

Coming Home

News from The Bishop's Ranch

Fall 2009

From the Executive Director

The Vacant Lot

In the neighborhood where we lived when I was little was a piece of ground that stood out because there was no house built upon it. It was defined for what was missing, but that very fact was a powerful attraction for me and my sisters and brother.

After school or chores we would explore among the somewhat bedraggled chaparral plants, grainy granite boulders weathered into interesting shapes, and tall-eared rabbits who

flashed cottony tails at us before disappearing. Despite the abuse they'd suffered from bulldozers or errant cars the various chaparral plants flowered faithfully, smelling tart and resinous when crushed. Succulents, adorned with hooked spines, we called 'jumping cactus' because of the alacrity with which they could attach themselves to shoes, clothing, or tender skin. Bright colored

snakes, the poisonous ones, politely warned us by shaking the translucent tips of their tails and flicking agile tongues in great loops. Spiders made their own tunnels in the earth, as long as my index finger, topping the tunnel with a trap door built from mud and hinged with silver webbing the arachnid could yank closed, trapping prey. Interesting items appeared in the vacant lot, like a discarded car hood that could become a sled, or a still useful metal bucket with a cracked bottom.

The vacant lot was also the gateway to what we called the canyon: a wild area that seemed vast, stretching beyond our powers to walk in a day. The canyon was a world like the vacant lot but additionally ornamented with shady oaks, curious coyotes and explosive flocks of doves. There the world was never the same, displaying varied patterns daily, patterns we could not quite sort out and completely different than the shinningly new houses with high-fenced yards, lawns bordering sidewalks and asphalted suburban streets our elders had carved from the long-developed balance of the ancient environment. No one seemed to own the vacant lot or the canyon, and we felt they were ours to wander in, look, listen,

wonder and imagine.

At the Ranch today I hear people decompressing in conversation about full and regimented lives, how they must move themselves and their children rapidly from one responsibility to the next. I also struggle with this. As we have increasingly ordered our lives and our time like the streets of a planned community chosen and comfortingly known, I'm reminded of the

value in places like the Ranch, set outside the everyday where the emphasis is different.

Part of us must be oriented toward production, must move on ordered tracks toward results all agree are beneficial. But among our streets, our thoughts of sidewalks and bordering lawns, we may miss the offerings of the creator of the world, who made the ancient world around us to function on its own. If we allow it, it has messages for us.

Eventually our vacant lot was turned into a wide road, and much of the canyon became more streets and houses. Around that time we moved away and I wondered where the neighborhood children would find their vacant lot, their canyon. Where is your vacant lot? Where is the place your children can experience an authentic world larger than us, not pre-stamped by us? Somewhere is your gateway to the canyon, to a vast place where you can stop and wonder about other, more ancient patterns, where the creative spirit can be sensed, heard, perhaps seen and recognized.

Executive Director



Where is your gateway?



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New Ranch Gateway Ramp Planned

The hillside location of our campus blesses us with inspiring views of the valley and surrounding hills that make up the sacred geography of the Ranch. On the other hand, flat ground is at a premium! Traveling to and fro on the Ranch may involve traversing a scenic, gravity saturated slope. For example, a bank about ten feet high separates the parking areas from centers like the office and the Refectory. A switchback near Webb Lodge is currently the only path, but the route involves temporarily walking away from the intended destination. It is evident that every cell in the human body protests when a person must walk in a direction that does not provide a direct route toward the intended goal. We have also found that people are willing to risk life and limb on slope barely fit for billy goats, rather than take a longer, safer way around. This quality is not limited to Episcopalians, as members of the non-profit groups that enjoy the Ranch also have the same condition. A willingness to set out on dangerous paths must say something good about optimism and the tolerance for risk in our culture. It may also say something perhaps not as encouraging about our sense of prudence.

To make up for this geographical limitation, we are laying plans to build a very direct

pedestrian entryway from the parking area through this bank to the main area of the campus. The entryway will be constructed to have a gradual slope, making it easily handicapped accessible. Over time the ramp will become



The current favorite billy goat trail and the area where the new ramp will go.

the primary Ranch entry point.

Delivery trucks will have a temporary parking area to enable goods to be wheeled up the gradual ramp. This will allow the top of the hill where pedestrians walk and children play to remain free of large, noisy vehicles. Garbage pick up will be able to occur further away, reducing the necessity of a great noisy truck driving near the Chapel and other buildings in the



Conceptual drawing of new gateway.

