formed to protect and restore the Novato Creek Watershed. The grant funding is for educational interpretive signage and grabber tools. Information: Sue Lattanzio (415) 883-8339

Mark Your Calendars! Annual Barbecue

Thursday, September 18, 2014
4:30 pm -7:30 pm

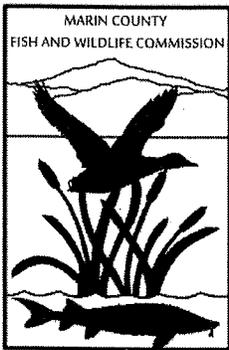
Lagoon Park
(next to jury parking)

Marin County's Fish and Wildlife Commission Annual Barbecue. Meet Commission members, grantees, wardens and others associated with Commission activities. Learn more about the Commission grant projects to enhance the fish and wildlife habitat and populations of Marin County.

Marin County Fish and Wildlife Commission

The Fish and Wildlife Commission advises the Board of Supervisors on expenditures of funds obtained through fines levied for fish and wildlife violations in Marin County. The funds are designated to enhance fish and wildlife resources in the county and for public education. Grant proposals submitted to the Commission Chair are reviewed during the first quarter of any calendar year and recommended on a competitive basis and availability of funds. If approved by the Board of Supervisors, funding becomes available by fall of the same year. The commission can also provide letters of endorsement for projects seeking alternative sources of funding. The commission sponsors an annual barbecue (September 18, 2014) for grantees and community groups.

For applications and deadline information, contact: Marin County Fish and Wildlife Commission, U.C. Cooperative Extension, 1682 Novato Boulevard, Suite 150 B, Novato, CA 94947-7021, (415) 473-4204, <http://cemarin.ucdavis.edu>



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