



WILL YOU HELP US CELEBRATE THE NATURAL HISTORY OF MARE ISLAND AT OUR 3RD ANNUAL MARE FAIRE, SATURDAY, AUGUST 14 AND SUPPORT OUR NEW VENTURE AT THE PRESERVE?

The Preserve is a compact, yet complex natural, historic, scenic and recreational regional treasure now being considered for National Park status

Within the Mare Island Shoreline Heritage Preserve is more than 150 years of U.S. Navy history, with a legacy of prior Spanish and Native American presence and remarkable natural and scenic elements. This site served as the Navy's first Ammunition Depot in the Pacific, founded in 1857. The Navy's oldest cemetery in the West and scenic vistas of seven counties from the hilltop are some of the special features. Since the Navy announced closure of Mare Island as an active military base in 1994, the City of Vallejo has planned for a regional park here. In 2002, the City received the first 100



Sketches: Brian Collett

acres from the State of California of this southern part of Mare Island that makes up the original true island before much of the rest of the navy base was developed through filling the bay, marshes and Napa River. The oldest group of ordnance storage magazines, the ordnance worker's housing including the oldest residence on Mare Island and the Naval

Cemetery are designated as a National Historic District contributing to the Mare Island National Historic Landmark.



Important cultural landscapes are found in the Naval Cemetery, the historic Ordnance Worker's Housing, the Bob and Alma Rowser Historic Garden (shown above) and the WWII Victory Garden orchard

These gardens are similar in many respects to the Alcatraz Historic Gardens where in 2003 the Garden Conservancy and the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy formed a partnership with the National Park Service to restore and maintain key gardens created by those who lived on the island during its military and prison eras, and interpret their history, horticulture, and cultural significance for visitors.

Perhaps even more compelling at the Preserve are the unique and rare native grasslands and oak woodlands which are just beginning to be inventoried and the potential for restoration considered.

YOUR INVITATION TO SUPPORT THE PRESERVE

Dear Mare Faire and Shoreline Heritage Preserve Sponsor, Supporter and Friend:

If you're like me, more and more you are awaking in the night with worries about your life and work. I imagine that like me, you sometimes find yourself less and less dreaming and more and more panicking! I've been thinking of this a lot lately.

I've decided that in asking for your help now to help our Preserve at Mare Island flourish, maybe it is time to just sit down and share with you a few stories about the Preserve that inspire me to press on with this volunteer mission. I know in my heart that you will be inspired to support me and my team in any way you can because we share a common experience and belief that the only chance we have of success in times like these, is to work together to accomplish our goals.

From Ammo Depot to Park

Right off it surely sounds weird for me to ask you to help us convert an ammunition depot to a park, yet that's what we have been up to since 2007 and long before. Let me tell you a couple of recent stories from the Preserve.

This past Saturday we hosted an afternoon tour at the Preserve followed by opening the gates to the public till dusk. One of my volunteers who has been unemployed for the past year, yet he and his family faithfully help out, told me this story. On a recent walk with his 7 and 9 year old daughters up the road to the hilltop for its splendid views, he kept pointing to the sky and the ospreys newly fledged from nest sites on the shores of the Preserve, soaring and calling overhead. Finally, the youngest, Nell

exclaimed, "I am tired of hearing about these ostriches!" When Richard told me this story, I laughed out loud. But, I felt a sense of great pride that these young girls have a place to experience all the wildness of the Bay so close to their home in Vallejo. If you don't think Nell knows her ospreys check out her fine artistic portrayal of all things wild in the image below. I think it's pretty neat how she wove the osprey into a sort of totem.



