

The Wild and Scenic Film Festival is coming to Davis. Mark your calendars!

The Sierra Club Yolano Group and Tuleyome are bringing the Wild and Scenic film festival to the **Veterans Memorial Center Theater at 7 PM on October 18**. Tickets are \$10 and can be bought from Stacie Frerichs of the Yolano Group Management Committee at Stacie.Frerichs@mlc.sierraclub.org. You can also purchase tickets at Armadillo Records at 205 F Street in Davis, or at the door if they are still available the day of the show.

The Wild and Scenic Environmental Film Festival brings together award-winning environmental films in a spirit of inspiration and education. Whether it is about preserving a beautiful place, presenting information on renewable energy or



exploring the earth natural wonders, the films bring awareness to the natural world around us and our role in that delicate balance. The festival is sponsored by Patagonia.

The Sierra Club and Tuleyome are bringing the film festival to Davis as a fundraiser and to highlight their local campaigns: preserving open space, protecting (and enjoying) wild and scenic rivers, taking underserved youth rafting, and fighting climate change. At the festival you will celebrate the wild, learn new ideas, experience nature, and explore how local and global issues affect everyone. We hope that the films will leave you feeling inspired and motivated to go out and make a difference in your community and around the world. For more information please see the tour festival website www.wildandscenicfilmfestival.org.

Annual Election to the Yolano Group Management Committee

The annual election for the Yolano Group Management Committee is approaching. The election ballots and candidate statements will appear in the November Flame. The Nominating Committee is requesting submission of names of group members willing to serve on the Management Committee. Candidates must be Sierra Club members in good standing. Management Committee terms are for two years.

If you are passionate about the environment, please consider running for a position on the Management Committee. Service on the Committee is a very rewarding experience. We are an active and interesting group. Please consider working with us.

To submit a name to the Nominating Committee as a candidate for election, contact Bob at 758-4315, Stacie at 758-0807, or Marc at 758-3969 by October 6, 2007. Group members may also seek election by petition. A petition candidate must obtain the supporting signatures of 10 Yolano Group *(Continued on page 2)*

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Elections (continued)

members in good standing. The petition and a candidate statement must be received by the Nominating Committee no later than October 20, 2007. All candidates, whether by nomination by the Nominating Committee or by petition, must submit a candidate statement of 250 words or less by October 20, 2007. Submit candidate statements to: pnieberg@dcn.davis.ca.us.

The list of candidates and the candidate statements will appear in the November Flame along with a ballot to be submitted to the Management Committee.

Timeline for the Election:

- August 19, 2007: Appointment of Nominating Committee
- October 6, 2007: Deadline for submission of names to Nominating Committee
- October 20, 2007: Deadline for submission of petitions and all candidate statements
- November 12, 2007: Ballots mailed in Flame
- December 17, 2007: Election closes
- December 19, 2007: Ballots counted
- January 3, 2007: New Committee takes office

For more information, contact Pam at 756-6856 or

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Conservation Musings

Bob Schneider

By the time you read this summer will be drawing to a close. I hope that all of you were able to take some time to relax and recharge. Those reflective periods are important to assessing who we are and where we are going as individuals, families, and as an organization.

I had some memorable trips to the Sierra and kayaking on the Cache Creek Wilderness run. Yes, it does feel better boating a Wild and Scenic River traversing through a Wilderness Area. It is special knowing that this area will be protected for our children and their children. We saw eagles, otters, deer and king snakes. And, it was really a bit of a chuckle when the king snake while swimming across the river decided to slither into one of the boats!



This fall Tuleyome will roll out the Blue Ridge Berryessa National Conservation Area proposal. The Sierra Club Yolano Group is strongly supportive of this effort. This proposal is really about the future of our region. It is important and necessary to have a management structure that recognizes the important conservation, recreation, ranching and economic values of

the region; understands the intense development and use pressures that are coming our way from the Sacramento and Bay Area metropolitan regions; and plans effective strategies for the future.

