



WELCOME TO

# *Taking Flight*

A BENEFIT FOR THE  
Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation

Thursday, April 18, 2024  
5:00 – 8:00 PM

Wild Oak Saddle Club  
Santa Rosa, Ca



# Fund-a-Need Paddle Raise

**INTRODUCTION BY GRANT DAVIS, GENERAL MANAGER,  
SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY**

**REALIZING A VISION OF RESILIENT, VIBRANT ECOSYSTEMS AND  
COMMUNITIES OF THE LAGUNA DE SANTA ROSA WATERSHED**

By participating in this paddle raise event, you have the opportunity to directly contribute to our crucial conservation efforts in the Laguna de Santa Rosa watershed. Your generosity will enable us to actively restore natural habitats, protect endangered plants, and enhance biodiversity within the 254-square-mile region.

Moreover, your financial support will empower us to lead collaborative initiatives with a diversity for partners aimed at rehabilitating hundreds of acres of lost habitats. These efforts are essential for improving water quality, mitigating the effects of climate change, and preserving the ecological balance of the Laguna de Santa Rosa.

In addition to conservation projects, your contributions will also play a pivotal role in supporting our nature-based education programs, including Learning Laguna, Camp Tule, and Community Education. These programs serve as vital platforms for engaging individuals of all ages with the beauty of the Laguna ecosystem, instilling a sense of connection to the environment, and imparting valuable skills that promote environmental stewardship for current and future generations.

## Live Auction Packages

**PRESENTED BY KENN CUNNINGHAM**

*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” ~Margaret Mead*

Your participation in this live auction event will make a lasting impact on the conservation and education initiatives undertaken by the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation. Together, we can ensure a sustainable and thriving environment for the present and future generations to enjoy.

# 1 - Indulge Your Senses



Treat yourself to an experience of adventure and relaxation! Enjoy a scenic flight from Sonoma County to the Golden Gate aboard a Lancair Legacy, offering breathtaking views. As a passenger in this 2-seat aircraft, you'll have the perfect vantage point to capture stunning photos, so don't forget your camera! This award-winning amateur-built aircraft, crowned Grand Champion Kit-Built at the 2012 Experimental Aviation Oshkosh event, promises a memorable journey. Unwind with a luxurious 90-minute massage or facial at Bliss Day Spa, and take home an Eminence Organic Care Starter Kit for continued relaxation. Indulge your taste buds with a year-long chocolate and tea tasting experience at Sonoma Chocolatiers. Finally, bring the sunshine home with a thoughtfully designed, seasonal bouquet of local, organic flowers.

**Package Includes:** One 30-minute flight for a single passenger aboard a Lincair Legacy, a 90-minute facial or massage and 2 bathhouse passes to Bliss Day Spa, an Eminence Organic Skin Care Starter Kit, 1 year of Chocolate and Tea Tastings, and 1 Seasonal Wrapped Bouquet.

**Restrictions:** Schedule in advance. Agility to climb in and out of a very small aircraft and excellent weather required for flight, which must be scheduled for 2024. Bouquet is available through September of 2024.

**Donated By:** Bliss Day Spa, Jenniflora Shop, Sonoma Chocolatiers, and Andy Werback

## 2 - Arts & Music



Embark on an exclusive group tour for 4 at the Museum of Sonoma County with renowned local historian Gaye LeBaron. Delve into the rich tapestry of Sonoma County's history through the Sonoma County Stories exhibition, featuring selections from Gaye's esteemed Oral History Collection. Gain insight into the diverse cultures and people that define the region, guided by Gaye herself, a living legend with over three decades of storytelling experience. Later, indulge in an evening at the Green Music Center, where you'll be enchanted by the New Century Chamber Orchestra, known for their conductor-less performances and remarkable precision. Enjoy a night with the Santa Rosa Symphony Orchestra at the Green Music Center at one of their classical series concerts. Join a 2-hour public event with a Sip of Color where you will be guided through creating your own work of art. Take home a piece of Sonoma County's beauty, with an image by award-winning photographer, Jerry Dodrill, immortalizing the serene Laguna sunrise in a stunning metal print. Bid now for an unforgettable blend of history, culture, music and art in picturesque Sonoma County.

**Package Includes:** Museum of Sonoma County Admission for 4 guided by Gaye LeBaron, 4 tickets to Green Music Center's New Century Chamber Orchestra, Friday, May 3, 2024 at 7:30pm, One 9x14" metal print of the Laguna de Santa Rosa by Jerry Dodrill, Santa Rosa Symphony Orchestra tickets for 2 to a classical series concert, 2 tickets to a public event with a Sip of Color.

