



Annual Report 2012-2013

Our Mission

The American River Natural History Association and the Effie Yeaw Nature Center are dedicated to bringing awareness of the beauty and diversity of the natural world to children, families, and the community through education initiatives that foster appreciation, enjoyment and stewardship of the unique natural and cultural resources of the Sacramento region.



Students making discoveries during a nature hike at Effie Yeaw Nature Center

From the ARNHA President

As the region's premier natural science education organization, ARNHA had its best year from fiscal and program participation standpoints, since assuming fiscal and operational responsibility for the Effie Yeaw Nature Center in 2010!

In the back office successful fund development strategies were planned and implemented, additional governance policies were adopted, additional operational infrastructure was put in place, and new fiscal management tools were implemented to better track resource allocation and provide timely financial reporting. The number of Board working committees was increased to eight to better address governance and operations of the EYNC. Endowment funds were moved to the Sacramento Region Community Foundation for ongoing fund management.

In addition to the many elementary school children who participate in our programs, Los Rios Community College students continued to rely on ARNHA's *Outdoor World* as a staple to their introduction to the flora and fauna of the Lower American River. After a brief absence, ARNHA participated in Nature Bowl, setting the stage for a return of the EYNC as a semi-final Nature Bowl sponsor site in FY 13-14.

ARNHA's presence in the community increased as Board, staff, and volunteers represented ARNHA and the EYNC at chambers of commerce, community organizations, and community events that share our commitment to environmental stewardship and natural science education and worked collaboratively with like-minded non-profits in the Sacramento region. The Sacramento Environmental Commission recognized our annual Nature Fest for its successful environmental education to community members of all ages.

ARNHA is fortunate to attract skilled Board, Associate Board, staff and volunteers who are passionate about educating all age groups in the community about science, natural history, and cultural history of Native Americans of the Lower American River and about environmental stewardship in general. We are equally fortunate to have the generous support of ARNHA membership and community businesses, foundations and private donors who share our passion.

As ARNHA turns to the next fiscal year, join us as we share science education and enrichment with additional schoolchildren, families, and adults in the natural setting of the American River Parkway and through our publications, including the updated *Outdoor World*.

Regards,

Diana Parker
President

From the Executive Director

This past year was a very successful year for the Effie Yeaw Nature Center (EYNC) and the American River Natural History Association (ARNHA). We increased in every category – more visitors, more classes, more money raised, more members and, we believe, more enjoyable experiences had by all.

As I sit writing this, a doe and fawn wander by my window and then stand cautiously while visitors pass on the trail less than 15 feet away. That is the essence of EYNC – a place where people and nature connect and both feel safe. The nature center, its grounds, and the adjacent nature study area are heavily visited (an estimated 100,000 people per year) yet solitude can be easily found and the natural world is available for enjoyment or investigation by all who seek it.

As ARNHA transitions into our fully functioning non-profit support structure, the Nature Center's program focus is expanding outward to a broader audience based on ARNHA's mission. Our elementary school programs continue to be our base and their popularity is strong and getting stronger. The number of programs delivered this year increased by more than 10% over the previous two years. Our Urban Nature Program also expanded, increasing the participation of Title 1 school-children in our science programs. The Center's Holiday and Summer Nature Camps continue to attract large groups of school-aged children interested in science even when away from school. Programs offered every weekend day focus on topics emphasizing nature appreciation and environmental stewardship geared towards families with younger children and the attendance at many is three times past averages. The Center continued to deliver adult nature enrichment programs and supports the work of CSUS students conducting monitoring and research of turkeys, deer, and rattlesnakes in the nature study area.

Throughout the last year our staffing has remained consistent and for this year we came in under budget in this critical category. Our senior staff remains stable with highly experienced individuals in our Development Director, Volunteer Coordinator, Office Manager, and Executive Director positions. One of our most experienced employees now manages our interpretive signage and displays.

Our focus for the next year and beyond is to increase our science-based learning opportunities for audiences of all ages and levels beyond the Nature Center and the American River Parkway while ensuring that the Nature Center continues to be our inviting, educational and successful base.

Paul Tebbel
Executive Director

“The information presented was perfect for my class of 31 first graders. Your presentation couldn’t have supplemented our... science program any better. You have a great way with children.”

