



JACK LONDON PARK PARTNERS

Moon Letter

Fall 2023

NEWS FROM THE PARK

We are very excited to share the news that Senator Bill Dodd's bill, removing the sunset date for the authority granted to State Parks to allow Jack London Park Partners to operate Jack London State Historic Park, has been approved by the California Legislature and is headed to the Governor's office for signature.

Assembly Bill 42, passed in 2011, that provided the original authority had a sunset date in 2025. This forward-thinking bill removes the sunset entirely. The original legislation was in response to the threat of closure of dozens of state parks, including Jack London State Historic Park. Our partnership and several others like ours have provided a consistent source of funding and resources to keep some of California's most precious resources open, accessible, and vibrant.

Please join us in thanking Senator Dodd and the California State Parks Foundation for sponsoring this legislation.

A recent study released by Parks California with support from the California League of Park Associations and the California State Parks Foundation, found that nonprofit partners contribute over \$15 million annually to California state parks. These partnerships are emerging as an important resource for State Parks to continue to effectively steward and maintain over 280 park units.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 9—Celebrate California Biodiversity Day with a Bioblitz!

September 17—A Perfect Shady Hike

September 23—Jack London Park Partners Gala: Jack's Bohemian Groove
Deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, September 8!

October 21—Birds and Words on Sonoma Mountain

October 29—Halloween Walk'n Wag

For All Event Information: jacklondonpark.com

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It is hard to believe that summer is nearly over. Many of our younger visitors are going back to school to begin the start of another school year. At the Park, we're noticing subtle changes in light and color. The vineyards are looking especially robust with ripening grapes and the fruit in the Orchard is prime for gleaning.

I'm reminded how each season reveals new character and experiences in the ranch and deep in the back country. It is a special honor and amazing opportunity to work in a place as charismatic and dynamic as Jack London State Historic Park. I'm also reminded that none of this is possible without your support and the dedicated hard work our volunteers provide every day.

Yes, it has been a challenging summer without Transcendence Theatre Company. But those challenges will be overcome, and we will continue to be a part of this innovative partnership that has helped to sustain our Park and create new opportunities for joy, sanctuary and recreation for all of the wonderful people who visit this place. My humble thanks and gratitude to you for being a part of this one-of-a-kind organization.



Matt Leffert

Matt Leffert, Executive Director

WILDFIRE MITIGATION WORK GRANT RECEIVED

Recently Jack London Park Partners was awarded a grant through the Sonoma County Vegetation Management Grant Program. The award of \$50,000 will be used to expand existing fire mitigation work in the Park to better improve access for emergency vehicles during a wildfire event. With better access, emergency crews are better able to safely slow or stop a spreading wildfire. We are excited to see this important work begin this year. The work will focus on thinning flammable fuels, including understory and storm damage, on portions of Mountain Trail and the Wolf House Service Road, and we should see contracted forestry vegetation management crews start sometime between October and December.



JLPP STAFF NEWS



We are pleased to introduce you to our newest staff member, Ciara Pegg. As Tour Coordinator and Visitor Services Associate, Ciara will manage all tour reservations, and a variety of visitor services responsibilities including assisting in the bookshop and visitor center. As a Jill-of-all-trades, Ciara will also work with the maintenance crew, keeping the park neat and tidy.

We are excited to have Ciara join the Jack London Park Partners team. She is passionate about parks and eager to connect the public to Jack London State Historic Park through positive visitor experiences.

Ciara grew up exploring Sonoma County through its amazing network of parks and hiking trails. This time outdoors has given her a great appreciation for our county's biodiversity and a desire to keep learning more. She has a background in both Natural and Cultural sciences as well as solid experience in customer service. Ciara's background is a perfect fit for the many "hats" she will be wearing.

Ciara's educational background is in the areas of environmental psychology, anthropology, ecology, wildlife behavior and health, natural and cultural resource management. And, as a bonus, she is a certified California Naturalist.

