

## The Future of the Ranch – Master Planning Effort

by Sean Swift, Executive Director

What is precious to you about being at the Ranch? What do you think could be done to improve welcome? Is accessibility important to you? Environment? Comfortable beds? Would you like more or different lodging for your group? The Ranch is for all of us—so the kind and availability of the facilities and the land, the environment, and the programs offered is of community concern. A major Master Planning effort is underway this year that will consider the developed area of the Ranch as well as all the land—over 340 beautiful acres. We hope you will share your thoughts for inclusion in the plan so the Ranch can better serve you, your family and friends, and your congregation or group in the future.

Guided by talented landscape architect Jane Marx, ably assisted by architect Jon Worden, the plan builds upon work that has been guiding Ranch improvements since 1986.

The revised Master Plan has the following goals:

- Create a shared vision for the future of the Ranch
- Improve the functional and aesthetic aspects of the Ranch
- Generate a sustainable implementation effort—so we know what to do, and how we can get it done
- Connect with the goals of past planning efforts
- Support the mission of the Ranch to be a place of renewal of spirit, mind and body
- Preserve and protect the Ranch environment and existing facilities

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*Aerial view of The Bishop's Ranch*

## Hello Orion

by Jack Dowling, Operations Director



*Orion's Belt is the three stars in a row*

Years ago, when I lived in San Francisco, I would often head out to Golden Gate Park for a run after work. On winter evenings it would be dark, and as I made my way into the park the reduction of ambient light allowed the stars to stand out against the trees. The constellation Orion, with its iconic belt of three brilliant stars, often seemed to leap out, and I would find myself

saying (sometimes aloud), “Hello Orion.”

These days, my wife Lisa and I take our little dog, Lucky, for a walk after dinner. And on dark winter nights I still find myself calling out a greeting to my old friend in the sky. Lisa always laughs, but sometimes she gazes up at the sky first, and beats me to the salutation.

In January, I was at the annual conference of Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers, near Houston, Texas. One evening the text alert on my phone sounded. It was from Lisa and read “★★★.” I knew just what that meant, and went outside to see Orion in the sky. At that moment we were connected over two time zones, triangulated by this grouping of stars that have become so familiar. I have been thinking about the night sky a lot lately and how there are bright points in our lives that connect us. I think The Bishop's Ranch is one of those bright points. A place apart that brings people together.

A couple years ago a student was sitting in class at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington. Her classmates were making presentations about things that had significant meaning for them. As she sat watching someone else's slide presentation, the student realized that she was seeing images of the Ranch, a place that she loved dearly. The two students, who had not met before, were connected by the Ranch, their distant star.

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## Meet Our New Camp Director

by Ardath Dixon, Camp Director



Hello one and all! My name is Ardath Dixon, and I recently moved to California to be the new Camp Director here at The Bishop's Ranch.

For some background, I was raised in Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts, and in 2010 graduated Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut with a major in biology and a minor in religion. I grew up attending Camp Merrowvista in New Hampshire, and then spent my first year after college working in their community and school programs promoting environmental education, team building, and leadership development.

Following my "year in the woods," I moved to the city of New Haven, Connecticut with the Episcopal Service Corps: Saint Hilda's House. There, I brought my passion for holistic education directly to the public school system, while also having access to church communities, the ocean, and city liveliness. My work placement was on the United Way: Boost! team, where I organized wraparound services at one public school in particular. I did a second year with Boost! in the AmeriCorps: Public Allies program. In that role I worked at another school, and collaborated with fellow Public Allies to create a resource guide in community resilience for city residents regarding gun violence. For my third year in New Haven, I was the Program Assistant for Saint Hilda's, where I was engaged in mentorship, orientation, and retreat programming with the St. Hilda's community. For seven weeks that fall I guided my mom on a pilgrimage across "el Camino de Santiago" in Spain. When I returned, I volunteered throughout New Haven with literacy tutoring, bilingual bible studies, and other neighborhood efforts.

