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The Yolo Land Trust is a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, founded in 1988 by an innovative group of farmers, ranchers, community leaders and conservationists dedicated to protecting Yolo County's land resources. The Yolo Land Trust has helped landowners place conservation easements on over 50 parcels throughout Yolo County, permanently conserving over 10,000 acres of land for future generations. These farms remain privately owned and operated. The Yolo Land Trust is conserving land today that will shape the character of Yolo County for centuries.



For more information on the Yolo Land Trust or to receive YLT E-News visit www.yololandtrust.org or provide us with your email address on the enclosed remit envelope.

Art & Ag Project Visits Pollock Farm



Pollock Farm near Yolo.



Artist Anthony Montanino.

Recently, more than 30 artists visited Pollock Farm near the town of Yolo as part of a unique collaboration of the Yolo Land Trust, Yolo Arts and the Davis Farmers Market Foundation to cultivate a dialogue among artists, farmers and the community about the importance of preserving both farmlands and the visual arts in Yolo County.

Known as the Art & Ag Project, this endeavor gives participating artists an opportunity to visit 10 Yolo County farms throughout the year and to create artwork inspired by the land. Many of these farms, such as the Pollock Farm owned by Herb and Lynnel Pollock, are not open to the public so the artists appreciate the opportunity.

"It was a real advantage to have the access at Pollock Farm and to be able to explore and paint from any location I chose," said artist Anthony Montanino. "I was able to create a work of art that is a true visual record of what I have seen and experienced on the farm."

Being able to walk throughout the farm means the artists can create without the dangers of working on the side of a road. The artists could visit the Pollock Farm over a two-day period.

The Yolo Land Trust facilitated the visit to the Pollock Farm which has a conservation

easement encumbering it and held by the Yolo Land Trust.

Art & Ag brings artists and farmers together in a collaborative relationship – the farmers give the artists access to their land and the artists are able to set up their easels wherever they are inspired. The farms visited by the artists range from small organic vegetable farms to larger operations growing wheat, seed crops and processing tomatoes. The artists who come vary too from landscape painters to photographers to ceramic artists.

The community is able to enjoy the fruits of the relationship between farmers and artists at the annual art farm exhibit hung at Gallery 625 located in the County Administrative Building at 625 Court Street, in Woodland, California, starting on October 5, 2012 through November 28, 2012. The show is open Monday through Friday from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. and encourages viewers to appreciate both local artists and farmers while raising awareness about the importance of farmland preservation in Yolo County.

The "art harvest" occurs on November 2, 2012 at Gallery 625 when the art is available for sale. For more information about the show and the art harvest, visit www.yoloarts.org.

A DAY IN THE COUNTRY.

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Putah Creek Winery / Davis
Route 3 Wines / Dunnigan Hills
Seka Hills / Capay Valley
Simas Family Vineyard / Capay
Turkovich Winery / Winters
Zina Hill / Winters
Ruhstaller Beer / Sacramento

The Restaurants

Biba Restaurant / Sacramento
Buckhorn Catering / Winter
Cache Creek / Brooks
Chez Panisse Restaurant and Café / Berkeley
Fat Face / Davis Farmer's Market
Gather / Berkeley
Grange / Sacramento
Ikedas / Davis
Kitchen 428 Restaurant / Woodland
Konditorei Austrian Pastry Cafe / Davis
Lucca Restaurant & Bar / Sacramento
Monticello Seasonal Cuisine / Davis
Mulvaney's Building & Loan / Sacramento
Nugget Market Kitchen / Woodland
Oliveto Restaurant & Cafe / Oakland
Osteria Fasulo / Davis
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Servino / San Francisco
Slow Club / San Francisco

Spataro Restaurant and Bar / Sacramento
The Porch Restaurant & Bar / Sacramento
The Waterboy / Sacramento
Wright Cakes / Esparto

Tastings from Farms & Ranches

Capay Organic in the Capay Valley
Copper Hill Olive Oil near Woodland
Del Rio Botanical near West Sacramento
Durst Organic Growers in Hungry Hollow near Esparto
Full Belly Farm and Kitchen in the Capay Valley
Good Humus Produce in the Capay Valley
Henry's Bullfrog Bees near Winters
Manas Ranch Meat Market in Esparto
Mariani Nut Co in Winters
Riverdog Farm in the Capay Valley
Winters Cheese Company in Winters
Yolo Land and Cattle near Woodland

Donations from Other Farms & Ranches

Bledsoe Pork near Woodland
Capay Canyon Ranch near Esparto
Coco Ranch near Davis
Eatwell Farm near Dixon
Gold Oak Ranch near Capay Valley
Live Oak Farm in the Capay Valley
Longview Ranch near Winters
Mariposa Valley Farm near Woodland
McDonald Orchards in the Capay Valley
Muller Ranch & Yolo Vineyards near Woodland
Rominger Brothers Farms near Winters
Short Night Farm near Dunnigan
Sola Bee Farms near Woodland
Terra Firma near Winters



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Board Member Peter Hunter Featured in Audubon Magazine

Congratulations to Peter and Debbie Hunter on being featured in the May – June 2012 Audubon Magazine acknowledging their work in establishing a border of vegetation along Dry Creek as part of the Audubon's Landowner Stewardship Program. The project was designed to reconnect the Hunters' Longview Ranch farmlands with the streams that flow east out of the Coast Range. These seasonal creeks host a rich diversity of wildlife. According to Audubon, more than 200 bird species depend on them, and today less than five percent of this habitat remains in California.

For Peter, who grew up on this family farm near Winters, the loss of these creek corridors is just part of the threat

urbanization poses in one of the world's great breadbaskets. With development gobbling up 40,000 acres of California agricultural lands every year, Peter is passionate about protecting "what I hold so close to my heart." Peter and Debbie currently grow olives and prunes on Longview Ranch.

The Yolo Land Trust holds a conservation easement on Longview Ranch. Following completion of the conservation easement on the Ranch, Peter joined the Board of Directors at the Yolo Land Trust. You can read the entire article at www.audubonmagazine.org, search under "Peter Hunter."

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