A week ago on a Friday evening, Brian Collett, my fellow Mare Island Heritage Trust board member who is a landscape architect and our Preserve naturalist, was taking measurements of the Bob and Alma Rowser Historic Garden to use for sketching. Fellow Preserve volunteer Ben Dewey was on one end of the tape measure, and he waited

patiently while Brian adjusted the end of the yellow metal tape to a new mark. Then, Ben tells how he suddenly saw Brian drop the tape and leap back: "I saw Brian jump back and I figured I'd better do the same thing!" Then, Brian calmly came up the hill to where Pam Dewey and I were clearing debris and weeds from the garden abandoned for more than 50 years. He told me that he had found something special I should come and see. I asked what it was. He simply insisted that I should come and see for myself. Imagine my shock as the "find" was a baby rattlesnake so newborn that it didn't even have its first rattle. (A baby without a rattle...dear, dear). Brian and Ben began to babble about how it was literally curled up on a 2 x 2 right where Brian had placed the end of the tape and how he didn't even see the rattlesnake for like 12 seconds and, and, and...whew! We talked over what to do with little junior or juniorette and we talked too about how to best keep ourselves and our Preserve volunteers and visitors safe from encounters with rattlesnakes while at the same time encouraging them to explore this wild and remarkable place. I hope you won't be scared off by my story, but that instead, it will inspire you to send money for things like some darned good educational signage about rattlesnake safety!

Last winter I had the privilege of working weekly in the Preserve alongside a half a dozen young men just out of high school and struggling to get their lives going in the right direction. They were members of the Campfire Green Flame program funded to help at-risk youth find careers in the green economy. What it really meant was that they ended up working at Loma Vista Farm

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Mare Island's lovely Captain's Row and maybe doing the most difficult work of all at the Preserve. Working with hand tools, we pulled French broom entangled in dense thickets and towering more than 15 feet tall that obliterated the old horse and buggy road to the former lighthouse and then inched our way up the hillside till today, more than a year after we first faced a wall impossible to penetrate, we can now take a jaunt out to the edge of the bluff overlooking the scenic Carquinez Strait or find quiet joy in exploring the remnants of a garden etched into the hillside more than 80 years ago by Bob and Alma Rowser. Their daughter Ginger, now 83, told me over the phone recently about how her dad's passion for that garden led him to often work in it by lantern.

I hope that you will help us assure Orlando and Meleke, Ricardo and Brandon and others of the Green Team, that their pioneer restoration work matters and like Bob and Alma Rowser, that what they contributed to the garden will not be forgotten. These were special young men who were inspired long before there was really any reason for them to be. Now, I long to find them and invite them to return to see that their grueling work did make a difference. With me, they went forward in faith to make a dream come true. One they didn't even at first share. One they have not returned to glimpse again. That is real commitment. I ask you to help me make this dream that I and they and my other volunteers hold of a restored Rowser Historic Garden and nearby WWII Victory Garden orchard and native landscapes and other gardens amongst the grounds of the historic houses at the Preserve a reality.



The Evans sisters at play on the "Spirit Ship", an art tribute to Mare Island's shipyard workers commissioned in 1996 at the time of the base closure. You can donate money for our volunteer restoration of this iconic symbol currently in progress.

Photo: Sue Wilson

Make a tax-deductible donation either online by clicking on the **DONATE** button on our website www.mareislandpreserve.org or mail a check to:

MARE ISLAND HERITAGE TRUST
816 BRANCIFORTE ST.
VALLEJO, CA 94590

I can assure you that my volunteers and I will be so very grateful for your contribution of any amount. Then, plan to come out to the Preserve when we are open or even let me know if you'd like to come out by appointment or even to volunteer and see for yourself what incredible experiences you will have. Then, you will tell your own stories.

On behalf of the Mare Island Heritage Trust and with my sincere appreciation,

Myrna Hayes
Volunteer Co-manager
Mare Island Shoreline Heritage Preserve

Simple ways you can make a big difference "poco a poco" ... little by little for the Heritage Preserve

- Visit www.mareislandpreserve.org to learn more about the Preserve and pass the information about it along to your friends, family and colleagues
 - Plan to visit and enjoy the Preserve every time it is open—a good turnout of the public helps demonstrate to potential contributors that it is worth their money to invest in our park
 - Offer to lend a helping hand even two hours a month and consider getting a group of friends together to help—tell us what you or your group want to especially do
 - Donate money, equipment, supplies and in-kind services
- It's now easier than ever to donate money via our website. Just click the **DONATE** button

Who visits the Preserve and how do they learn about it?