~ 1st grade teacher on a classroom Outreach Presentation



Students learning about local native plants



Children gain an understanding and respect for the Maidu culture

JULY 1, 2012 TO JUNE 30, 2013

Educational and Weekend Programs

During 2012-2013, we presented 5.9% more programs than in the prior year and served over 18,000 students, families and visitors. In addition to the educational and weekend programs, Effie Yeaw Nature Center serves many more people through its special events, Assembly Building rental, and other services. The Nature Center continues to be a source of stimulating and memorable education on the natural world, and a resource to our community.

Program Type	Number of Programs in 2012-13	Number of Programs in 2011-12
Nature Area Tours	140	115
Scout Tours	6	4
Weekend Programs	98	82
Aquatic Ecosystems Programs	39	63
Maidu Cultural Programs held at Effie Yeaw	47	44
Outreach (In class—Maidu, history and life sciences)	124	110
Special Programs	43	51
TOTALS	497	469

“[The Naturalist] is incredibly knowledgeable. She showed enthusiasm for wildlife as well as educating children. I truly appreciate her patience. Thank you so much for allowing us to participate in this program.”

~ 1st grade teacher on Urban Nature Program classroom program

Our resident animals are a big draw for kids of all ages



The Big Howl

This year was my first time designing and teaching the Nature Center's summer camps. I would have to say those four weeks were my favorite of the year.

One of my most memorable times was at the end of a Nature Detectives camp which was designed to help the children sharpen their observation skills and learn how to track some of our local wildlife. At the end of the camp was the ultimate test--we were to track a coyote! We found clues left by "coyote" on the trails, in reality clues set out by me. The clues included scat, tracks and remains of a rabbit kill. Following all these clues led us back to the Nature Center.

The children figured out we had found all these clues but we still hadn't *heard* the coyote [part of using all one's senses to discover clues in the environment]. We decided to call for coyote, so we all got together and gave a big howl! Docent Nancy, who was hidden near the building, called back. They were so excited! We decided to call again, and again a call was returned! We hurried to the building where the call came from and Nancy appeared, directing us to where "coyote" was, inside the building!

As we approached the doorway all the little faces looked eager but afraid, as if we were about to discover a real coyote. We crept into the room and there on the table was an angry, snarling coyote... mount [taxidermied]! The kids finally realized what had happened and approached the mount with excitement.

That was my favorite memory until, now three months later, one little girl from my summer camps recognized me while out at dinner. She came up to me and told me about how all the things she made at camp are hanging on her walls and her mom said she's still talking about how much fun she had. Moments like those make me love my job!

~ *Melanie DuBoce, Naturalist at Effie Yeaw Nature Center*



Some children are exposed to nature and wildlife *for the first time* at Effie Yeaw Nature Center

JULY 1, 2012 TO JUNE 30, 2013

Media and Publications

The Acorn

The Acorn, our quarterly newsletter edited by **Peggy Kennedy** and **Peter Hayes**, continues to inform ARNHA members and other Parkway stakeholders about the natural and cultural features of the Parkway, both electronically and in print. In addition, it reflects ARNHA's new mission – funding and management of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center. Articles and illustrations about the art gala fundraiser, the annual meeting, Bird and Breakfast, the passing of the former *Acorn* editor **Ed Littrell**, and grant awards shared 2012-13 pages with articles and illustrations about parkway flora and fauna, volunteer work parties, EYNC exhibits and educational programs, docent training, students workshops, Nature Fest. New members and donors were honored in each issue, and each issue featured an excerpt from *An American River Journal*.

EYNC staff **Shawna Protze**, **Hannah Barnes**, and **Brena Seck** and ARNHA Publications Committee members **Peter Hayes** and **Margaret Leavitt** wrote articles. President **Diana Parker** wrote a monthly column. Local experts **William Avery**, **Bill Dillinger**, **Tim Manolis**, and **Michael Plotkin** wrote lead stories. **Dan Lombard** created layouts for articles and illustrations. **Molly Keller** served as artist. **Kari Bauer** donated her skill as a photographer. All committee members helped proof each issue. **Claudia Hulbe's** labeling crew, including **Marjorie Boulton**, **Ida Curtis**, **Peter Hayes**, **JoLynn Jarrett**, **Janice Speth**, **John Speth**, and **Sally Weinland**, readied copies for mailing to members.