Throughout all of this, each summer I had

## Summer Camp 2015

Camp Staff Training - June 22-27

Family Camp - June 28-July 4

Generations Camp - July 5-11

BREAD 3 - July 12-18

*campers entering 10 grades-Grads*

BREAD 1 - July 20-25

*campers entering 4,5,6 grades*

BREAD 2 - July 27-August 1

*campers entering 7,8,9 grades*

For more information and registration forms go to <http://www.bishopsranch.org/programs-retreats/summer-camps/>



*BREAD 2 Summer 2014—put yourself in the picture for 2015!*

returned and recharged at Camp Merrowvista as a driver, sailing specialist, or leader. I also started working for Zebra Crossings' Camp Spinnaker, one week of camp for kids with severe asthma. I came to realize that this field of camping truly does excite me, has excellent impacts, and can in fact be my primary job! I worked as the waterfront coordinator at Merrowvista this past summer, cycled coast to coast with two friends in the fall, and went about the job search this winter. The Bishop's Ranch Camp Director position caught my attention as a role with camp joys, outdoor liveliness, religious dialogues, Episcopal vibrancy, and new exploration. So, here I am!

Right now I am in my new office, hearing birdcalls and seeing green leaves in early March. I have been getting to know Episcopal communities in the area, including the church in downtown Healdsburg and St. Dorothy's, and interviewing potential summer camp staff members. This is really happening! I am incredibly grateful to have been welcomed into the Ranch community, and am excited to meet more and more people who know and love The Bishop's Ranch. Here we come, summer, less than 100 days until camp!



## Ranch Programs in 2015

by The Rev. Patricia Moore, Chaplin

Perhaps you have noticed that we have increased the number and kinds of Ranch-sponsored programs. Offering a greater variety of retreats and workshops to nurture the body and soul is high on the list of Ranch goals. We staff many of these programs ourselves, but often work with other individuals and groups who bring their own passions and expertise to the Ranch experience. Another program goal has been to broaden our reach, making our programs available to a larger pool of people. We use our Partnership Fund to make financially it possible for folks to attend our programs who otherwise might not be able to access the Ranch's enriching offerings.

We launched the Ranch's 2015 programs with Bishop Marc's Epiphany Day retreat—a beautiful way to start the new year. Another wonderful retreat followed, this one led by John Philip Newell. He offered reflections on his new book, *The Rebirthing of God*. Our diverse collection of programs so far this year has also included a quilting retreat, a spring walk on The Bishop's Ranch trails led by Ranch staff Cass and Sean, a day-long exploration of the Enneagram, a weekend workshop melding the arts of book-making and poetry, and a weekend of study, chant, movement, and silence bringing the Aramaic Jesus and Christian mystic traditions together.

### Upcoming Ranch Programs

**common|life:** a retreat for young adults  
*April 17-19, 2015*

**Spring Service Day:** help with special projects  
*May 2, 2015*

**Encaustic Collage Weekend** with Lisa Thorpe  
*June 20-21, 2015*

**Writing in Ordinary Time** with Laurie Glover  
*Week 1: August 2-7, 2015*  
*Week 2: August 9-14, 2015*

**A Benedictine Experience**  
*June 22-28, 2015*

For more information on these retreats, please visit the website at [www.bishopsranch.org](http://www.bishopsranch.org)



*Anne Blanton creating at Creativity Bound poetry and book making workshop*

I am a sister  
A dancing toddler spinning the open meadow  
and a moonlight sky-knowing virgin.  
My mind weaving ancient mystery.

I am a dancing toddler spinning the open meadow  
and a black queen of spades demanding.  
My mind weaves ancient mystery.  
I am an observer understanding

and a black queen of spades demanding.  
The boat maid, rowing, her song.  
I am an observer understanding  
and Spring-greening fields.

The boat maid rowing her song  
And a moonlight sky-knowing virgin.  
Spring-greening fields,  
I am a sister.