We are always curious about who comes to the Preserve given that it has been largely off-limits to the public for more than 150 years. Recently, we took a look at our sign-in sheets and were quite astonished to find that our visitors who have attended our events or come out on the 2nd Saturdays have visited from as far away as Japan, South Carolina, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Kansas, Arizona and Los Angeles, usually with family or friends or from searching the internet. It's just as likely that they will simply stumble across our large orange **OPEN** sign while out for a run or walking the dog or get curious from noting one of our directional signs, although Sierra Club led hikes, posters and newsletters and newspaper articles help get the word out, too.

Often they find the Preserve by "accident". Our October 2009 Access Day was no exception. The story goes like this: a couple from Napa asks elderly parents what they'd like to do for the day. "Nothing", states the dad. Then, sometime later he exclaims, "Let's go down to Mare Island." Turns out mom worked at the Naval Ammunition Depot during WWII when she was a mere 16 years old. Her own mother, recently widowed, moved the family from Arizona and there too on an alternate shift so they could take turns caring for the 2 and 4 year old siblings. Her aunt retired from the NAD and her husband who suggested the visit, spent 33 years working at the Naval Shipyard.

3RD ANNUAL MARE FAIRE SPONSOR INVITATION

I'm excited to invite you to contribute as a sponsor and welcome you to attend our **3RD ANNUAL MARE FAIRE**, a summer celebration of the "original" Mare Island. What do I mean by "original" island? Our Shoreline Heritage Preserve is situated on the southern 250 of the 960 acres that was the Mare Island first purchased by the U.S. Navy in 1852. During the nearly 150 years that the Navy actively used the island, it grew to more than 5,600 acres. So you see why we call it a celebration of the "original" island.

But we want to celebrate more than the fact that our park is located on the oldest part of the island. It turns out it is the most original in many ways. This sentinel hill at the mouth of the Napa River/Mare Island Strait where the river merges with the Carquinez Strait as they both flow into San Pablo Bay to the west, is surrounded on three sides by a mixing zone where salt water and fresh water meet and "mix-it-up" influenced by the tides and affected by seasonal fresh water flows. More than 40 percent of California's fresh water from the Sierra Nevada flows through the Carquinez Strait. These waters are abundant with fish and other aquatic creatures that in turn provide a rich food source for osprey, sometimes called fish eagles, herons, diving ducks, wading birds and marine mammals.

Water is not all that swooshes past this ancient hillock. The great winds of the Pacific lured inland through the Golden Gate, are clocked at some of their highest speeds here. Still, it's more than waters and winds that have had a lasting effect on this setting perched not all that high above the Bay with spectacular vistas of the surrounding seven counties. Native plants have cloaked the grassy and oak woodland sandstone hills and deep ravines since ancient times when Native Americans surely marveled at the views and abundance of wildlife as we do, still.



Photo: Gerry Cortez

Tule elk by the thousands found plenty of food on the island, which led the Spanish to bring their horses here to foal and graze. For the U.S. Navy the steep bluffs and gently sloping terrain provided a naturally protective site for the storage of munitions for more than a century. This compact, yet complex land is being transformed to parkland by my volunteers and me. As we explore and discover, we are struck by how much of the original island has survived *and* by how little we know about its historical and native roots.

