Welcome to Robin Tierney

We are pleased to announce the addition of Robin Tierney to our staff as a program leader. Robin has jumped right into our busy spring schedule of school programs and is already feeling at home here at the ranch.

As the co-owner of a whitewater rafting company based in Colorado and Utah, Robin led multi-day rafting, hiking and mountain biking trips. Her company specialized in interpretive river trips through Dinosaur National Monument. Recently, Robin has been a volunteer docent at Fitzgerald Marine Reserve leading tours of school age children and teaching environmental stewardship while exploring the tidepools and ocean.

Robin and her husband have raised their 2 sons, now young adults in college, here in Half Moon Bay. She still enjoys hiking and biking and has a special interest in California native plants and their use by the Ohlone Indians that once lived in this area. We look forward to having Robin share her knowledge and enthusiasm for the outdoors with our staff and visiting children.

A New Tractor for Elkus Ranch!

A grant from the Bothin Foundation provided funds to replace our ancient tractor with this brand new John Deere. We received the tractor in early December, just in time for Augie’s birthday!

Bruno is very pleased to have some new wheels too, having been without transportation since he started work here nearly 3 years ago. The Gator, also funded by the Bothin Foundation, is getting daily use hauling hay and supplies all over the ranch.
What’s New at the Ranch?

Spring Babies

After a 3 year hiatus, we have kids!! It took a lot of patience and the contribution of a borrowed buck, but they were worth waiting for. As of this date, there are 5 female kids and possibly a few more to come. If you can’t find us in the office these days, look in the goat pen because we can’t get enough of these cute babies.

Learn how to combine a passion for gardening and helping people through the innovative field of horticultural therapy. Join students from across the country to learn more by enrolling in Introduction to HT this fall at Elkus Ranch on Sept. 23-26. At the non-profit, Horticultural Therapy Institute, our mission is to provide education and training in HT to those new to, or experienced with, the practice of using gardening and plants to improve the lives of others. Remaining classes will be held in Walnut Creek. Class cost is $750 or $600 for full-time college students. Visit www.htinstitute.org or call 303-388-0500.

Introduction to Horticultural Therapy

Tinkering School Comes to Elkus Ranch

In what may be a new tradition, Tinkering School is bringing its unique offering of hands-on building experiences back to Elkus in July. Last year, the kids built drill-powered go-carts, outdoor shelters, and even a hang-glider. With an emphasis on recycled construction materials, the kids learn that they can build anything if they just put their minds (and hands) to it. Visit tinkerschool.com to see last year’s projects and learn more about this innovative program.

The founders of the Tinkering School are also the authors of the sensational new book, ‘Fifty Dangerous Things (you should let your children do)’, available on Amazon and at local booksellers. Visit fiftydangerousthings.com for more information.

Summer Discovery Day Camp

Registration for the Summer Discovery Day Camp is open and camps are filling up fast, but we still have several days left. Don’t miss out on the chance for your child to experience the Ranch behind the scenes.

Visit http://ucanr.org/2010summer_camp for more information.

Adopt-a-Shingle Program

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UC Master Gardeners

Have you ever wondered who keeps up the demonstration garden at the Ranch? It’s a group of dedicated Master Gardener volunteers. The trials and demonstrations we do in the Elkus garden comprise just one of dozens of projects we run to educate County residents about sustainable gardening.

We’ll be in the garden for Sheep to Shawl again this year, answering questions and giving tours. Stop by and say hi!

Master Gardeners are also teaching a popular series of classes at the SF Botanical Garden on growing urban edibles. Our May 15 class will cover choosing plants for your summer garden, composting, Integrated Pest Management, and more.

Finally, we’re very excited about our Educational Garden Tour and Plant Sale in Woodside on Saturday, June 26. We have some amazing gardens lined up for the tour, and will have workshops and demonstrations at each one. We hope you can join us!

For details about all these and other projects, visit our website at: http://cesanmateo.ucdavis.edu, click on the Master Gardener Program.

Eco Thought for the Day
"We must strive to become good ancestors."
—Ralph Nader
Thank you to our most recent donors!


Elkus Ranch is a 501(C3) non-profit entity, donations are tax-deductible. Your donations help fund; feed for the animals, sponsor scholarships for classrooms, and help us to improve our programs and ranch grounds. We appreciate all donations and no donation is too small. Thank you!

Please make all checks payable to: UC Regents and mail to:

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Elkus Ranch Wish List
Donations towards new barn roofs
4" plant pots
Foam camping mats (not air)
Garden tools such as: pruning shears, gloves, trowels
Deck furniture for conference center
Bed sheets & old towels
Cloth napkins and tablecloths

2010 Calendar

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