NEW PARK VOLUNTEERS

We welcome 23 new volunteers who trained on August 18 and 25. The trainees were introduced to the Volunteer program, Park operations, interpretation skills, London history, Park history, and tours of the Park including all of the historic buildings. They are now beginning their one-on-one shadow training in their chosen assignments. We are grateful for the volunteer service they will provide to keep the Park thriving.

Thank you to the Volunteers and staff who provided or assisted with the training: Lou Leal, Jeff Falconer, Bern Lefson, Lee Lehrman, Eileen Adams, John Crowhurst, Kristina Ellis, Eric Metz & Susan St.Marie

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT—WENDY BYRD



Like the London's, Wendy Byrd loves to travel. She has been to all 7 continents, including Antarctica. WOW! It's no wonder she is so well suited to volunteering at Jack London Park. Her education was in sociology, philosophy, and government and her career was in retail and office work. She has been a volunteer for 2 years and has provided an amazing 835 service hours to the Park.

Wendy enjoys interacting with visitors from all over the world and loves the beauty of the Park, mostly natural, but with the loving additions made over time by the London's and others. Wendy works in the kiosk, the bookshop and driving the cart, but her favorite is the cottage because it is the place where Jack and Charmian lived together. "There are wonderful reminders of their presence today, the chart box from the Snark, Charmian's clothes, and their books and possessions. I greet Jack in his study when I open the sleeping porch doors".

Recently, while driving the cart, Wendy came to the rescue when a visitor was overcome with heat and fatigue. "I was awed by the effort of several people to get her to safety. There was her grandson, who contacted a cottage docent, who notified me on the golf cart about where to pick her up, and a staff member who provided water and a cool place to recover". The team effort saved the day.

Thank you, Wendy, for your many contributions to the success of the Park.

DOCENT ENRICHMENT

September is a great time for current school tour docents to brush up on their skills and for new docents to join the school tours team with two interactive training workshops. On September 1st, Kristina Ellis led our docent enrichment workshop called Learning Through Play. This lively and active workshop is specifically focused on strategies and methods for working with children on the trail. The second opportunity to warm up for the school year takes place on September 8th with a shorter training session for our language arts program, Adventures in Writing (for 4th & 5th grade). We are really looking forward to a great school year at the Park!



MEET OUR MEMBERS – CHRISTIANE PARKER



Christiane Parker and her husband David first got involved at Jack London Park in 2012 when Glen Ellen neighbor Mike Benziger put out the call for locals to help save the Park from closure due to the state's budget shortfall. Since then, the Parker's have been members and their children, and now grandchildren, use the Park regularly and love both the open space and the history that the Park provides.

Christiane worked for years in the garment industry as a pattern maker and designer, then manufactured her own line of silk-screened fabric garments. Today she designs exclusively for private clients from her studio in San Francisco and presents her own fashion shows. In May, she showcased her designs in a Charmian London inspired fashion show at Abbot's Passage Winery which raised funds for Jack London Park Partners (JLPP) Education Programs.

Being a part of JLPP's Charter Member Appeal in 2012 was important to Christiane. "We didn't want the Park to close. No one knew this special place existed until JLPP made it known. I am glad to be a member."

We are so grateful to have such loyal members!

JACK LONDON PARK MEMBERSHIP

The perks of a Jack London Park membership!

We will be having a special member event in November as we partner with the Robert Ferguson Observatory to bring one of their knowledgeable docents and a telescope to the Park for a tour through the sky. Join today and receive invitations to these fun and unique member events.

[Membership Information](#)



FIELD TRIP PROGRAMS

The Education department is gearing up for a very active school year with JLPP's three field trip programs: Nature's Design, Adventures in Writing, and our traditional school tours. With eight tours already booked, we wasted no time in kicking off the school year with our first school group on August 30th. We can't wait to see the students back on the trails!