**Restrictions:** Schedule in advance. Green Music Center date is fixed. A Sip of Color valid for public events only, not private events, excludes Paint Your Pet events.

**Donated By:** Gaye LeBaron, Green Music Center, Jerry Dodrill, Museum of Sonoma County, A Sip of Color, Santa Rosa Symphony

# 3 - Explore Sonoma County by Land, Air, and Sea



This once in a lifetime adventure begins as you soak in the breathtaking scenery with a 1-hour flight for three to the coast and back. Then head up the coast to indulge in a three-night stay in a fully-equipped Sea Ranch home, offering panoramic views and accommodations for up to six guests. Dive deeper into the coastal beauty with a self-guided 2 ½ hour kayak paddle for two in beautiful Bodega Bay. On your way home, stop by Fern Bar to savor modern American cuisine inspired by West Sonoma County's biodiversity.



**Package Includes:** A 1-hour flight for three, a 3-night stay in Sea Ranch with \$100 gift card to the Sea Ranch Lodge dining room, a 2 ½ hour kayak rental for two in Bodega Bay with on-shore instruction, a \$100 gift card to Fern Bar.



**Restrictions:** Schedule in advance. Labor Day weekend excluded for the Sea Ranch home.

**Donated By:** Bodega Bay Kayak, Fern Bar, Art and Jan Hayssen, Heidi Stewart and John Weinstein



# 4 - "Are We There Yet?" Family Adventure Package



Get ready to make some memories! Join your expert guide for a thrilling 3-hour Safari West tour, where you'll encounter nearly a thousand animals from over ninety species, creating a true Serengeti at Sonoma County's very own Safari West. Afterwards, enjoy an overnight stay in a luxurious Safari West tent, complete with dinner for two adults and two children. The adventure continues with a visit to the renowned San Francisco Zoo, home to over 2,000 exotic, endangered, and rescued animals nestled in 100 acres of scenic gardens along the Pacific Coast. Indulge your taste buds with a visit to Sonoma County's best ice creamery, Screamin' Mimi's, before spending an afternoon skating at the iconic Snoopy's Home Ice. View the largest collection of original Peanuts artwork in the world at the Charles M. Schulz Museum. Plus, explore the stunning trails of Sonoma County all year long with a one-year Regional Parks Pass.

**Package Includes:** Overnight Stay at Safari West, Safari Tour, and Dinner for 2 adults and 2 children. Three Family Pass Cards for use at San Francisco Zoo, including: 18 admission tickets, 18 tickets for the historic, restored 1921 Dentzel Carousel, and 6 parking passes. Screamin' Mimi's Gift Certificate for \$40. Four passes to Snoopy's Home Ice. Six tickets to the Charles M. Schulz Museum. One Sonoma County Regional Parks Pass.

**Restrictions:** For the safety and comfort of all guests, children must be at least 4 years old to participate in the Classic Safari Adventure. Schedule in advance.

**Donated By:** Safari West, San Francisco Zoo, Screamin' Mimi's Ice Cream, Snoopy's Home Ice, Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation, Charles M. Schulz Museum

# 5 - Getaway to Anchor Bay



Escape to the idyllic Sonoma and Mendocino coasts for a week-long stay in a charming 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom cottage nestled in Anchor Bay. Just 3 miles north of Gualala, this retreat boasts a coveted “banana belt” micro-climate, ensuring sun-drenched days and tranquil evenings. A private, dog-friendly beach is a short 10-minute stroll away, while the cottage itself offers modern amenities including a fully-equipped kitchen and laundry facilities. Explore secluded coves like Moat Creek Beach and majestic redwood forests during the day, then unwind to a sunset on the deck with a glass of Cabernet Sauvignon, made by your hosts. Experience this coastal retreat where nature’s beauty meets comfort. Stock up the pantry before you go with a gift certificate provided by Oliver’s Market.

**Package Includes:** 1 week-long stay at cottage in Anchor Bay (2 Queen beds and one bunk bed), two bottles of Cabernet, 1 gift certificate for \$150 to Oliver’s Market.

**Restrictions:** Must book cottage stay in advance, maximum 6 guests in cottage (1 dog ok!), 7-night stay, Valid through April 18, 2025.

