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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.

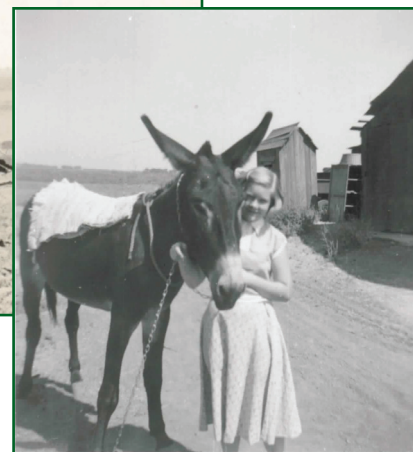


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The Cycle of History Continues at the Kerr Plainfield Farm



Kenneth and Earl Kerr (Carol's father and uncle)



Carol Kerr Beoshanz

For **Josie and Garret Beoshanz**, growing up on the Kerr Plainfield Farm on County Road 29 will be the continuation of history. Their grandmother **Carol Kerr Beoshanz** spent the first eight years of her life on Kerr Plainfield Farm, as did Carol's mother **Lorraine Rothe Kerr** and Carol's grandfather, **Herman Rothe**. In fact, the homesite was established in 1908.

Herman and Albert Rothe, sons of Capay Valley (Hungry Hollow) pioneers **Gottlieb and Elizabeth Rothe**, purchased the Plainfield Farm on October 26, 1897. At that time, the Plainfield Community situated at the corners of Roads 98 and 29 consisted of a harness shop, general store, stable yard, hotel, dry goods store and some houses. In 1929 the Plainfield Farm passed to Herman's daughters **Margaret Rothe Koontz** and **Lorraine Rothe Kerr**. Since that time the farm has been managed by the Kerr-Koontz families.

The Kerr family contacted Yolo Land Trust in 2002 to help them realize their dream of preserving the Kerr Plainfield Farm as farmland forever. Working with the City of Davis, Yolo County, and Yolo County Natural Heritage Program, funding was

secured for the purchase of a conservation easement on the Kerr Plainfield Farm. The family agreed to keep farming the land and to protect Swainson's hawk habitat along the riparian corridor on the north side of the Farm. This enabled the next generation to move onto the land.

"We wanted to preserve our family farm," says Carol Beoshanz. "My husband Ed and I are delighted our son Marc and his wife Sasha will now be taking care of the land. It is important to us that farming continues on the land that has been in our family for over 100 years."

Marc and Sasha Beoshanz met at Fresno State and shared a dream to own their own farm in Yolo County to raise their two children and sell produce raised on their land at the farmer's market. After Carol inherited the Kerr Plainfield Farm, Marc and Sasha began to restore the original home located there. Although they wanted to keep some part of the original home in tact, the amount of deterioration was greater than anticipated and the house

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Kerr Plainfield Farm

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had to be completely removed. But every door, floorboard, ceiling beam and fixture which could be salvaged was removed and stored. "Sasha was tireless when it came to saving every object she could," said Marc. "We found many relics of days gone by. All of it will be reused or displayed in our home."

When the new home is completed and the 4th and 5th generation of Rothe descendants move in, the cycle of history will be continued.