Bishop's Ranch is working on a grant proposal to help fund this project.

In addition, the area to the south of the Refectory will be improved. The asphalt of the parking lot next to the Refectory will be removed and this precious flat area transformed to match the natural esthetics of other areas of the Ranch as well as encourage activities and group interaction.

Over time, walkways will be constructed that bring walkers from the Chapel and the Ranch House to the main door of the Refectory through rest and activity areas and gardens. These improvements

have long been part of the Ranch master plan. It is only through the completion of a master plan component, the Swing Hospitality Pavilion, that the way has been cleared to proceed on these projects, once funding is secured.

For more information about Ranch improvement projects, contact Sean Swift at sean@bishopsranch.org or 707-433-2440 ext. 110.

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Staff News

We have had some additions, temporary departures and changes to our Ranch Family.

The maintenance staff was joined by Rick Kaye who takes the position of Maintenance Assistant. Rick brings many valuable skills to share with the Ranch. He has done environmental work with the



Rick Kaye

Sotoyome Resource Conservation District and with Landpaths, and has helped us develop our Gina's Orchard Watershed Education program. Rick started a non-profit

organization, The Compost Club, with a focus of promoting composting as a way to reduce landfill. Since June, he led the crew for the fire prevention project at the Ranch and has been the primary staff person to work with volunteer projects.

Maria González was promoted to Head Housekeeper, replacing Cacilia Dale who will focus her time on bookkeeping. Maria carries on the tradition of impeccable cleaning standards.

Housekeeper and dishwasher Rosalva Nuno Aguirre recently gave birth to a baby girl named

Melanie Johana. Assistant Kitchen Manager, Melanie Berry is thrilled with the name choice. Mother and child are healthy, and Rosalva will return to work in November.

Brendan Swift has enrolled at U.C. Berkeley as a junior. He is focusing on linguistics. He has found friendly lodging with friends from the San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers.

In related news, the Swift family recently celebrated their twentieth year at The Bishop's Ranch. We are all pleased they made the choice to come here.



Maria Gonzalez

Hospitality by Jack Dowling

I was given the gift of time this summer. Time to reflect, time to learn and time experience new things with my family. This gift came in the form of an eight-week sabbatical.

The sabbatical included a week-long ornamental blacksmithing class, visits to other retreat centers and a five-week trip around the United Kingdom and Ireland with Lisa and Ivan. We stayed at retreat centers, B&B's, hostels, farms, friends' homes and even on a canal boat.

Throughout the trip, I experienced all sorts of hospitality, from a group welcome and communal meals at the John C. Campbell Folk School, to simple dinners with friends. In some places, the warm greeting and extra effort to make us feel welcome

made up for shortcomings in the lodging. In York, a fellow met us outside town and led us through a maze of round-a-bouts and one-way streets to make sure we wouldn't



Jack, Ivan and Lisa along the Water of Leith in Edinburgh.

get lost in the old, walled city. At a youth hostel in the Lake District, our host, Tony, spent lots of time chatting and playing games with us in the evening, even sharing a bottle of wine on his evening

off. It reminded me of shared refreshments and conversations around tables in the Refectory.

Many times along the way I thought of hospitality we provide at the Ranch and the satisfaction I gain when people comment on how welcome they feel when they come here. We often remind ourselves in staff meetings that hospitality is our primary program.

At the end of our journey, we were filled with good feelings from all our experiences, but ready to be home. It was upon our arrival back at La Casita, after a 21-hour travel day, that we experienced perhaps the most welcome bit of hospitality – a “Welcome Home” note and a refrigerator stocked with the basics so we could recuperate from our long journey.

Havens

This past spring a new meditation space was created on the Ranch property. Located on the crest of the hill above the Peace Pole, with a massive oak tree for a backdrop is “Cristo”, a life sized, metal sculpture of Jesus on the cross.

When artist Emil (Skip) Gathmann, was diagnosed with ALS he began work on a 10-foot tall steel sculpture of the crucifixion. He said this sculpture was different from all others he had created in his life, that his hands were guided by God as he worked. Skip often went to visit the sculpture he called Cristo, in the meadow where it was placed, to meditate and regain some peace in the face of his declining strength and mobility.

Skip wanted Cristo to be where others could see it. His wife, Lisa



Young men from De la Salle High School carry the cross up the trail to the installation site.



Hunter, promised Skip that she would find a proper home for the piece after his death. That search led her to The Bishop’s Ranch and a plan was made to create a new space for Cristo.