In the previous three August events we have commemorated historically significant aspects of the Preserve. In 2007 we gathered at the oldest ammunition building, A-1 (its frontis stone above) to



Photo: John Klycinski

acknowledge the founding of the Navy's oldest ammunition depot in the Pacific 150 years before, followed the next year by a service at the Naval Cemetery, also the oldest in the West and 150 years old. Then last summer we payed tribute to the men who just 3 weeks after the Port Chicago Explosion, refused to return to the same workplace conditions that had led to the death of 320 of their fellows at Port Chicago. In the process, they laid the foundation for a great change in American history, the crumbling of segregation first in the U.S. military, and later across the country.

Discover and study natural and scenic resources

This year is a chance to focus on the natural values of the Preserve. What we have discovered in the last three years of more and more being on the ground in all kinds of weather and at different times of day, season to season, is what we *don't* know about this unique land. So, one of our goals that is really important in deciding what we ultimately want this parkland to be, is learning as much as we can about who lives here now and even who lived here in the past.

We are truly explorers here after more than 150 years of limited public access. There is much to learn and document about the natural world. What better way than to enlist the public in a new all-volunteer effort called "citizen science". Just like it sounds, we will ask our visitors at the **MARE FAIRE** this year to get in on the ground-floor of an exciting opportunity to explore, discover and document soaring raptors and native plants; the patterns of growth of the oak woodlands; what insects and butterflies find food here; learn about invasive plants that threaten to take over this fragile landscape; and what a restored native landscape could look like and who might benefit.

Other questions might be: how do we as park visitors fit into this true island ecology? What is it we might want to do here that would "do no harm" and what might have a great impact? Another question is how to define what the boundaries are of the historic cultural landscapes, like those around the historic houses and the remnants of a WWII Victory Garden orchard, as well as the cemetery and how to possibly blend the historic landscapes with the native plants and trees that are re-establishing. These and so many more questions are intriguing and directly affect what the

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Preserve will come to be in the years ahead. So, too will the potential role of the National Park Service proposed by the City of Vallejo and Congressman George Miller. What does it all mean? We think our park visitors should have the opportunity to learn more and we believe they will want to also help us discover and understand better this magic land.

Regardless of which way the National Park Service proposal goes, it will be several years before they would have a presence here and in the meantime, because the City of Vallejo received this land from the people of California for the express purpose of the enjoyment of all Californians, we feel it is our responsibility and certainly it is an opportunity too great to pass up, to ensure that this beautiful land rich in nature, history and scenery is not allowed to slip through the cracks.

Your sponsor contribution is always gratefully appreciated and this year is no exception. Like the Preserve's young soaring birds—osprey, turkey vultures and red-tailed hawks, we are more and more trying our wings on our own and learning to fish and hunt for the resources that will help us truly fend for ourselves in our management of this precious park. For the past 10 years we have enjoyed a wonderful partnership with Weston Solutions, one of the Navy's and the City's environmental cleanup contractors on Mare Island. They have been generous with their financial and in-kind contributions. Just a year ago they brought 200 managers out for the afternoon to "Make a Difference" and did they ever! Now, their work at Mare Island is drawing to a close. That's good news for the environmental health of the island and our community; but it's sad for us. We now need you more than ever, to help fill their shoes and their spirit of generous support. Won't you help us ensure that our dreams are realized of putting the Mare Island Shoreline Heritage Preserve and Mare Island's natural, historic and scenic treasures literally "on the map"? You are who we have been waiting for. You may make a **DONATION** using your credit card or by check mailed to:

MARE ISLAND HERITAGE TRUST

816 Branciforte St.

Vallejo, CA 94590

Gratefully,

Myrna Hayes

Mare Faire Coordinator and volunteer Preserve manager

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p.s. As we plan for another Mare Faire during which we invite you and our visitors to focus on the Preserve's remarkable and unique nature and landscape, we are also looking ahead. Our first insurance premium on our own as a new nonprofit organization will be due in October. The City of Vallejo is requiring a \$5 mil policy. That is the most we have ever provided and the premium for this level of coverage will be as much as \$5,000. And, we need to purchase our own mower so we can get busy restoring native grasslands and scenic vistas by whacking down the tall fennel that nearly covers our hills. These and many other expenses are all included in the costs of operating a regional park all on our own. We hope you will make a generous donation towards our mission anytime, plan with your friends or colleagues a volunteer work party to come out and help us and then call or email me to set a date. I'm ready!



