

Heart of Green Inspires Gift for Redwood Forest



Nadine Weil (in both photos) included a bequest in her will for the League.

Thinking about the future is a full-time job for Nadine Weil. In 2004, it led her to found Heart of Green, an organization that supports sustainability projects. That focus also motivated her to include a bequest in her will for Save the Redwoods League.

“Redwoods are my favorite things on Earth,” said Weil, who also co-hosts the annual Brower Youth Awards — named for conservationist David Brower. Born and raised in Northern California, Weil grew up adventuring in the redwoods. On these family outings, she gained a love of nature and important insights, she said.

“The legacy I would most like to leave is the protection of a redwood forest in perpetuity.”

—Nadine Weil

“Redwoods remind me to stand tall in the face of adversity,” Weil said. “Whenever I need to shed new light on a situation, I make a beeline for a redwood forest.”



Photos by Spectral Q

With her background in science — she majored in engineering at Stanford University and worked on the original electric vehicle design for General Motors — Weil is especially impressed with the League’s work on climate change. She attended the League-sponsored Redwoods and Climate Change Initiative symposium and liked what she heard.

“It struck me that the very force that potentially threatens redwood forests could also be their salvation,” she said. Weil was referring to how rapid climate change may threaten redwoods because they may not be able to adapt to it quickly enough. But redwoods also absorb and store great amounts of carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas that contributes to global warming. “These giants are worth more standing up than lying down, in more ways than one,” she said.🌲

For information about how you can make a difference through your will or trust or other legacy giving options, please contact Sharon Rabichow at srabichow@SaveTheRedwoods.org, (415) 820-5828, or return the attached envelope.

Your Bequests Are Crucial for the Forest's Future

We are all fortunate to live in a country where the vast majority of our population makes donations to charity. **Seven out of 10 Americans give to nonprofits.**



Your gift will help safeguard forests like this one in Giant Sequoia National Monument.

Individual giving is by far the largest source of nonprofits' funds, totaling 81 percent. Foundations provide 14 percent, and corporations are at 5 percent. These generous individuals who support important work in their lifetimes also choose to make a legacy gift upon their passing. Individuals who choose to leave a bequest make up 8 percent of all giving to charity.

Hundreds of you have generously included a legacy provision for the League in your wills and trusts, or through some other type of legacy gift.

The majority of legacy gifts received by the League comes from members who cannot make a major gift in their lifetime. Instead, they commit through their estates. This option allows our supporters to have access to their funds if they need them in later years.

Hundreds of you have generously included the League in your legacy giving plans.

We are grateful to those of you who make a legacy gift commitment. Your donations help us purchase redwood land, restore logged forests, study how to best protect them and teach children and adults about these magical expressions of life. If you have already planned a gift and not yet informed us, we encourage you to let us know so that we may honor you while you are still among the redwoods. If you have not made a legacy commitment, we hope you will consider one. Please use the enclosed response form to request information.

Couple Surprises Grandkids with Grove Dedication

For John and Yvette Rosen, the redwoods have been a sanctuary for more than 50 years, offering them what John described as “spiritual peace and awe.” That is why the couple chose to dedicate a redwood grove to their four grandchildren in 2010 through Save the Redwoods League.

The *Teller, Sophie, Matthew and William Grove* is nestled in a lush canyon of Butano State Park near Little Butano Creek.

“We spent three days among these redwood giants,” said John of their search for the perfect grove. “You cannot but feel humble and know that there is a Greater Power to grow these 37-story trees that have been around for 2,000 years.”



John and Yvette Rosen dedicated a grove in Butano State Park.

He added that he hoped the dedication would draw his grandchildren to the grove so that “they can experience the same uplifting spirits.”

Though the couple had planned to dedicate a grove through a bequest to the League, they had second thoughts a few years ago. John joked that his health was so robust, he started to worry about how long it would take for the redwoods to benefit from their gift.

“If you believe in things, you have to put a little horsepower behind it.”

—John Rosen

So the couple generously contributed appreciated stock to support the League’s Redwood Land Fund, and in summer 2010 they set off on a road trip from their home in Mississippi.

Without their family knowing, they were on a mission to visit four California redwood state parks with League staffers to choose their grandchildren’s grove. The decision to dedicate a grove was easy, said John. **It honored their grandchildren and protected redwoods that had brought them joy for decades.**

“If you believe in things, you have to put a little horsepower behind it,” John said.

“It was so great to watch our grandkids open their surprise grove package of maps, photos and a letter,” John said. “They loved it.”🌲

Learn more about how you can dedicate a redwood grove by contacting Megan Ferreira at mferreira@SaveTheRedwoods.org or (415) 820-5809, or return the attached envelope.

The Exciting Steps to Dedicating Your Grove

Dedicating your grove through a gift to the League helps preserve the forests' beauty so they can inspire future generations. Our 90-year-old Grove Program provides a means for you to memorialize or honor your family member, organization, friend or a significant moment.

Each grove is formally established by the California State Parks Commission's passage of a resolution. In many areas, a small sign or marker is placed to commemorate the grove on the ground. Through this process, many thousands of acres of redwood forests have been preserved for future generations to enjoy.

Each grove dedication is unique, and the steps to establishing one vary depending on your preferences and the grove's location. The following is the most common process:

- You contact us to indicate interest
- Park information, maps and photos are sent or presented to you in person
- Selected site(s) is toured
- Grove location is chosen
- Gift agreement is written and signed
- Donation is completed*
- Grove designation officially is presented to the State of California for passage of a resolution; sign is ordered
- Your sign is placed and dedication event is planned

**Grove donations may be made in one lump sum, over a period of three years, or by bequest.*



You can dedicate this grove in Purisima Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve or in 18 other redwood parks. Photo by Julie Martin

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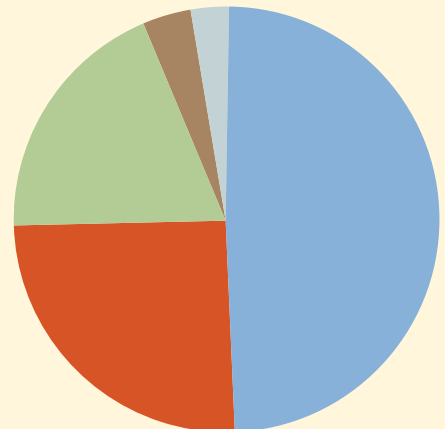
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Your Reasons for Redwood Grove Dedications

Since 1921, more than 1,000 redwood groves have been dedicated in California redwood parks and preserves. Though often referred to as “Memorial Groves,” these special places also are dedicated to honor your living loved ones, families, heroes, or to celebrate significant events such as anniversaries or births. Here is a snapshot of the reasons behind your dedications of the last 30 years.

Dedications by Type

- Memorial
- Honor
- Family
- Club/Organization
- Significant Events



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