

# *Wonderfully Wild Marin*

2022 CALENDAR

*San Anselmo Open Space Committee & Fairfax Open Space Committee*



Welcome to the 'Wonderfully Wild Marin' calendar, created by **San Anselmo Open Space Committee (SAOSC)** and **Fairfax Open Space Committee (FOSC)** which often work together to preserve, protect, and educate the community about our natural lands. Proceeds will provide financial support for these important undertakings.

We are deeply indebted to the local photographers who have donated use of their artwork for this cause which has made our first calendar possible. **All photos are copyrighted by the artists.**

An Online Exhibit of these works and more from our talented photographers also features maps of open spaces, recreational activities, a naturalist page with bird calls, bat sonar, etc. for identifying local wildlife, a youth corner with games, an events page, and links and lists of helpful references and resources.

The **Online Show** can be seen at **WonderfullyWildMarin.com**

A Note from Us:

Marin's nature is exceptional. Not only is it home to diverse, unique, and healthy ecosystems, but for thousands of years, Marin was home to the Southern Coastal Miwok tribes, who valued and cared for these lands while living sustainably. In 1988, UNESCO also recognized the special quality of Marin by designating part of the Golden Gate Biosphere in order to promote study and stewardship.

This legacy is a culture that values nature, believes in stewardship, and seeks sustainability. We hope that you will enjoy this calendar and the online show. They are intended as a celebration of our wild lands as well as being an educational tool for caretaking and living among them.

On Behalf of FOSC and SAOSC,  
Tidings for the New Year ~

*Cover Photo Credit: Mt. Tamalpais and Morning Mist' by Martha Elizabeth Ture*  
*Inside Front Pages, Background Photo: "Leaves in Water" by Jonathan Braun*

*In Honor Of Jill Zwicky and Jamie Redford*  
**Jill Zwicky**, who passed last year in 2021, was an artist through and through. She was a musician and visual artist who celebrated life with rare passion and mirth. Marin, her adopted home, inspired her to take up photography in order to record and delight in the incredible nature around her. In so doing, she brought her keen eye, flawless technical mastery, and endless patience to this pursuit, resulting in photographic perfection. Before passing, she bequeathed use of her hundreds of nature photos in order to support this cause and protect the nature she so loved.

**Jamie Redford**, who lived with his family in Fairfax, passed away in 2021. Jamie was an award-winning environmental and documentary film maker and producer. His commitment to the environment was more than matched by his dedication to his local community. He was a good friend of Fairfax and San Anselmo Open Space Committees, and gave his time and energy to promote and enhance open space. Jamie was the moving force behind obtaining major donations that resulted in the acquisition by Marin Open Space District of Sky Ranch. He participated in multiple fundraising and community events, including Open Space Film Nights to which he donated films directed or produced by him as well as giving his time as a discussion panel member. He and his presence in our community will be greatly missed.



## *San Anselmo Open Space Committee (SAOSC)*

The San Anselmo Town Council created the Open Space Committee in 1981. The SAOSC is a group of twelve volunteers and two student representatives who are appointed by the Town Council to four-year terms. The Committee's charge is to fulfill the Open Space Element of the Town's General Plan – to save from development over 400 acres of greenbelts and scenic ridgelines that the Town has designated as desirable open space. The committee also has responsibility for long term planning of open space, generating community support, and fundraising. Over the last 40 years the Committee has played a key role in preserving public open spaces, including Kite Hill, Bald Hill Ridge Preserve, Hawthorne Canyon, and Sky Ranch. The Committee spearheaded creation of a master plan for Sorich Park, and recently completed their vision for the Red Hill and Memorial Ridge Trail projects. Each spring, for the past 30 years, the committee has hosted an annual benefit for open space, a gala featuring diverse guest speakers, great food and beverages, and fabulous raffle prizes. The committee works closely with other public agencies, private non-profit conservation organizations to secure protection for our open spaces. For more information, please visit the website <https://sananselmoopenspace.org>

### *Current San Anselmo Open Space Committee Members include:*

Jonathan Braun, Co-Chair	Henry Pratt, Youth Member
Stanley Radtke, Co-Chair	Brian Crawford
Kathleen Sanders, Treasurer	Mindy Stomp
Peter Horn	Karin Ludwig
Danny Krebs, Secretary	René Voss
Paul Foxx	Nancy Grover
Hayley Ballard, Youth Member	

## *Fairfax Open Space Committee (FOOSC)*

FOOSC's mission is to preserve the visual and environmental values of our community through the purchase of undeveloped land in and around Fairfax.

Our goal is to provide sanctuary for indigenous flora and fauna for future generations. FOOSC is an advisory body to the Town Council and its role is to advocate for open space.