BLOOMING NOW WRAPS UP FOR 2023



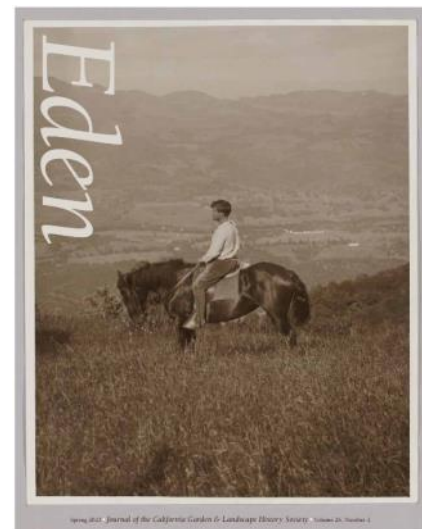
Click [HERE](#) to check out the final issue of Blooming Now for the year and go on a wildflower treasure hunt in the Park!

EDEN MAGAZINE ARTICLE

Read all about Jack and Charmian's Ranch of Good Intentions in the Spring 2023 issue of

[***Eden: Journal of the California Garden and Landscape History Society***](#)

"I am rebuilding worn-out hillside lands that were worked out and destroyed by our wasteful California pioneer farmers. I believe the soil is our one indestructible asset, ...I am getting results, which the Chinese have demonstrated for forty centuries." – Jack London, 1914



4 HONOREES AT OUR ANNUAL GALA ON SEPTEMBER 23

We will honor four outstanding supporters of Jack London State Historic Park at our September 23 fundraising Gala, "Jack's Bohemian Groove."

Philanthropy – Mary Clark Janis

Volunteers – Kathy Hillback-Ely and George Ely

Park Advocate – Chris Locke

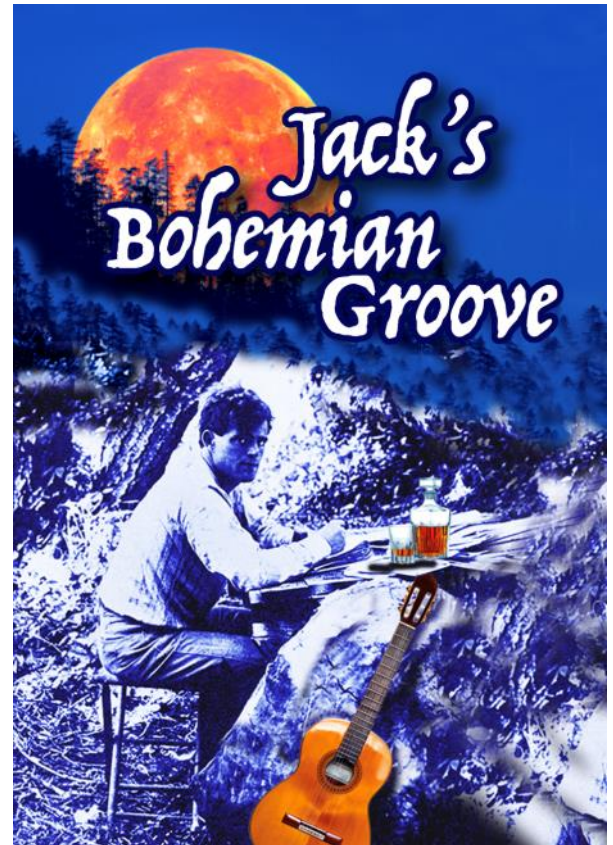
Saturday, September 23 6:00—10:00 PM

The evening will begin in the Eucalyptus Grove with liberal libations and a variety of interactive artistic activities.

- ◆ Listen or sing along with local musical ensembles.
- ◆ Watch a painter capture a live model on canvas. Or make your own drawing.
- ◆ Listen to poets and craft your own poetry, inspired by the surrounding beauty.

[Information & Tickets](#)

Deadline to purchase tickets is Friday September 8!



RETAIL SPOTLIGHT



Bring a little of the beauty of the Park home with you with this family-friendly set of puzzles. It's perfect for a family activity or a little alone time.

[Visit our Online Shop](#)

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