Photos: above: Kathleen Fenton; below: Brian Collett

Herons and osprey scoop the lightpoles

For more than a decade great blue herons found a safe haven in which to raise their young in the eucalyptus trees at the Ordnance Reservoir off of the roadway on the steepest part of the trail to the hilltop. Then, tragedy struck as it did at all heron rookeries in the Bay Area in the late 1990's. For some unknown reason there was an "explosion" in the population of crows and the young heron chicks became good eatin' forcing the herons at Mare Island to seek new nest sites less susceptible to crows. Probably in a conference call, they all decided to move on down to the abandoned light poles along the Historic Southshore. Wally NeVille and Robin Leong, field guides for the Napa Solano Audubon Society and former shipyard workers, report 10 to 12 successfully fledglings this year. One late nesting couple even produced 3 young. However, their move hasn't been without peril. There's competition for lightpoles with the growing numbers of osprey families and well,



terrible accidents can ruin things, too. For fire safety, the Navy got busy and mowed earlier than usual around

the Ordnance Worker's Housing. Little did they know that there were two nests of herons in the giant deodora cedars. The adults were scared off by all the noise, leaving the young chicks vulnerable to those old crows again or other predators like hawks or owls. So sad. We sure hope they make another go of it next year. We *promise* to be quiet!

PRESERVE AND MARE FAIRE SPONSOR LEVELS



MARE ISLAND SHORELINE HERITAGE PRESERVE SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

- ~ 3rd Annual Mare Faire
- ~ 2nd Saturday Access Days
- ~ Heritage Preserve Support

Recognition and promotional opportunities

HOST

\$3,000 and more

- ▶ Prominent display of your logo and company name as a top level sponsor in all **3rd Annual Mare Faire, 2nd Saturday Access Day and/or Overall Preserve** promotional publications, press releases and on the Mare Island Shoreline Heritage Preserve website (www.mareislandpreserve.org) produced after your confirmation as an Event or overall **SHORELINE HERITAGE PRESERVE** Host
- ▶ Recognized with Logo representation as a top level sponsor Host on the Welcome Banner at the Main Entrance and the Main Exhibit Headquarters at the Visitors Center, Building A-167 in the **SHORELINE HERITAGE PRESERVE**.
- ▶ Logo on all roadway directional signage on Mare Island leading to the **3rd Annual Mare Faire and/or 2nd Saturday Access Day** Headquarters and on all directional signage on trails and at points of interest throughout the site
- ▶ Logo representation and link on the **SHORELINE HERITAGE PRESERVE** website and the **3rd Annual Mare Faire and/or 2nd Saturday Access Day** web pages
- ▶ Recognition of your top level sponsorship of the **SHORELINE HERITAGE PRESERVE** and/or the **3rd Annual Mare Faire and/or 2nd Saturday Access Day** at the programs given at the Visitors Center and may have someone present to talk about the company's participation, if you wish.
- ▶ Complementary meals for 8 at **3rd Annual Mare Faire** Saturday food vendor
- ▶ One exhibitor booth space at the **3rd Annual Mare Faire** which the top level sponsor may staff themselves, or they may pass along this opportunity to a nonprofit which is responsive to historic, nature, birding, recreation, outdoors or other related issues.
- ▶ As a Host sponsor of the **SHORELINE HERITAGE PRESERVE** and/or the **3rd Annual Mare Faire and/or 2nd Saturday Access Days** may provide a video or digital presentation or tour related to Mare Island business operations that may be of interest to visitors in the **3rd Annual Mare Faire and/or 2nd Saturday Access Day** program schedule.
- ▶ All benefits listed below