--Ann Blanton  
*poem written at Creativity Bound workshop*

## Expanding Our Community

In an effort to connect more to members of our local community, the Ranch program committee is currently working with the Healdsburg Unified School District to develop a summer day-camp experience for 4th-6th graders enrolled in a special English language acquisition program. It is our hope that this day-camp program will bring a busload of young people to the Ranch who might never have had a camp experience or even dreamed of one. We will keep you posted on our progress with this new endeavor.

## The Bishop's Ranch Staff

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## Coming Home

A bi-annual newsletter about life at The Bishop's Ranch, a retreat and conference center for all ages.

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## Stars Abound – The 2015 Annual Fund Campaign

by Jack Dowling, Operations Director



There is a traditional Mexican song that is sung at birthdays called Las Mañanitas, with the lyric, “So many stars in the heaven, all I need are two for you. One to greet you in the morning, and the other to say adieu.” Here at the Ranch we are thinking not of two stars, but of a multitude of stars—those who come to the Ranch and support our ministry.

The theme of the 2015 Annual Fund is “Many Stars in Unison Create a Great Light.” The Bishop's Ranch would not be the special place it is without the nearly 7,000 people who share their individual light each year when they come to the Ranch. Some of those people help us shine a little brighter with a donation to the Annual Fund.

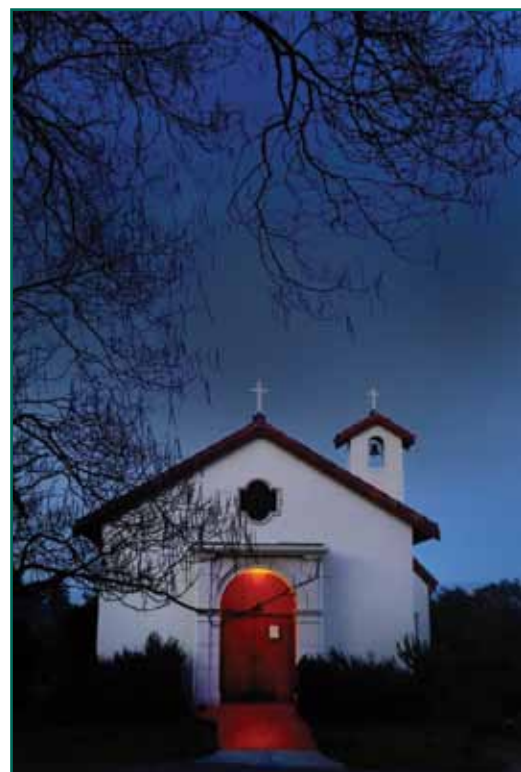
The success of our Annual Fund over the last few years has allowed us to accomplish some significant goals. We have been able to put new roofs on two of the cottages, replace mattresses in nine rooms in the Ranch House, and upgrade the electrical service to the cottages. In the dining hall we are able to replace some failing equipment, including the dishwasher, ice machine and cooling unit for the walk-in refrigerator.

Our goal in 2015 is to raise \$185,000, and to increase the number of contributing households, those shining stars, from 487 in 2014 to

# Many Stars in Unison Create a Great Light

## The Bishop's Ranch Annual Fund 2015

530 this year. To help us reach this goal we have received challenge grants totaling \$25,000 to match any first time donations, increased donations amounts, or donations from donors who return to giving after a gap of time. Donations can be made using the envelope in this newsletter, or online through our website [www.bishopsranch.org/support-us/](http://www.bishopsranch.org/support-us/). Thank you for your consideration.



*The Chapel of St. George at night. Photo taken by visiting prayer resident Jim Trainor*



## Evensong 2015

Bishop Marc Andrus and Grace Cathedral celebrated a special Choral Evensong to highlight the ministry of The Bishop's Ranch. A festive reception followed the service.



