

Newly Dedicated Redwood Grove Feels Like Old Home

David Husch grew up at Husch Vineyards in Northern California. So it felt as if he were coming home in May 2009 when he assembled 30 friends and family members in nearby Navarro River Redwoods State Park to dedicate a redwood grove in memory of his father, Tony Husch. Guests from the Husch winery, Save the Redwoods League, and friends and family from as far away as Los Angeles, San Diego and Boston all enjoyed the celebration in the Mendocino County park.

“I was so happy that my relatives got to come to the redwoods, go camping and share our love for the forest,” David said.

As part of the dedication, David and other family members gave a generous gift to Save the Redwoods League to support our land acquisition, reforestation, education and research efforts. David also ensured that his support for the forest will endure by including the League in his estate plans. In addition, he volunteers for the League.

The redwoods near David’s childhood home were a major source of inspiration for him and his family. “My father loved going fishing in the redwoods,” David said. “And I love hiking in them. There’s a quiet peacefulness.”



David Husch (back row, far right) dedicated a grove to his father. Friends and family members celebrated.

Photo: Bill Dean

David was a successful software engineer who started Trafficware, a company that helps cities deal with traffic problems. With heightened awareness of environmental problems in 2005, he sold his company and, at age 38, turned to philanthropy full-time.

David has fond memories of experiences in nature, near the Navarro River grove that now bears his father’s name.

“It’s critical that as a society we protect our environment,” David said. Among his priorities are protecting special places through organizations such as Save the Redwoods League. 🌲

For more information about dedicating a unique grove or tree in honor of a loved one, please contact Megan Ferreira at (415) 820-5809 or mferreira@SaveTheRedwoods.org.

Dedicate a Grove along Scenic Navarro River

For travelers along the Highway 128 corridor in Mendocino County, Navarro River Redwoods State Park stands as a visible testament to the work of Save the Redwoods League. In 1987, the League purchased this 11-mile swath encompassing 660 acres of redwood forest along the Navarro River, protecting the trees from the threat of timber harvest. The park, created in 1988, has since become a beloved redwoods destination. Known as “a tunnel from the redwoods to the sea,” the park provides ample opportunities for picnicking,

swimming, kayaking and camping among the redwoods. It’s the perfect place to demonstrate your commitment to protecting redwood forests by dedicating a grove and making a lasting tribute to your loved ones.

To learn more about dedicating your special place in this forest or one of the 18 other parks with available redwood groves, please contact Megan Ferreira at (415) 820-5809 or mferreira@SaveTheRedwoods.org. 🌲



Navarro River Redwoods State Park makes an inspirational setting for a grove dedication. The river winds past all the groves.

About Dedicating a Grove

Magnificent redwood groves are available for dedication along the north coast of California, from Big Sur to the Oregon border. Some have small creeks winding quietly through the trees. Others have breathtaking views of the Pacific. Many are easily accessible by trail, and others are in the far reaches of the parks. Grove donations vary based on the size and age of the trees, density of forest cover, acreage, accessibility and location. Gifts may be made in one installment, over a period of three years or by will or trust.



Author Ensures Enduring Support for Redwoods

Susan Vreeland believes everyone needs some engagement with Earth's astonishing natural places. That's why she has named Save the Redwoods League in her will.

"Save the Redwoods acknowledges this human need, for the sake of our national health, our emotional health," she said. "Preserving more redwood groves provides an atmosphere to heal, to consider one's life, to confront the eternal."

Vreeland, an author, is best known for her fictional works about the lives of famous artists. She's written about Vermeer, Renoir, Manet, Monet, Van Gogh and Cezanne. Three of her five books about painters have made *The New York Times* bestseller list, garnering praise for their literary merit and historical accuracy.

Part of Vreeland's mission is helping readers see as artists do. "By the attention painters give to, say, light filtering through a canopy of branches, they're sending us a message," she explained. "They're telling us to stop and look and slow down, to observe the millions of delights of our physical world."