On Holy Thursday in April, a group of students from De la Salle High School in Concord came to the Ranch to volunteer. In an activity that was very appropriate to Holy Week, the young men carried the cross and sculpture up the trail from Turtle Lane to its hilltop resting place. They also worked the ground to create a stable platform for Cristo.

The new space is almost like an outdoor chapel with oak, bay and madrone trees creating the walls and ceilings. In the spring, wildflowers offer the effect of stained glass

windows.

With its proximity to the Peace Pole and the Trailside Sanctuary, the Cristo site is the perfect stop on a meditative pilgrimage along the Ranch trails.

Swing Pavilion Challenge

Since its completion in 2008, the William and Mary Swing Hospitality Pavilion has abounded with conversation, lectures, music, laughter and creative pursuits. The Swing Pavilion, through the feeling of wellbeing that is sensed there, inspires creativity and renewal for the groups and individuals that use the Ranch.

There is a new opportunity at the Swing Pavilion. “Green” planning went into every aspect of the new building project including sustainable, drought tolerant landscaping. It was determined the ideal time to install the new landscaping would be before last

year’s rainy season. The cost of the materials and installation, however, was not included in the Pavilion cost estimates.

Now, long-time Ranch friend Peter Musto with another generous

Ranch supporter have stepped forward and offered a \$20,000 challenge gift to complete this initial landscaping work. To date \$11,000 of the \$20,000 needed for the matching gift has been raised.

With this opportunity, your gift to the Swing Pavilion landscaping fund will be matched dollar for dollar. Consider making your dollars count twice and make a contribution to the Swing Pavilion landscaping fund today.



Landscaping on the southwest side of the Pavilion.

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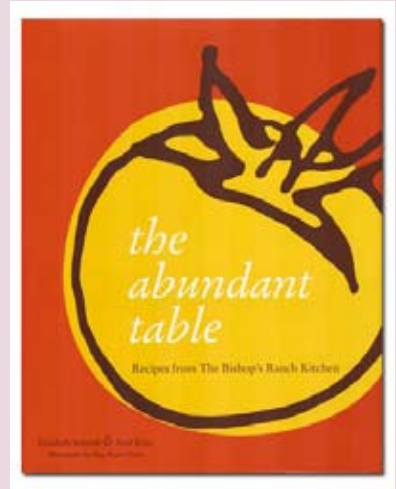
tomato SOUP

Liz Schmidt's mother returned from a stay at Findhorn in Scotland with the recipe for this soup. It originally was made with tomato paste but we like to make it with tomato juice. This is a quick and easy soup to make and the ingredients are usually on hand.

1 tablespoon olive oil	2 teaspoons paprika
1/4 cup yellow onion, minced	2 teaspoons fresh basil
1 clove garlic, minced	1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
3 tablespoons flour	2 cups milk
1 quart tomato juice	2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese, grated
1 teaspoon salt	1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
1 tablespoon Italian parsley, chopped	1 teaspoon honey

In a medium sized soup pot, saute the onion in the olive oil until translucent and soft. Add the garlic and cook for a minute, being careful not to burn. Whisk in the flour and cook for a minute or two, stirring until the flour taste has cooked out and it is a light brown. Whisk in the tomato juice. Add the salt, parsley, paprika, basil and cinnamon and bring to a simmer. Cook for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add the milk and Parmesan and bring back up to heat but not to a boil. Turn off heat and add the vinegar and honey. Let sit 5 minutes before serving. Check for seasoning.



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The Bishop's Ranch Wish List

Maintenance/gardens wishes:

- Dump trailer
- Forklift attachment for tractor
- Kawasaki Mule 4-wheel drive vehicle
- Landscape materials: large boulders, soil, flagstone
- Log splitter, hydraulic
- Miter saw, 10" sliding
- Rolling tool cabinet
- Step ladder, 12'
- Truck, 4x4
- Water trailer, 500 gallon
- Wood planer, 12" electric

Other wishes:

- Bread slicer
- Carts, small garden type
- Coffee makers
- Front loading, high efficiency dryer
- Rug shampooer, upright
- Sheets, twin or double in excellent condition
- Tea kettle with auto shut-off
- Towels, bath, excellent condition
- Vacuums, excellent condition

A monetary or in-kind gift for an item on the wish list helps Ranch guests have a more productive or comfortable stay and helps the Ranch staff improve services to guests.