CO-HOST

\$2,000 TO \$2,999

- ▶ Prominent display of your company name as a Co-Host in all **SHORELINE HERITAGE PRESERVE, 3rd Annual Mare Faire and/or 2nd Saturday Access Day** promotional publications produced after your confirmation as a Co-Host
- ▶ Prominent mention of your **SHORELINE HERITAGE PRESERVE, 3rd Annual Mare Faire and/or 2nd Saturday Access Day** Co-hosting in press releases
- ▶ Recognition of your Co-hosting of the **SHORELINE HERITAGE PRESERVE, the 3rd Annual Mare Faire and/or 2nd Saturday Access Day** Public Programs
- ▶ Complementary meals for 6 at the **3rd Annual Mare Faire** Saturday food vendor
- ▶ One **3rd Annual Mare Faire** exhibitor booth space, which the Co-host level sponsor may staff themselves, or they may pass along this opportunity to a nonprofit which is responsive to historic, nature, recreation, birding, outdoors or other related issues.
- ▶ Logo representation as a Co-host on the **3rd Annual Mare Faire and/or 2nd Saturday Access Day** Welcome signage
- ▶ All benefits listed below

PARTNER

\$1,000 TO \$1,999

- ▶ Mention of your Partnership in press releases
- ▶ Display of your company name as a Partner in all **SHORELINE HERITAGE PRESERVE, 3rd Annual Mare Faire and/or 2nd Saturday Access Day** promotional publications and the website produced after your confirmation as a Partner
- ▶ Recognition of your Partnership by microphone at the **3rd Annual Mare Faire and/or 2nd Saturday Access Day** Public Programs
- ▶ Complementary meals for 4 at the **3rd Annual Mare Faire** Saturday food vendor
- ▶ Your business cards or promotional material made available at the Display Area at the Visitors Center/Faire Exhibit Headquarters
- ▶ All benefits listed below

PRESERVE AND MARE FAIRE SPONSOR LEVELS



Sketch: Brian Collett

MARE ISLAND SHORELINE HERITAGE PRESERVE SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

- 👉 3rd Annual Mare Faire
 - 👉 2nd Saturday Access Days
 - 👉 Heritage Preserve Support
- Recognition and promotional opportunities

SPONSOR \$500 TO \$999

- ▶ Sponsor level recognition in the **SHORELINE HERITAGE PRESERVE, 3rd Annual Mare Faire and/or 2nd Saturday Access Day** publications and website
- ▶ Two complementary meal tickets at the **3rd Annual Mare Faire** Saturday food vendor
- ▶ Your business cards or promotional material made available at the Display Area of the Visitors Center/Faire Exhibition Headquarters
- ▶ All benefits listed below

DONOR \$250 TO \$499

- ▶ Name recognition on the **SHORELINE HERITAGE PRESERVE** website, **3rd Annual Mare Faire and/or 2nd Saturday Access Day** publications and web pages
- ▶ Your business cards or promotional material made available at the Display Area of the Visitors Center/Faire Exhibition Headquarters
- ▶ All benefits listed below

FRIEND \$100 TO \$249

- ▶ Name recognition on our **SHORELINE HERITAGE PRESERVE, 3rd Annual Mare Faire and/or 2nd Saturday Access Day** programs and website
- ▶ Listing in press releases
- ▶ Your business cards or promotional material made available at the Display Area of the Exhibition Headquarters

IN-KIND CONTRIBUTOR

All contributions of in-kind equipment, supplies and services will help us promote and produce the great community-based events at the Preserve—the **3rd Annual Mare Faire and/or 2nd Saturday Access Day**. Your in-kind contributions towards the **SHORELINE HERITAGE PRESERVE** will directly benefit the Preserve land, roadways, buildings, facilities and programs. Your company or civic organization, school group, church group or any individuals who contributes will receive recognition in our program and on our website. The following is a sample list of needs. Contact Myrna Hayes, Volunteer Mare Island Shoreline Heritage Preserve Co-manager, 707-249-9633 or myrnahay@pacbell.net for specific contributions.