ARNHA Books

The new edition of the *Outdoor World of the Sacramento Region* are for sale at the Discovery Shop. The new edition details 600 species that live in our region. About 250 illustrations are beautifully hand-colored by **Molly Keller**. The stunning new 4th edition of *Biking and Hiking the American River Parkway* is selling in prominent local bike shops and bookstores, in the EYNC Discovery Shop, and online at arnha.org.

Newly printed copies of *Ootj, Child of the Nisenan* are now for sale at the Discovery Shop, online at ARNHA.org, and in local bookstores. **Dan Lombard** created the electronic file, and **Peter Hayes** and **Peggy Kennedy** edited the new reprint. **Peter Hayes** is marketing chair. **Cindy Dunning** keeps inventory records.

Web Pages and Social Media

Liz Williamson serves as web master for ARNHA.org and sacnaturecenter.org. **Pete the Parkway Coyote** continues his FaceBook page as written by **Kari Bauer**.



Families scanning the trees at the Bird and Breakfast event

“We are so impressed with the organization of the camp and its leaders. My son comes home every day with so much information and stories to share!”

~ Parent of a Nature Camper

Students enjoy hands-on learning during camps and educational programs



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Our Volunteers

This last fiscal year, over 230 volunteers kept the Nature Center open by greeting visitors, leading tours, caring for our resident wildlife, through daily maintenance and landscaping, doing clerical work, leading school tours, and helping with Nature Camps, assisting with fundraising, planning and hosting special events, including our annual Gala and Nature Fest, writing and publishing books, and other activities to support our educational programs.

Total volunteer hours topped 17,755! Last year the total was 15,247 hours. According to the Independent Sector (hrs x \$24.18), the monetary value of these hours adds up to \$412,365!

Some of our volunteers have just started this year and have already contributed significantly to the well-being and success of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center. Other volunteers have been here longer and given anywhere from 100 to over 9,000 hours for the Effie Yeaw Nature Center and ARNHA; their names are listed below:

We have 21 active volunteers
with over 1,000 hours of service:

Paula Baldi
Marjorie Denhart
Walter Dong
Karen Eggen
Peter Hayes
Jack Hiehle
Elaine Hujambojoie
Claudia Hulbe
Peggy Kennedy
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Nancy Oprsal
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Lee Wilner
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26 active volunteers served
between 500 and 999 hours:

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Nancy Westlund

23 active volunteers served
between 250 and 499 hours:

Ron Bachman
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Lynn White

“Thank you for being patient with our students and, at the same time, giving us interesting, scientific information about our environment and the creatures in it.”

~ Kindergarten teacher on the Nature Area Tour



Part of the Nature Center experience is seeing one's environment in a new way



The Naturalists create, plan, and execute all of our educational programs



One of the many reasons our youngest visitors love the Nature Preserve

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Our Donors

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“We love Effie, from the trails
to the animals to the people,
it is definitely one of our
favorite places to visit.”
~ Nature Fest Attendee

Board members, staff and volunteers get a chance to enjoy the Lower American River



Tales from the Trail

Today I had the pleasure of leading a great group of 1st graders out on the trail. It began with them spotting deer hiding in the grass (well-before their naturalist saw them!) and then delighting in sinking down low to watch the deer for a while.

A few moments later the kids tiptoed down 100 feet of trail, totally silent, with their eyes and ears on alert as we played "fox feet." (Wow, totally silent 1st graders?!). Some were sure they spotted both predators and prey. And lastly, while down at the river, they took great pleasure in learning a new big word—one to challenge their family and friends—"anadromous."

They had quite a great time quizzing their other classmates when we returned from our hike. Every one of those kids knows that word now and exactly what it means—and why it relates to our salmon. What a fun hike! I'd take those kids out any day!

~ Mary Jane Boxer, Naturalist at Effie Yew Nature Center



Exhibitors, such as Trout Unlimited and California Fly Fishers Unlimited, help make Nature Fest a successful annual event

JULY 1, 2012 TO JUNE 30, 2013

Financial Information and Data

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ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

To the Board of Directors
American River Natural History Association
Carmichael, California

I have compiled the accompanying statement of revenue, expenses and changes in net assets (modified cash basis) of American River Natural History Association (a California tax-exempt corporation) for the years ended June 30, 2013 and June 30, 2012. I have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the financial statement is in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting and designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement.