2011 Reservations at The Bishop's Ranch

Groups of The Episcopal Diocese of California may make advance reservations on the 2011 calendar by sending an application to The Bishop's Ranch by December 1, 2009. Application packets were mailed to parishes and group leaders in September, 2009. If you did not receive an information packet, please call the Ranch office (707-433-2440 ext. 102) and we will get one to you. Also, some dates are still available in 2010. Occasional cancellations make it a good policy to call anytime if you are planning a conference or retreat.

New Stained-glass Windows in the Chapel of St. George

The beautiful song-prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, the *Canticle of Living Creatures*, has guided the creation of new windows in the Chapel of St. George. Displaying vibrant hues, each window takes a phrase from the Canticle as a theme, praising the wonders of creation that surround us everyday, like the sun and the moon or wind and stars. The windows were designed by stained-glass artist, Irmi Steding. So far, four have been sponsored, constructed and installed. The new windows were conceived to replace the deteriorating yellow glass of the ten windows in the central part of the chapel.

One of the new windows on the east side of the chapel is in memory of Peggy Love and was sponsored by Jim Love. Another east window is in memory of Rene Morgan Chetelat, sponsored by the Chetelat family. The most recent windows placed are on the west side and were sponsored by Phil and Patty Jelley. The new installations join windows



that grace the sanctuary area, sponsored by the Markell family and also designed by Irmi. A window designed by artist Kim En Jeung and placed in honor of John Weaver greets those who enter through the side entrance hall. We give thanks for these generous donors who have provided fitting inspiration for prayer and contributed to the readiness of the chapel for worship.

Five more windows remain available for sponsorship at \$10,000 per window lancet. Sheila and Marc Andrus have made a lead gift to sponsor a Diocesan window lancet. Gifts of under \$10,000 will be pooled for the Diocesan window. For more information contact Sean Swift at sean@bishopsranch.org or 707-433-2440 ext. 110.

Medallion detail from the "Brother Sun" lancet shown paired with the "Sister Moon" lancet.

Fire Prevention, Restoration and Beautification

There has been a lot of activity around the grounds and beyond by work gloved hands of Ranch staff and volunteers.

At the beginning of the summer we began a project to protect the property in the event a fire started along Westside Road. Ranch crews worked for several weeks to clean up the understory of the bay and oak forest that grows along our property line and near our entrance. This included trimming low lying branches, removing dead wood, and clearing thickets of poison oak.

A side benefit of the fire prevention project has been the



Restored antique fence along Westside Road. Rick Kaye and Doug Wade clearing dead wood from a tree.

improved appearance of the Ranch property along Westside Road. An antique, split, redwood pailing fence that had fallen down was restored and with the vegetation debris removed, the native oaks stand out clearly. The crew also restored the old driveway at our entrance to a natural setting.

In another project, members of the St. James, San Francisco youth group worked on a habitat restoration planting. They planted oaks and other native shrubs on the hill between the overflow parking and softball field.

The Fundamentals of Renewal – The Ranch Annual Fund

Although the Ranch is a non-profit institution organized for religious and educational purposes, it has a mandate to operate on a firm business foundation. It was decided in the 1980's that the sustainable way to become a place where spirit, mind and body are renewed is to take in as much money through guest fees and donations as is spent on providing services to guests. In this way, the Ranch would avoid an indebted future, burdensome to the people of the diocese. Like a traditional chord played on a piano or a guitar, strong lower notes resonating powerfully provide the field where the harmony is sustained – the high goal of fostering spiritual renewal is supported by the practical business of paying our way.

The efforts of providing hospitality – comfortable rooms, good food, well trained and caring staff, of looking after well-loved buildings and beautiful land—are ongoing and considerable. These costs complicate a central Ranch purpose of being open to all, regardless of financial means. Costs of providing services such as insurance, buying food, paying staff can create a gap between the actual costs of operating the Ranch and income from guest fees. Bridging this gap is addressed by Ranch leadership in two ways: one is the creation and use of the Partnership Fund, which provides scholarships to children attending camp or to adults and children attending

retreats; the second is through the Ranch Annual Fund, which asks those who believe in the center to make a tax-deductible financial gift

Fundamental – relating to the underlying principles or structure of something; serving as an essential part of something; in music, relating to the lowest note of a chord in root position, the note that gives the chord its basic harmony.

in addition to use fees they may have paid. Their gifts help keep the Ranch open, well cared for and hospitable.

