

33 Years of Protecting California's Wildlife with Danny Reno

**Monday, July 7, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
\$5 donation requested**

Gualala Arts will host a lecture titled "33 Years of Protecting California's Wildlife" presented by Danny Reno. Danny will not only have great tapes from the California Fish and Game to share but will also talk about some of the funny and even dangerous experiences he had while safeguarding our natural resources.

Danny has some definite views on the current Marine Life Protective Act which he will discuss, as he is not convinced that the planned actions are justified.

More about Danny R. Reno

Danny is a California native, born in Selma, California, July 28, 1950. He grew up between northern and central California, and graduated from Shasta Junior College in Redding in 1970, with an Associate of Arts degree.



In 1969, Danny began his working life with jobs in lumber and fishing as well as military service. In 1973, he joined CA Fish and Game at Darrah Springs State Fish Hatchery beginning his 33 year career. In 1988, after graduation from Police Academy, he was assigned as a Fish and Game Warden to the Patrol Vessel Chinook, patrolling offshore of San Francisco Bay, Bodega Bay, Half Moon Bay and at times Monterey Bay. In September 1999, Danny moved for what he says is the last time to Anchor Bay on the Mendocino County coast. From the lofty heights of the coastal bluffs, he watches the constant abalone angler. He tells his wife Linda that they have come home and will never leave the area.

In retirement, Danny does the things that have made him happy for years. His parents and Linda's, their children and grandchildren, along with hunting, fishing and lapidary take a lot of time. However, he still has a lot of time left over to put into local charities and service clubs, among them the Lions, Pay and Take, Gualala Arts and RCMS.

Preserving Sonoma County's Incomparable North Coast

**with Ralph Benson, Amy Chesnut and Pete Mattson of the Sonoma Land Trust
Monday, July 14, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
\$5 donation requested**

Gualala Arts will host a lecture featuring Ralph Benson, Amy Chesnut and Pete Mattson of the Sonoma Land Trust. The Sonoma Land Trust is an independent, nonprofit organization that works to protect forever the scenic, natural, agricultural and open landscapes of Sonoma County.

This evening, Sonoma Land Trust executive director Ralph Benson, acquisitions director Amy Chesnut, and Sea Ranch resident and Land Trust board chair Peter Mattson will talk about the Trust's current efforts on the North Coast. They will focus on the planned acquisition of the 5,630-acre Jenner Headlands property, which will be managed as a "Working Landscape Open Space Preserve."

In this era of dwindling resources for state parklands, the Sonoma Land Trust is planning to take on ownership and stewardship of the Jenner Headlands and will be launching a fundraising campaign this summer to purchase the property.

Ralph Benson is the executive director of the Sonoma Land Trust, having come on board in 2003. Ralph has had a long career in land conservation. He practiced law in Southern California and spent 24 years at the Trust for Public Land (TPL) in San Francisco where he served as general counsel, executive vice president and chief operating officer. He helped build TPL into one of the nation's leading organizations that is conserving land for people to enjoy.

Amy Chesnut, acquisitions director at the Sonoma Land Trust, has worked in land conservation for the past 15 years. A real estate lawyer, she has also worked at the Nature Conservancy, Pacific Forest Trust, and Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District.

Peter Mattson holds an MBA from UC Berkeley and now consults in the food and beverage industry. While working in product development, his clients included Procter & Gamble, Coca-Cola, Foster Farms and General Mills. He serves on the development committee of the Beckman Vision Institute of UCSF and is past president of the Sea Ranch owners association.