



**Laguna  
de Santa Rosa  
Foundation**

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Santa Rosa, CA 95401

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**LagunaKeepers**  
**2009-2010**  
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**LAGUNAKEEPERS 2009-2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
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*All workdates are from 9 AM to noon. Be sure to wear shoes & clothes you don't mind getting dirty. Only heavy rain cancels. Snacks are on us, but do bring gloves, water, and friends!*

**September 19**

**Joint Wetlands**

Who doesn't love wood chips? We sure do, and we're planning to spread them all over the Joint Wetlands and the Native Plant Garden. Meet at 4300 Llano Rd.; follow signs to the "Admin" building.

**October 24**

**Duer Creek**

Wow, is this planting gonna get big. Another 2500 trees this year alone! We'll finish the planting we started last year before moving on to the new planting area. Meet at Kelly Farm, 5344 Occidental Rd. across from Hanna Winery.

**November 21**

**Duer Creek**

Back to Duer, this time to add acorns and finish up the west side. Meet at Kelly Farm, 5344 Occidental Rd.

**December 12**

**Cotati Creek Critters**

It's fun to gather with our cohorts in Cotati to celebrate the turning of the year with some turning of the soil. Meet at Ladybug Lot on Lakewood Ave. in Cotati. Directions on the CCC website: [www.cotaticreekcritters.info](http://www.cotaticreekcritters.info).

**January 9**

*Rain date: January 16*

**Meadowlark Field**

We've planted 1500 trees and shrubs here already, but 1000 more can't hurt. Meet at the Chevron station just east of the Laguna at 5740 Hwy 12.

**February 20**

**Laguna Uplands**

Last year, we met on Valentine's Day and ate cupcakes. This year, why skip the cupcakes? Meet at the end of Palm Ave. in Sebastopol, just south of Palm Drive Hospital.

**March 27**

**Irwin Creek**

Continuing the expansion of the Irwin Creek riparian corridor, and a chance to revisit last year's plantings. Meet at Stone Farm (900 Sanford Rd.) & we'll caravan to the site.

**April 17**

**Native Plant Demonstration Garden**

Phase three of the installation of the new garden, plus planting grasses and sedges at the Joint Wetlands area. Meet at 4300 Llano Rd.; follow signs to the "Admin" building.

**May 8**

**Balletto Easement**

This planting has reached three years old, and it's time for it to fly solo. We'll remove restoration hardware and drip tubing, and wish the plants a good long life! Meet at Kelly Farm, 5344 Occidental Rd.

*We'll remind you by postcard or email as these dates come up. If you prefer email reminders only, or wish to be removed from our mailing list, let us know: 527-9277 ext. 108 or [catherine@lagunafoundation.org](mailto:catherine@lagunafoundation.org).*

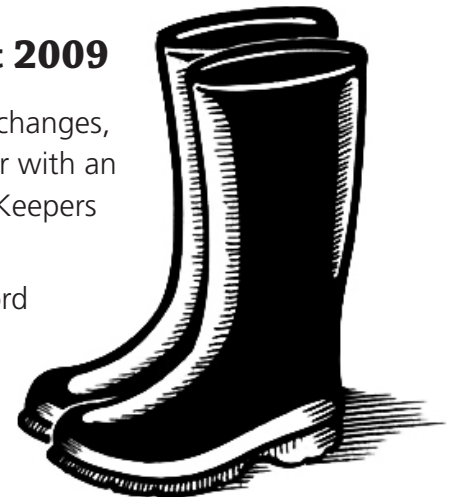
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## Greetings LagunaKeepers!

August 2009

This has been a momentous year for the Foundation and the Laguna: Big changes, exciting projects, and new leadership. We're heading into the 2009 Rain Year with an infusion of fresh energy and high hopes for continued achievement. LagunaKeepers are an integral part of our success! Here's an update:

**The Foundation moved to our new location** at Stone Farm, 900 Sanford Road, just north of the intersection with Occidental Road. From here we enjoy sweeping views of the Laguna and the Mayacamas from the windows of our beautifully remodeled, 144-year-old farmhouse. If you'd like to tour the new office, stop by our **Open House on Thursday, September 3rd** from 4:30 – 6:30pm.



While you're here, be sure to check out our new **Native Plant Nursery**. It contains more than 1500 plants, almost all of them established by volunteers (shout out to Chris Engel!) Our fancy new plant propagation tables were refurbished and the shade covers built by members of Santa Rosa Sunshine Rotary (shout out to Hugh Helm and friends!) Rotary members will also be constructing an automatic irrigation system, which is essential here on this windy hilltop. If you're interested in volunteering at the nursery, let us know.

In the Restoration department, our most recent planting of 1000 trees and shrubs is now nearly a year old. This brings our total to 6,000 plantings, many of which were installed by LagunaKeeper volunteers. **Middle Reach Restoration Project** plantings are complete, though we'll continue to maintain and, where possible, supplement earlier plantings with grasses and understory vegetation over the next several years.

Keeper plantings at **Irwin Creek** and **Duer Creek** are now well-established. Both sites look great and we'll revisit them this Keeper season to continue to widen the riparian corridors. It's wonderful to see the trees beginning to peek above their browse protection, extending new growth into direct sunshine. That's always our sign that they're solidly rooted and ready to do some serious growing.

Another amazing success has been the **Native Plant Demonstration Garden**, which the LagunaKeepers installed in April at the Water Treatment Plant on Llano Road. It's incredible how quickly the plantings took off, and we're not exactly sure what caused it. Full sun? Composted biosolids? Awesome LagunaKeeper vibes? Hard to tell. But if you've never seen it, or haven't been there since this spring, it's worth a visit. The **2009-2010 Keeper season starts** there on **September 19th**. Save the date!

Keep an eye out for the release of the **Field Guide to the Laguna de Santa Rosa**, a handy reference manual featuring common animals and plants, with color illustrations by Jack Laws of the California Academy of Sciences. Copies of this long-awaited Foundation publication will be available mid-September — check our website for details.

Our **LagunaKeeper Calendar** is on the other side. Check out the fun workdates and interesting projects we've got coming up, including the massive expansion of the Duer Creek planting (2500 new plants), an addition to the restoration site at Meadowlark Field, and "graduation day" for some early plantings on the Balletto easement. All ages and skill levels are welcome, so please join us — and become a part of the Laguna's future!

Kind regards,

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