*Celebration of Evensong at Grace Cathedral*



*Bishop Marc and Sean Swift speaking at event*



*Ranch friends and prayer residents, Jim Trainor and Sandra Ahn*



*Ranch friends Nancy Milholland and Susan Sutton*



*Acorn Society member Caroline De Catur Putnum offering Ranch-made goodies*

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Switch to the electronic version of Coming Home and green up your mailbox. Over 3,000 people are now receiving our electronic newsletter. This saves paper and other resources, and also benefits recipients of the digital version with full color photos and links to information in that issue. The Ranch is committed to reducing the amount of printed material it produces. Won't you join the movement and provide us with your name, address and email at [info@bishopsranch.org](mailto:info@bishopsranch.org)? Thank you!

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## The Bishop's Ranch Wish List

- Electric golf car
- Front load HE washer & dryer
- Sheets, twin or double, new or in excellent condition
- Towels and washcloths, new or in excellent condition
- Sliding compound mitre saw
- Utility trailer
- Digital water tester
- Microscopes - for field biology
- Self-propelled push mower
- Vehicles in good working order: Mini van, 9 passenger Suburban type

*A monetary or in-kind gift for an item on the wish list helps Ranch guests have a more comfortable and productive stay, and helps the Ranch staff improve services to guests.*

## Staff News

by Shannon Reilly and Bianca Márquez-Sanabria



*Bianca, Andrew and Ardath*

Feeling blessed and brimming with joy, our Reservations Coordinator Bianca Márquez-Sanabria and her husband Fernando are expecting their first child in July.

The Bishop's Ranch is also proud to welcome Ardath Dixon as our new Camp Director. To learn more about Ardath, please turn to page 2 to read her personal introduction. We are also delighted to have two additional staff members to introduce to you: Aaron Jefferson and Andrew Loomis.

Aaron, a Facilities and Land department crewmember, has been with us since April of 2014. Aaron is studying geospatial analysis (mapmaking) at Santa Rosa Junior College, with the ultimate

goal of becoming a conservational biologist. In his spare time, Aaron pursues his interests in rock climbing, backpacking and botany.

Andrew recently joined our talented kitchen crew as a Prep Cook/Dishwasher. He is a graduate of nearby Windsor High School and its culinary training program. Following his high school graduation, Andrew traveled abroad, spending extended periods in both India and New Zealand.



*Ranch staff gathers after an emergency preparedness training this March*

## There Is a Field

*Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing  
and rightdoing there is a field.  
When the soul lies down in that grass  
the world is too full to talk about.  
I'll meet you there.*

*Rumi*



*Evening approaches as the  
moon rises over the hills.  
Photo taken from the ball  
field by Dickson Yeager.*

That field is simply known as the "Ball Field," but don't let that simple name fool you. This is a magical place, a "thin place," as the Celts would say. Early, on a clear morning from its center you can watch the world wake up, come alive, as the deep purple of night gives way to the golden glow of first light. Signs of life grow exponentially as the sun breaks the horizon.

As day comes into full being a few or more children of all ages and a ball transform the field. It comes alive and vibrates with energy in all directions. Everything in motion. The sound of voices full of energy ring out. And the games are played.

As evening approaches a hush comes over the field. The telescope is readied as darkness descends. That which was hidden by our Sun's glare all day begins to show itself. With full darkness the Cosmos in all its glory reveals itself. There, before us is our Home, the Milky Way Galaxy and beyond. Rejoice and be glad in it, for this is what the Lord has made.

by Dickson Yeager, long-time Ranch supporter and our guide to the night sky





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*Hummingbird close up at the Ranch by Andee Zetterbaum*

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*Gifts and pledges were made to the Annual Fund, Pool Area Renovation, Partnership (scholarship) Fund, the Chapel Furnishings projects, the Pond Restoration project, Treehouse Fund, Swing Pavilion and much more..."*



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*Summer campfire circle*



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## Remembering Mary Kimball



A bench under the arbor or a chair in front of the Swing Pavilion that overlooks the valley are good places to take a moment and think of those who are part of our lives. A longtime friend of the Ranch, Mary Kimball passed away on