The Ranch Annual Fund helps keep the lights on. It heats the water and keeps the rooms warm in winter. It buys equipment that helps the staff be more efficient,

such as a new food processor in the kitchen. Or it replaces a worn out faucet, buys light bulbs, purchases new bed spreads or a water heater to replace an old one in the Ranch House. The fund provides training sessions for staff, or buys a new chain saw for bringing in firewood.

The Ranch Annual Fund provides a great host of critical things that help create a welcoming environment.

For the first time ever, the Ranch has set specific goals for the annual fund under the leadership of a talented, volunteer Advancement Committee. In

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Why we need an Annual Fund

- The Ranch is a totally self-supporting institution of the Diocese of California
- Ranch fees are kept as low as possible in order to be available to as many people as possible, yet actual Ranch operation costs are higher. Here are some expenses averaged over a year:
 - Per day it costs...
 - ...\$166 to keep the lights and heaters on
 - ...\$328 to provide food for the kitchen staff to turn into meals
 - ...\$58 to provide clean linens
 - ...\$87 to provide maintenance and housekeeping supplies, including toilet paper



The God Squad group from the Contra Costa Deanery; one of the many groups that make up the fabric of the Ranch.

(Figures based on 2008 expenses)

- Good stewardship of land and facilities in the present, ensures that future generations are able to fully enjoy the Ranch

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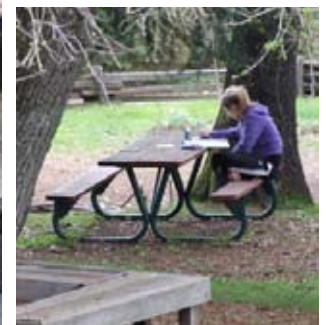
past years, a letter was sent out in November or December, reminding the community that the Ranch could use help making ends meet. This year, the effort to let people know about Ranch operating costs began in January with the goal of finding 300 households by year-end to donate to the fund and help keep the Ranch operating well. So far, 259 generous households have donated and nearly \$100,000 has been raised! Donations of any size are welcome, it's the people who respond that make this effort successful. Please join other thoughtful, fellow



Ranch supporters and consider a donation to the fund. You can aid the hardworking Advancement Committee reach a worthy goal of 300 donating households to make the Ranch a more welcoming place for all!

After the first of the year in 2010 an annual report will be issued with a list of all the annual fund donors in 2009. Please do not hesitate to contact the Ranch office if you have questions or would like additional information.

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Some scenes of life at the Ranch, enhanced with the support of the Annual Fund.

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Acorn Society *"The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn" Ralph.W. Emerson*

On June 27, 2009, the second annual forum of the Ranch Acorn Society was held at the William and Mary Swing Hospitality Pavilion. Over sixty members of the society and board participated and enjoyed Ranch history and natural history tours, a performance by the Music Camp in residence at the Ranch, a presentation and conversation on current Ranch activities, aims and plans, worship, and



Thanks to all who attended the forum and to those who worked to make it a success. The next forum is planned for June 19, 2010 and will involve more time for conversation about future Ranch endeavors. For information about the Acorn Society, contact Sarah McGowan at sarah@bishopsranch.org or 707-433-2440 x105.



of course delicious food and drink. The Acorn Society, a 'friends of the Ranch' group, exists to broaden the field of communication, and exchange ideas about Ranch activities, goals and resources among those who love and use the Ranch.

The campers and counselors of the thirty-third annual Music Camp entertained and amused the group with their retelling of the Genesis story, portraying God as a somewhat frustrated theatrical director working to get best performances from his angels and newly created earthly beings. All turned out well, as did the beautiful songs the group sang for Society members and camper parents.

Bishop Marc Andrus dedicated the spacious veranda of the Swing Hospitality Pavilion to the memory of Elizabeth Colton, who was instrumental in making the construction of the Pavilion possible. Bishop Marc also dedicated two of the welcoming window seats to honor two families who also played an important role in making the Pavilion possible, Jane and Nigel Heath and Gary and Joan Lawrence.

The Ranch kitchen staff provided delicious, fresh food and Bill and Betsy Nachbaur of Acorn Winery in Healdsburg provided luscious Syrah for participants to sample.

Photos clockwise from top: Jane and Nigel Heath in the window seat they sponsored, Music Camp performance, Gary Lawrence and Bishop Marc during window dedication, Bishop Marc dedicating the veranda of the Swing Pavilion.



The Board and staff are exceedingly grateful to those who, through their passion for its ministry, have remembered The Bishop's Ranch in their will or estate plan. For more information about ways of making a planned gift to The Bishop's Ranch, please contact:

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