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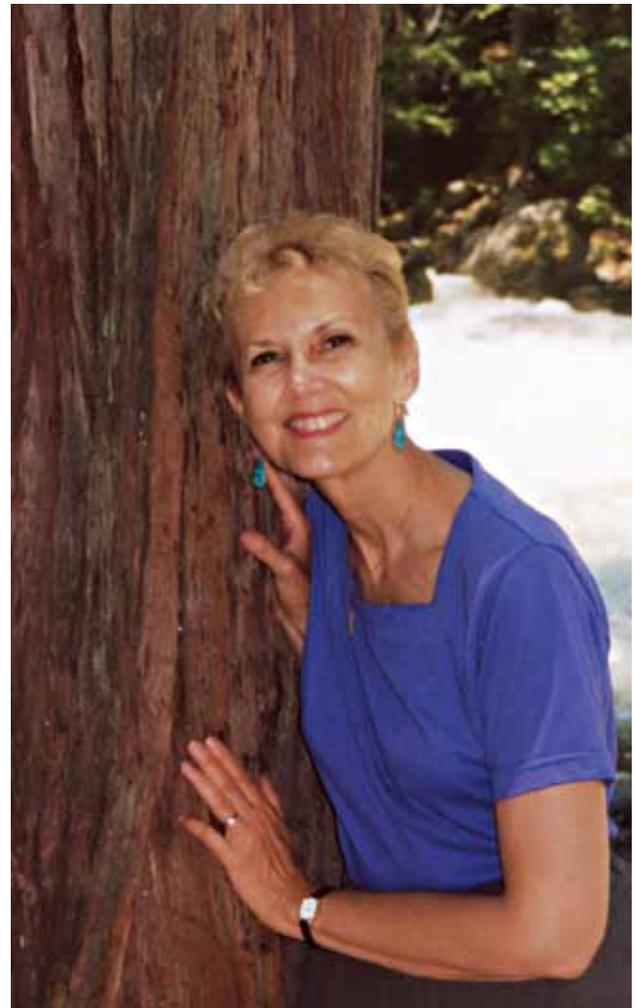
— Susan Vreeland

Nature plays a role in many of Vreeland's books — most prominently in her 2004 novel, *The Forest Lover*, about Canadian artist Emily Carr. "The more she entered into the life of the tree, as one breath moving, in and out like the tide, one heart-drum beating, the more alive her work became," Vreeland said of Carr.

Time spent in nature animates Vreeland's work as well. She's particularly inspired by redwood groves. "My soul needs that reconnection with the forest, the rushing waters, the tranquil meadows," she said. "The girth of the giant sequoia offers an image of sturdiness, stability. The reaching for the sky of the taller coast redwoods is a call for us to keep reaching, growing."

With her bequest, protection of the redwoods will keep growing as well. 🌲

For more information about ways to make a lasting contribution and help ensure the future of redwood forests, please contact Sharon Rabichow at (415) 820-5828 or srabichow@SaveTheRedwoods.org.



Susan Vreeland named the League in her will.

Photo: Kip Gray

Quick Tips to Create Your Legacy

Here are some ways you can increase your commitment to the redwoods by supporting Save the Redwoods League.

- Prepare a will. A majority of people pass on without one. You'll lose control over your possessions without a document.
- Leave a gift through your will to the League and your other favorite nonprofits. Help increase the number of people who remember charities in their will (now it's less than 10 percent). Leave a percentage or a specific amount.
- Encourage family and friends to remember nonprofits through their wills.
- Pay close attention to assets that may trigger income tax on your estate, such as an IRA or pension plan. This type of asset is not only subject to income tax, but also estate tax, so your loved ones may end up with only 30 percent of the face value if they receive your bequest. The League, however, would receive 100 percent of your bequest because we are tax-exempt.
- Name the League as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy you may no longer need.
- Remember loved ones with memorial gifts to the League.
- Fill out our enclosed response envelope to get more information.



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Make Gift after Death without Attorney

Did you know there are many ways to make a gift after death that don't require legal assistance? You can do this through a designation. Just request and sign your institution's form that states how you want your money distributed when you pass on. The following assets can be gifted through a designation. State laws may vary.

- IRA or pension plans
- Life insurance
- Stocks and bonds
- Savings account
- Checking account



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The League thanks and welcomes the following new Redwood Legacy Circle members who have so thoughtfully included us their estate plans:

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In addition to thanking you, we'll bring you into our Redwood Legacy Circle and honor you for stepping forward.

There is no minimum gift. Your example encourages others to step forward. So please, consider sharing your wonderful plans with us. Use the envelope we've provided. And whatever your choice, thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

For more information, please contact Sharon Rabichow at (415) 820-5828 or srabichow@SaveTheRedwoods.org.

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