An excellent model for this proposal is the Las Cienegas National Conservation Area in southeastern Arizona. We are indeed fortunate that Jeff Williamson, a conservationist proponent, and Mac Donaldson, a ranching proponent of the designation will fly out to join us on Friday, September 14th at the BRBNA meeting in Winters from 10-2 to talk about their experiences in the formation of the Las Cienegas NCA. This will be an important meeting and I hope that you will join us.

As we enter the fall, I hope that each of you feels re-energized. We need your help to be successful in protecting the future of our region.

Groups Protect Land on Donner Summit

The Sierra Club and Truckee Donner Land Trust announced today that 23 acres in the Donner Summit area will be preserved with a conservation easement which was purchased by the Truckee Donner Land Trust with the help of anonymous donors. The 23 acres are located on the site of the historic Sierra Club ski run that was among the first in the Sierra and ceased operations decades ago.

The conservation easement will preclude future development of the property while ensuring continuation of current recreational opportunities, preserving wildlife habitat and open space, and helping protect the Boreal Ridge watershed.

"This conveyance is another chapter in a 20-year effort to protect important recreational, historic and scenic open spaces at Truckee's doorstep," said Perry Norris, Executive Director of the Truckee Donner Land Trust. "Our work is not done. There are other chapters yet to be written in protecting the Donner Summit."

"Donner Summit is a key piece in the history of the Sierra range as well as the history of the Sierra Club. We're grateful to our generous donors and the Truckee Donner Land Trust for helping us protect this special place for generations to come," said Carl Pope, Executive Director of the Sierra Club.

The Truckee Donner Land Trust is a nonprofit organization that works to preserve and protect important historic, recreational and scenic open spaces in the greater Truckee region. Since 1990, TDLT has protected over 11,000 acres. For more information, please visit <http://www.tdlandtrust.org> or contact: Perry Norris, Truckee Donner Land Trust, 530-582-4711 or 530-412-2438; Kristina Johnson, Sierra Club, 415-977-5619

Sierra Club Outings

Led by local leaders

September 20, Thursday. Day Hike (1A) City of Davis

Fast paced hike, ~7 to ~10 miles by ponds/creeks; UCD campus/properties; and/or borrowing owl habitat. Meet at Covell & Sycamore, I-80 to Hwy.113 north, right on Covell exit, left into Big 5 lot. Confirm meeting time with leader, Randy Brendia, 530-400-8852 or e-mail: the_shamus@comcast.net

September 22, Saturday. Day Hike (1B) Stebbins Cold Canyon/Blue Ridge

Quick hike ~5 mile loop with ~1,000' elev. gain, through U.C.D. natural reserve up to Blue Ridge overlooking Lake Berryessa; lunch on ridge. Meet at BIG 5 lot on Covell & Sycamore, east of Hwy 113/Covell exit in Davis. No reservations. Rain cancels. Confirm meeting time with leader: Randy Brendia 530-400-8852, e-mail: the_shamus@comcast.net

September 29, Saturday, 2 Day Hikes (1A & 2A) Seniors

Penner and Island Lakes, Tahoe National Forest, Grouse Ridge Area

Hike at 6600-7000 feet elevation past several lakes on rocky trail with stream crossings. Choose one of two hikes on same trail: (1) Hike 7 miles round trip with 750 feet elevation gain to Penner Lake or (2) hike about 4 miles round trip to Island Lake with about 400 feet elevation gain. Bring lunch, water, sturdy hiking boots and dress in layers. Poles recommended. Optional dinner in Old Town in Auburn on drive back. Note: This is an all day event and hikers must be in good hiking condition. Rain cancels. For meeting times and places, contact Lin or Peter Lindert, 530-758-6418 or llindert@sbcglobal.net

October 6, Saturday. Day Hike (1A) Marshall Monument, Gold Discovery State Park, Coloma