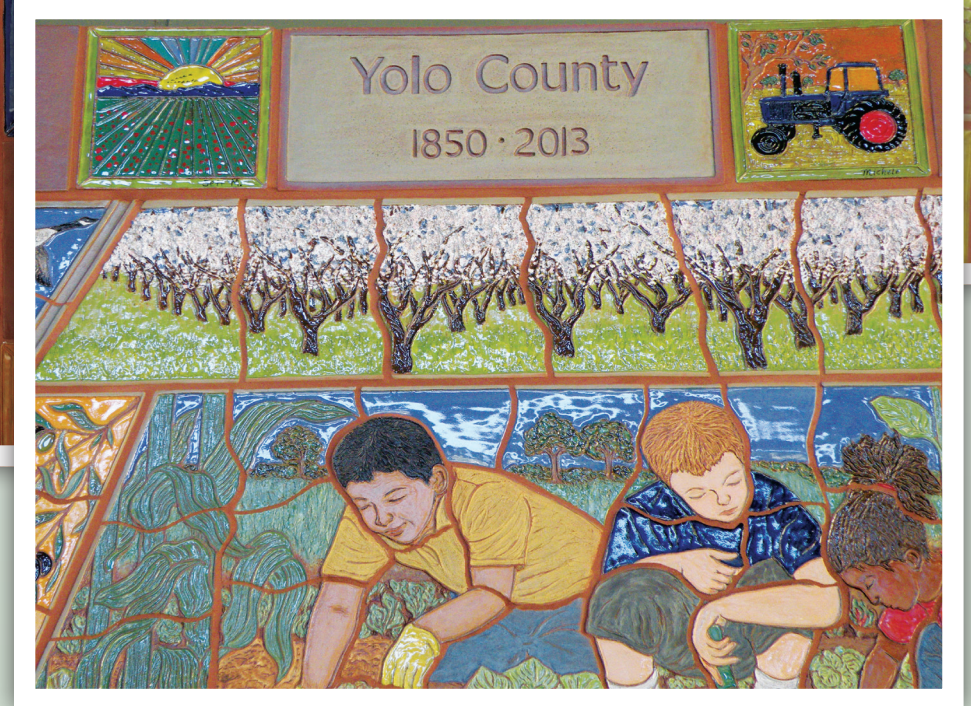
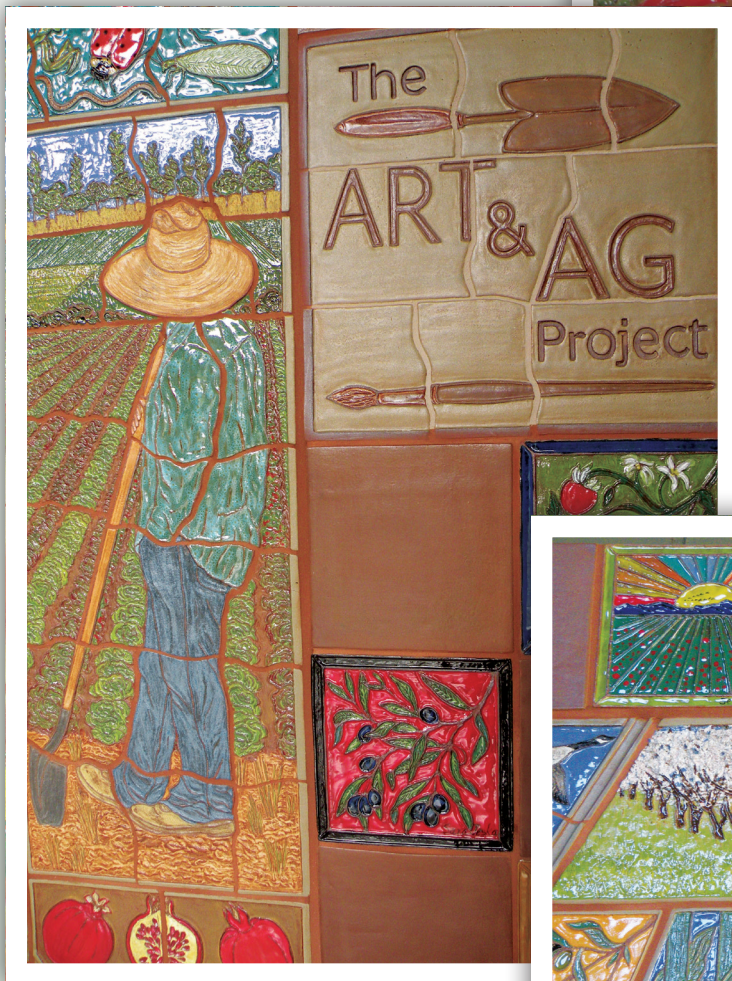
"We are pleased the City could participate in conserving this historic farm," says **Mitch Sears**, Sustainability Manager, City of Davis. "The preservation of this farm continues the conservation work the City and Yolo Land Trust have been working on for more than ten years along the 27-29 corridor."

A Free and Easy Way to Donate!

A new and simple way to support Yolo Land Trust is by shopping at **Nugget Markets** and **Food4Less**. Nugget Markets will make a donation to Yolo Land Trust every time you swipe a Nugget Scrip card. We can receive up to 4% of the purchase amount. It's completely free for you! Simply call or email Gina Nunes at 530-662-1110 or gnunes@yololandtrust.org to request a Nugget Scrip card and we will send instructions on how to activate it. Please help us ensure that Yolo County will remain as it is today for future generations. Thank you for your generous support and thanks to **Nugget Markets!!**

MURAL - From the Ground Up

A beautiful ceramic mural “From the Ground Up” was installed on the exterior of the east entrance to Yolo County’s Erwin Meier Administration Building in Woodland. Artist Susan Shelton created the mural to illustrate the Art & Ag Project, a collaboration of the Yolo Land Trust, YoloArts and the Yolo Farm to Fork Foundation. The mural was funded by a grant from Art Place America to YoloArts. Surrounding Shelton’s work are tiles painted by members of the Yolo community.



You can visit the mural anytime at 625 Court Street (main entrance facing Courthouse), Woodland.



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A DAY IN THE COUNTRY 2013 Taber Ranch Vineyard



A Day in the Country will be held this year in Capay Valley at the Taber Ranch Vineyard and Event Center on **Sunday, September 8 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

The event showcases Yolo County foods prepared by top chefs throughout Northern California. Local wines and beer are also served. The **Plainfield Pickers** will provide music and wonderful items will be available for sale at the silent auction. Come join the fun as Yolo Land Trust celebrates its 25th anniversary.

The event sells out each year so buy your tickets early. For more information go to **www.yololandtrust.org** or contact **gnunes@yololandtrust.org**.

New Board Members & Staff

Chuck Moore joined the Board of Directors in March 2013. Chuck was raised in Davis and spent two summers working on a dry-land grain and cow-calf ranch in Northeastern Montana. He attended California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo where he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Management. Chuck has worked in the Farm Credit system for over 31 years in various lending and management capacities. Presently, he is Vice President - Key Relationship Manager for Farm Credit West in their Woodland office.

Carol Murphy joined the Board of Directors in January 2013. Carol is the Controller at Capay Organics. She graduated from San Jose State University with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. In 1993 she moved from the Bay Area to Davis and traded high tech for agriculture. Over the last twenty years she had the opportunity to hold various financial positions with producers, processors and distributors in the ag industry.

Gina Nunes joined the staff in January 2013 as the Development Associate working in fundraising, donor acknowledgement

and event planning. Gina is a California native and has lived in Yolo County for the past 14 years. Gina received her bachelor's degree in Marketing from California State University, Sacramento. Gina brings marketing and event planning experience to Yolo Land Trust, having worked as the Member and Donor Relations Specialist for Explorit Science Center in Davis.

Thanks to **Dan Clawson**, **Beth Gabor** and **Jessica Kilkenny** for their past service on the Yolo Land Trust Board of Directors.