*Mary Kimball* February 4th this year, yet is present in our minds. Mary was active in the Diocese of California in many different ways besides her home parish of St. John's, Oakland, including membership in the Acorn Society of The Bishop's Ranch, C.D.S.P., and the School for Deacons. Mary had a full and adventurous life, traveling by train from her home in the Midwest to California to attend college at Stanford. She lived in different places around the world including England and Germany and had lots of stories to tell about her experiences. Mary deeply loved her family, gave generously of herself to the community, and always had good questions and praise. We will miss her!

The Legacy Circle ensures that the Ranch is here for future generations.



Legacy Circle was founded in 2011 by Ranch supporters who include the Ranch in their estate plans. The Legacy Circle has the goal of supporting long-term financial health of The Bishop's Ranch.

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## Thank You

The Ranch Board of Directors gathered at the Ranch last November for their annual budgeting work and for a deep look into the master planning process for the Ranch's future. During this gathering there was an outpouring of thanks for David Webb and Lynn McLaughlin for their faithful, wide-ranging and generous support of the Ranch's ministry, especially of the Chapel of St. George and the care of the facilities and land. Thank you David and Lynn!



*Lynn McLaughlin & David Webb*

## *Hello Orion, continued from page 1*

When I leave the Ranch to attend an event at Grace Cathedral or other diocesan gatherings, I often witness people making connections to one other through their Ranch experience. People seem surprised to see me out of the context of welcoming groups, or hanging out in the dining hall. One person will introduce me to another person saying, "Do you know Jack from The Bishop's Ranch?" The other will say yes, and conversation quickly moves beyond me and to the experiences they have had at the Ranch, those bright lights that triangulate to connect them.

This year in the themes of the Ranch's summer programs and our 2015 Annual Fund, we are using the imagery of stars and light and darkness. People have common experiences with these things, just as they have common experiences at the Ranch, and are connected by them, drawn into common experiences.

Oh, but what about Orion? In many mythological stories, Orion is seen as a hunter. The ancient Babylonians, however, viewed Orion as the Great Shepherd. A shepherd brings a flock together. I hope that when you look into the night sky and see Orion you will feel connected to me and to all the people who love and support the Ranch. And maybe you will join me in the salutation, "Hello Orion."

## *Master Planning, continued from page 1*

As opportunities, issues and challenges are identified, drafts of the plan will be published for review. The plan will then move forward for eventual approval by the Ranch Board of Directors. The plan will help prioritize future initiatives and projects.

We want to gather information in an inclusive process from those who use the Ranch and would love to hear your thoughts. Over the next several months, when you are at the Ranch you may fill out an opinion invitation in the Refectory. Or anytime please visit the Ranch website [www.bishopsranch.org](http://www.bishopsranch.org). Under the "About" tab, you will see "Master Plan." Here you can learn more about the planning efforts and share your opinion. You may also email Sean Swift at [sean@bishopsranch.org](mailto:sean@bishopsranch.org)



*Adirondack chairs with chapel in the distance*






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From "*the abundant table*" - Recipes from The Bishop's Ranch Kitchen"

## Sesame-Ginger VINAIGRETTE



*This Asian-style vinaigrette livens up green salads, vegetables, pasta, fish and grains. It is particularly delicious drizzled over steamed broccoli.*

2 inches fresh ginger, peeled and chopped, yielding approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup seasoned rice vinegar  
3 tablespoons tamari or soy sauce  
1 teaspoon dark, toasted sesame oil  
3 garlic cloves, minced  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
Juice of one lemon or orange  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  to 1 cup light vegetable oil

Place all of the ingredients, except the vegetable oil, in a blender or food processor and puree until smooth. On low speed, slowly add the oil in a steady stream until emulsified. Dressing keeps for at least 2 weeks, covered, in the refrigerator.

Makes 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  cups