

ECOLEADER NEWS

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE FOR ECOLOGY AND THE ECONOMY: SUMMER 2005



INSTITUTE GRADUATES FELLOWS FOR 2005

Front: Lisa Vass, *Guerneville*; Eric Moes, *Santa Rosa*; Panama Bartholemey, *Sacramento*; Elder Guest Helen LiBeu, Joe Kennedy, *Santa Rosa*; Mark Switzer, *Inverness*.

Middle: Craig Litwin, *Sebastopol*; Patrick Woodward, *Sebastopol*; Tanya Narath, *Santa Rosa*; Nick Caston, *Santa Rosa*; Bob Cass, *Cloverdale*; Jen Thille, *Sebastopol*; Kelly Noe, *Camp Meeker*; Susan Alan, *Santa Rosa*; Irma Cordova, *Sebastopol*; Caroline Stayton, *Sebastopol*; Susan Haydon, *Rohnert Park*.

Back: Deborah Gilday, *Santa Rosa*; Jim Wood, *Healdsburg*; Joe Honton, *Sebastopol*; Chris Monty, *Cloverdale*; Bob Burke, *Sebastopol*; Mary Munat, *Santa Rosa*; Dennis Rosati, *Camp Meeker*; Veronica Jacobi, *Santa Rosa*; Robin Goble, *Windsor*; Sandra Bodley, *Sebastopol*; Ralph Benson, *Santa Rosa*.

Not pictured: Christine Culver, *Santa Rosa*; Matt Brost, *Sonoma*; Laura Boschen, *Santa Rosa*.

May 6th was Graduation Day for the 30 students in the Leadership Training for a Sustainable Future program, Class of 2005. It was held at Two Acre Wood, a co-housing development in Sebastopol.

The daylong program began with a panel of elders who shared stories of their involvement in shaping public policy. They included Bill Kortum, Ernestine Smith, Helen Libeu, and Frances Dias.

The class listened intently as the elders shared stories of the challenges they had faced as leaders in the community. The importance of persistence, getting people involved, and knowing how to use the press were just a few of the insights shared by the panel.

This was followed by a panel of past graduates of the Leadership Institute who told how their Leadership Training experience helped them achieve success in affecting change for a more sustainable future.

The panel included Jenny Bard '04 who is leading the efforts of the JC Neighborhood Association to create a walkable Mendocino Ave., Anne Hudgins '03 who is the Chair of the Sonoma Group of the Sierra Club, Portia Sinnott '02 who organized Car Free Sebastopol and is active in the zero waste campaign, and Sarah Gurney '04 who is a member of the Sebastopol City Council.

After a delicious lunch provided by Rick Theis and a tour of the co-housing community led by Portia, the class was inspired by presentations from ecopsychologist Larry Robinson on leadership skills needed during times of transformation and Rick Brown on tools for creating a community vision.

The day concluded with a closing ceremony in which each class member shared his or her personal reflections on "how I will make a difference" as a result of completing the course.

UPDATE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We are excited to welcome two new board members to the Leadership Institute. Joining us are Judy Withee '04 and Irma Cordova '05.

Withee is a [insert background info here]. She is now a member of an Institute advisory committee that is working on curriculum revisions for the 2005-2006 Leadership Training for a Sustainable Future course.

Cordova is a [insert background info here].

They join current directors Noreen Evans, an attorney at Lanahan Reilley; Jake Mackenzie, retired from EPA; Steve Rabinowitsh, on the political science faculty at SRJC; Greg Young, a Technical Leader at Cisco Systems in Petaluma and on the Board of Circuit Rider Productions; Claudia Haskel, a non-profit management and fundraising consultant, and former executive director of LBC; and Rick Theis, former executive director of the Sonoma County Grape Growers Association.

Carolyn Johnson, an environmental scientist and educator, recently announced her decision to leave the board. We wish to thank her for her many contributions to the Institute. She has been an integral part of the Institute since its beginning and will be greatly missed from the board.

CALENDAR OF LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE EVENTS

For all events listed below, contact the Leadership Institute office at 578-9133 or ecoleader@ecoleader.org for more information or to register.

9/15/05 Grand Tour of Rail and Ferry Services in the Bay Area, 9:45 am - 6:30 pm.

Beginning and ending at the Larkspur Ferry Terminal

Relax and experience the following services:

Larkspur Golden Gate Ferry
San Francisco Light Rail—N Judah Line
CalTrain Station and equipment—4th & King St.
Alameda/Oakland Ferry
AMTRAK Capitol Corridor
Altamont Commuter Express
BART

Co-sponsored by the Leadership Institute & Friends of SMART

9/23/05 Russian River Trip, 9:00-2:30 pm.

Join guide Don McEnhill with Friends of the Russian River on a canoe tour of the Russian River. Participants will learn about

- Water Supply Concerns
- Wastewater Impact on the River
- Gravel Mining Impact
- Maintenance of the Riparian Corridor
- Information on the Fish in the River

11/12/05 Campaign Training Workshop, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

An overview of the factors individuals should consider when deciding to run for office, including how to plan and run an effective campaign.