**Donated By:** Clayton Creager & Linda-Marie Koza, Oliver’s Market

# 6 - Ravioli Class & Wine Tasting



Join Franny and Glenn Minervini-Zick for a hands-on ravioli making experience, complete with wine and appetizers. After a demonstration, you'll craft delicious butternut squash ravioli with your partner, with the option to take home your creations after sampling them with homemade sauces. Don't forget your apron for this flour-filled adventure!



The next stop includes a wine adventure at Balletto Vineyards, where you'll enjoy a 90-minute tour and vertical tasting experience. Learn about a decade of winemaking by the Balletto family and explore the nuances of Pinot Noir, Zinfandel, and Syrah wines from their private library collection. Conclude with a delicious lunch on the winery patio, offering panoramic views of the Laguna de Santa Rosa watershed and easy access to the regional trail for an afternoon stroll.



**Package Includes:** Gift certificate for \$100 from Sebastopol Community Market, Balletto Library 90-minute tour & tasting experience for 6, Ravioli Making Class & Tasting for 6-8 guests.



**Restrictions:** Schedule in advance, Balletto (offered Friday-Sunday). When booking Balletto Vineyards, please mention you will be bringing lunch with you.

**Donated By:** Community Market of Sebastopol, Balletto Vineyards, Franny and Glenn Minervini-Zick



# 7 - Tomales Bay Getaway



Get ready for an exhilarating escape with a scenic 2-night farm stay for eight at Straus Home Ranch, nestled along the stunning shores of Tomales Bay. Immerse yourself in the tranquil ambiance of this beautifully renovated 1864 farmhouse, set on 166 certified organic acres, where every moment is a picturesque adventure waiting to unfold. Just a stone's throw away from the beach, you'll have instant access to kayaking and mesmerizing sunsets that paint the sky with vibrant hues. With neighbors like Nick's Cove and Hog Island Oyster, the excitement continues as you explore local treasures. Amp up the adrenaline with a 4-hour kayak paddle for two on Tomales Bay, indulge in an olive oil tasting at McEvoy Ranch, or discover the vibrant arts scene in nearby Point Reyes with a stop at Toby's Feed Barn. Get ready to ignite your senses and create unforgettable memories in this coastal paradise.

**Package Includes:** Blue Waters Kayaking 4 hour take-away tandem (2 person) kayak rental, Straus Home Ranch 2-night stay for 8, McEvoy Ranch Olive Oil Tasting for 2, Toby's Feed Barn \$50 Gift Certificate

**Restrictions:** Schedule in advance. Straus Home Ranch offer is for 2 weeknights (Monday – Wednesday) and subject to availability. Holiday and other blackout dates may apply. Credit card information will be kept on file in case of additional charges. Offer good through December 18, 2025. No pets please.

**Donated By:** Blue Waters Kayak, McEvoy Ranch, Straus Home Ranch, Toby's Feed Barn

# 8 - Taste of Sonoma County



If you are passionate about wine, this is the ultimate journey across Sonoma County's internationally renowned Wine Country, featuring award-winning and family-run boutique estates. You can schedule at your own pace as a couple, or with friends, and enjoy the viticultural and culinary bounties of Sonoma County across the seasons.



## Package Includes:

- Private Tasting for 6 at Small Vines in Sebastopol. Meet the vintner and tour the vineyard and winery. Includes one bottle each of estate-grown, organically farmed Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.
- Private tasting for 2 in the wine cave at Freeman Vineyard & Winery in Sebastopol. Meet the people who care for the vines and transform exceptional Pinot Noir and Chardonnay grapes into wine.
- Art of Pinot Tasting for up to 4 People at Emeritus Vineyards in Sebastopol. This in-depth tasting showcases their most exclusive single-block Pinot Noir paired with local cheeses.
- Winter WINEland Tickets for 2. Jan 18 & 19, 2025. Two glorious days along the Wine Road. Taste current vintages, multiple varietals grown in Sonoma County, and experience the beauty of Winter in Sonoma County.
- Group Join-In Wine Tour for 2 with Platypus Tours. On this 6-hour tour visit 3 small, boutique, wineries. A picnic lunch is included at one of the wineries.



**Restrictions:** All tours and tastings must be scheduled in advance. Platypus Wine tour not valid for Fridays, Saturdays, or holiday weekends.

**Donated By:** Emeritus Vineyards, Freeman Vineyard and Winery, Platypus Tours, Small Vines, Wine Road