Walk a 5 mile loop trail, mostly uphill and shady, from the historic city of Coloma to the monument commemorating the discovery of gold in 1848. About 500 feet elevation gain, trail narrow and steep in a few spots, old mine workings visible beside the trail. After the hike you can explore on your own the historic buildings and recently renovated museum. There is an opportunity for an optional stop at Hooverville Orchards on the return trip. Fee area - \$5.00 per car, or bring a State Park pass. Bring lunch, water, wear boots or sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. Meet in Davis at the South Nugget Market, Mace Blvd. at



Chiles Rd. at 9:00 a.m. In Sacramento, meet at north west corner of Big Lots parking lot, Watt & La Riviera, at 9:40. In Coloma, gather in the museum parking lot. Leader: Sue Barnette, 530-753-5855 or sbarnett@dcn.davis.ca.us

October 11, Thursday. Day Hike (1A) City of Davis

Fast paced hike, ~7 to ~10 miles by ponds/creeks; UCD campus/properties; and/or borrowing owl habitat. Meet at Covell & Sycamore, I-80 to Hwy.113 north, right on Covell exit, left into Big 5 lot. Confirm meeting time with leader, Randy Brendia, 530-400-8852 or e-mail: the_shamus@comcast.net

October 13, Saturday. Day Hike (2B) Stevens' Trail

Trailhead near Colfax,. ~8 miles with 1,200' elev. gain; narrow in places, but footing good; views of American River; flowers; mining history. Lunch by river. Meet 9:30 a.m. @ Roseville Park & Ride. (Eureka/Atlantic Rd exit off I 80). No reservation. Rain cancels. Leader: Randy Brendia 530-400-8852, e-mail: the_shamus@comcast.net.

October 18, Thursday. Day Hike (1A) City of Davis

Fast paced hike, ~7 to ~10 miles by ponds/creeks; UCD campus/properties; and/or borrowing owl habitat. Meet at Covell & Sycamore, I-80 to Hwy.113 north, right on Covell exit, left into Big 5 lot. Confirm meeting time with leader, Randy Brendia, 530-400-8852 or e-mail: the_shamus@comcast.net

October 20, Saturday. Day Hike (1B) Seniors Redbud Trail, North Fork, Cache Creek

Discover the rugged, dramatic beauty of the Cache Creek area. This trail climbs steeply up a 600 foot ridge, and follows the ridge top high above Cache Creek canyon. It then descends to the creek where we will eat lunch. We return over the same trail. Four miles total. For experienced hikers in good condition. Boots and long pants recommended. Bring lunch, binoculars, sun protection and plenty of water. Rain cancels. Meet in Woodland, west side of the Raley's shopping center, which is at the corner of West Main Street and County Road 98, at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Sue Barnette, 530-753-5855, sbarnett@dcn.davis.ca.us

Other Outings

The Yolano Group is part of the Mother Lode Chapter. To find out about other Sierra Club outings, find them listed at: www.motherlode.sierraclub.org/ and click on "outings". There are outings for people of all ages and at all levels, including hiking, backpacking, kayaking, paddle trips, etc.

Yolano Group management committee

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The Management Committee meets on the second Thursday of each month. The public is invited to the meetings. Watch for announcements in the Enterprise for location or you can call Pam at 530-756-6856 for information or to get on our email list.

- ☼ Treasurer: Marc Vayssières
- ☼ Secretary: Pam Nieberg
- ☼ Newsletter editor and webmaster: Marc Vayssières
- ☼ Flame Distribution and membership: Ida Bryan

<http://motherlode.sierraclub.org/Yolano/>

Volunteer for the Flame

Volunteers are urgently needed to help with sealing and labeling the YOLANO FLAME, published four times a year. If you can help, *please call Ida at 530-758-1807*. You have the choice of doing this with Ida at her home or doing it at your own home at a time of day convenient to you.

As the club membership has grown, so has the need for volunteer help.



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