- ▶ historic, archeological or maritime displays, a live white mare, carriage or other types of rides, American flags and bunting for display, civil war re-enactment, costuming of the mid 1800's and WWI or WWII period, vintage vehicles with drivers, vintage military vehicles for display
- ▶ Equipment loaned or donated such as canopies, an ATV or Golf Cart for ranger/security use, 8ft or 6ft banquet size tables, portable restroom facilities, ice chests, fire extinguishers, water hoses, troughs or tubs for watering horses, grounds cleanup tools like weed eaters and mowers, traffic cones
- ▶ Graphic design resources, postage, mailing lists, promotion and advertising, press contacts, printing, color-copying and photocopying, photographing the **SHORELINE HERITAGE PRESERVE** or our events, advanced photography for press use
- ▶ Musical entertainment, drinks, sodas, waters, refreshments, food items such as barbecue items, bottled water for use with dispenser
- ▶ Communications equipment, first aide support, security support
- ▶ Volunteers for set-up or tear-down, parking assistance, directional assistance, serving, cleanup, guides, docents, escorts during events and for ongoing **SHORELINE HERITAGE PRESERVE** preservation, restoration, and operation projects scheduled at convenient times for you.

Please complete response form on following page and **MAKE YOUR TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION PAYABLE TO: MARE ISLAND HERITAGE TRUST**

MEMO: SHORELINE HERITAGE PRESERVE, 3rd Annual Mare Faire and/or 2nd Saturday Access Day

MARE ISLAND HERITAGE TRUST—FED TAX ID# 27-1493661

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SPONSORSHIP FORM

Shoreline Heritage Preserve Support 3rd Annual Mare Faire and/or 2nd Saturday Access Day SPONSORSHIP FORM

YES! We are pleased to lend our sponsor support for the SHORELINE HERITAGE PRESERVE and/or the 3rd Annual Mare Faire and 2nd Saturday Access Day.

We know our donation of cash or in-kind support helps:

- Educate the public about the historical importance of the Mare Island Shoreline Heritage Preserve's Naval Ammunition Depot and Naval Cemetery and the Port Chicago Mutiny's role in American military history;
- Offer free admission to the 3rd Annual Mare Faire and/or 2nd Saturday Access Day;
- Continue to plan for the conversion of the cemetery and the former naval munitions facility to a regional park of state and national significance;
- Bring together outdoor enthusiasts, history buffs and naturalists to enjoy the exceptional blend of historic, scenic, natural, cultural, recreational and maritime attractions of the site;
- Showcase Mare Island's rich historic naval and maritime past and rekindle interest in its future

Please credit us as the following level of sponsor for the SHORELINE HERITAGE PRESERVE AND/OR THE 3rd Annual Mare Faire and/or 2nd Saturday Access Day:

Host \$3,000 and more	Our donation is in the amount of :	\$3,000 _____	Other \$ _____
Co-Host \$2,000 TO \$2,999		\$2,999 _____	Other \$ _____
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Donor \$250 TO \$499		\$ 499 _____	Other \$ _____
Friend \$100 TO \$249		\$ 249 _____	Other \$ _____

Please accept our In-Kind Contribution of the equipment, supplies, services or volunteer support described here:

We understand we will receive all appropriate recognition for our donation including:

- A listing in the website sponsor listing for SHORELINE HERITAGE PRESERVE, 3rd Annual Mare Faire and/or the 2nd Saturday Access Day Support
- A listing in the 3rd Annual Mare Faire event print materials (if our pledge arrives by August 11, 2010)
- A listing on Thank You signs throughout the 3rd Annual Mare Faire and/or 2nd Saturday Access Day Visitor Center/Mare Faire Exhibit Headquarters
- An invitation to our bi-annual Volunteer and Sponsor Appreciation Potluck and Barbecue