My responsibility is to conduct the compilation in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of a compilation is to assist management in presenting financial information in the form of financial statements without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures ordinarily included in financial statements prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting. If the omitted disclosures were included with the statement of revenue, expenses and changes in net assets (modified cash basis), they might influence the user's conclusions about the Organization's results of operations and changes in net assets. Accordingly, this statement of revenue, expenses and changes in net assets (modified cash basis) is not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

I am not independent with respect to American River Natural History Association.


Firm's Signature


Report Date



“The whole day was excellent. The hike to see and learn about the native plants was excellent...The acorn selecting, pounding, cooking and tasting was the highlight...”

~ 3rd grade teacher on the Maidu Cultural Field Day program

AMERICAN RIVER NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION
(a Tax-Exempt California Corporation)
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
For the Years Ended June 30, 2013 and June 30, 2012

UNRESTRICTED	Year Ended 6/30/2013	Year Ended 6/30/2012
Public Support & Revenue		
Membership dues & donations	\$ 348,021	\$ 247,501
Program revenue	93,003	97,048
Fundraising revenue	144,008	94,890
Sales of merchandise	37,190	36,453
Other revenue	13,341	6,735
Total Public Support	<u>636,663</u>	<u>482,627</u>
Expenses		
Program Expenses		
Effie Yeaw Nature Center	90,370	117,460
School programs	180,820	160,138
Other programs	47,758	38,428
Total	<u>319,948</u>	<u>316,026</u>
Support Services		
Management and general	134,560	95,184
Fundraising	91,898	81,649
Cost of goods sold	21,171	17,586
Total	<u>247,629</u>	<u>194,419</u>
Total Expenses	<u>567,577</u>	<u>510,445</u>
Increase (decrease) in unrestricted net assets	<u>69,086</u>	<u>(27,818)</u>
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED		
Revenue	62,194	45,934
Expenses	63,264	75,770
Decrease in temporarily restricted net assets	<u>(1,070)</u>	<u>(29,836)</u>
PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED		
Revenue	200	315
Expenses	-	-
Increase in permanently restricted net assets	<u>200</u>	<u>315</u>
Total increase (decrease) in net assets	<u>68,216</u>	<u>(26,503)</u>
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>429,022</u>	<u>536,361</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 497,238</u>	<u>\$ 499,858</u>

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ARNHA Board Members

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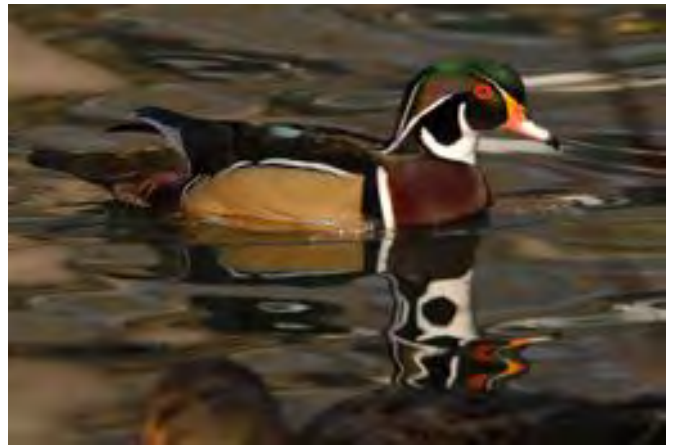
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	Shawna Protze
	Brena Seck
Exhibits	Marilee Flannery
Dev. Associates	Barbara Lezon
	Jaclyn Teofilo
Weekend Reception	Rudy Davis
	Janay Sawdon
Grounds & Building	
Maintenance	Steven Wolcott

The abundance of wildlife in the Nature Preserve draws local bird-watchers and photographers



Staff and volunteers design, build and maintain the museum exhibits



“I am so impressed – hard to find a presenter so perfectly tuned to just the right level for the kids to understand and follow. She was excellent, and we all learned a lot! Thank you so much!”

~ *Nature Fest Attendee*

The Maidu Cultural program remains a teacher and student favorite



Effie Yeaw's legacy of bringing children into nature endures at the Nature Center



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