- ▶ MAKE YOUR CONTRIBUTION USING A CREDIT CARD [CLICK HERE TO DONATE](#)
- ▶ PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO MARE ISLAND HERITAGE TRUST MEMO: SHORELINE HERITAGE PRESERVE, 3rd Annual Mare Faire and/or 2nd Saturday Access Day Support MAIL YOUR CHECK TO
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816 BRANCIORTE ST. VALLEJO, CA 94590

Call with questions (707) 249-9633 (Myrna's cell phone) or email: myrnahay@pacbell.net

Please provide all appropriate recognition for our donation to:

[PRINT OR TYPE THE NAME YOU WISH TO SEE IT IN PRINT] _____

Contact Name: _____ Contact Phone: _____

Contact Email: _____ Contact Fax: _____

Contact Address: _____ Contact City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Donations to the Mare Island Heritage Trust, a 501(c)3 tax-exempt corporation, Fed. Tax ID # 27 -1493661, for the SHORELINE HERITAGE PRESERVE, 3rd Annual Mare Faire and/or 2nd Saturday Access Day may be tax deductible. Please check with your tax advisor.

Return this form no later than August 12th to be included in 3rd Annual Mare Faire print, web and Faire location recognition

Mail, or scan and email myrnahay@pacbell.net this form to Myrna Hayes, Volunteer Preserve Co-manager

MEET THE MARE ISLAND HERITAGE TRUST



Aerial view of National Register of Historic Places listed Naval Ammunition Depot Historic District Ordnance Worker's Housing
Sketch: Brian Collett

Who is the Mare Island Heritage Trust?

With good wine, there comes that moment when after plenty of blending and fermenting, the time is right to pop the cork and appreciate the rewards of all that it took to create it. Similarly, although the Mare Island Heritage Trust was founded as a nonprofit organization in 2009, our board and advisory council members have provided public access to Mare Island for more than 15 years. We have a track record of offering cultural and educational programs on Mare Island. We encourage community involvement and volunteers to bring the island's history and natural areas alive. Through our informal management of the Preserve, we hope we have convinced you of our commitment to sustainably protect its historic and natural resources as good land stewards.

Our mission "is to protect, preserve, restore, manage, interpret, promote as a destination and provide for an engaging visitor experience of the open space, historic, cultural and natural resources of Mare Island and its vicinity. Along with public and private sector partners we will ensure adequate funding, maintenance and public support of our purposes." Now, I think you will agree with me that that sounds like a pretty ambitious mission. It won't be done in a day and it won't be done alone. We are very excited about opportunities to work together to protect and promote the Mare Island Shoreline Heritage Preserve and areas of Mare Island and its vicinity designated for public access and natural resource protection.

Advocating to protect the Preserve and provide public access has already paid-off with financial support, in-kind donations of professional expertise, services and products and increased opportunities for public education about the Preserve.

We plan to attract more strong support and will do all we can to preserve Mare Island's cultural and military history; protect Mare



Sandy Beach across the Napa River from the Preserve.

Photo:
Kathleen Fenton

Upcoming Mare Island events

- ★ August 14 Preserve Open 9am-7pm *3rd Annual Mare Faire*
- ★ September 11 *Preserve* Open 9am-7pm
- ★ October 9 *Preserve* Open 9am-6pm *Be Wary of Scary*
- ★ October 10 *Lost Boats of Mare Island Memorial* 1pm Morton Field; 2pm Memorial program; 4pm Reception Quarters C; 5:30pm Berth 6, Wreath-laying
- ★ October 30 *Preserve* Open 9am-6pm;
Halloween Fun
- ★ November 13 *Preserve* Open 9am-5pm
- ★ December 11 *Preserve* Open 9am-5pm:
holiday carols and refreshments 2pm



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