It is FOOSC's responsibility to survey the lands within, and adjacent to, the Town of Fairfax in order to determine the availability of unique, threatened, or environmentally sensitive land parcels that may be appropriate to acquire to hold in perpetuity as dedicated open space for the public. FOOSC is also responsible for the consideration of long term planning of open space in and near Fairfax, for the generation of community support for the implementation of that program and for the fund raising necessary to implement the plan.

FOOSC may also serve as an advisory body in the consideration of long term planning for the Town and also review planning and development matters in order to formulate policy it may deem appropriate to advocate. For more information please visit our website at [townoffairfax.org /open-space-committee/](http://townoffairfax.org/open-space-committee/)

### *Fairfax Open Space Committee Members:*

Mike Ardito, Co-Secretary  
Chris Borjian  
Heather Duplaisir  
Diego Gonzalez, Treasurer  
Brad Handel  
Ruth Horn, Co-Secretary  
Jack Judkins, Vice Chair  
Susan Pascal Beran, Chair  
Dylann Cullinane, Youth Member (ex officio)





# January

# 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Known as the "Tigers of the Night" the great horned owls are some of the largest and most effective flying nocturnal predators. They live long, some recorded up to 28 years, mate for life and often use the nests of other raptors to lay eggs in early spring. Pesticides and rodenticides threaten their survival.



"Great Horned Owl" by Austin Dillman

						1 New Year's Day
2	3	4 MOST founded in 2008	5	6	7	8
9 Muir Woods created by President Teddy Roosevelt in 1908	10	11	12 Olympic State Park designated World Heritage Site in 1973	13	14	15
16	17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29







# February

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Bluebirds start looking for nesting sites in February and prefer building nests in open areas near forests. They will take to boxes designed for them installed in these areas.



		1	2 <small>World Wetlands Day</small>	3	4	5
6	7	8 ☾	9	10	11	12
13	14 <small>Valentine's Day</small>	15	16 ☉	17	18	19
20	21 <small>Presidents' Day</small>	22	23 ☾	24	25	26
27	28					







# March

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In early spring after the rains subside in coastal woodlands, these newts make their way to the water to mate and lay eggs. This makes them vulnerable to pedestrians and cyclists when they cross paths and roads. Care should be taken in moving them as their skin emits a toxin.



The red-bellied newt (*Taricha rivularis*) by Martha Elizabeth Ture

		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Daylight Savings Time Begins	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20	21	22 World Water Day	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Vernal Equinox Cesar Chavez Day		







# April

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Spring is a time for butterflies to migrate, mate and lay eggs. Planting butterfly friendly plants, such as milkweed can help support their dwindling populations, as well as avoiding buying plants that have been treated with nicotine pesticides and others.



Gulf Fritillary by Marth Elizabeth Ture

					1	2
3 Ramadan starts	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Palm Sunday	11	12	13	14	15 Tax Day	16 Passover
17 Easter	18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23
24	25	26	27	28 SAOSC Dedication of Red Hill Trail in 2018	29	30







# May

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*In May of 2020, Marin residents were surprised to discover a young adult male black bear up the tree in a back yard. near downtown. California Department of Fish and Wildlife came and assisted the bear in returning to the open spaces below Mount Tamalpais. Claw marks on trees and bear scat have since been sighted in the Pam's Blue Ridge area in Fairfax.*



1 May Day	2 Eid el-Fitr	3	4 Star Wars Day	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14 World Migratory Bird Day
15	16	17	18	19	20 Endangered Species Day	21
22 Harvey Milk Day & International Day for Biodiversity	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day	31				







# June

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*Tule Elk are native to Point Reyes, In May and June, they give birth to calves averaging around 35 pounds after a gestation period of roughly 8.5 months.*



			1	2	3	4 Shavuot begins
5	6	7 	8 World Oceans Day	9	10	11
12	13	14 	15	16	17	18
19 Father's Day Juneteenth	20 	21 Summer Solstice	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 	30		







# July

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Marin is home to many bobcats (*Lynx Rufus*) and they are the most successful wildcat species in North America. They are more prolific and less afraid of humans than mountain lions and are frequently seen in Marin's open spaces. Since they eat gophers and rats, rodenticides are a danger for them.



					1 MALT Founded in 1980	2
3	4 Independence Day	5	6 FOSC founded in 2004	7	8	9 Eid al-Adha
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30 Islamic New Year







# August 2022

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In August, the beautiful Orb-Weaver spiders appear creating their miraculous spiral wheel-shaped webs. They consume pests like mosquitoes and beetles, are not aggressive and rarely bite unless they are threatened.



“Lemniscate Spider Web”  
by Martha Elizabeth Ture

	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Sky Ranch acquisition 2015	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Ganesh Chaturthi			







# September 2022

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As a top carnivore in some ecosystems, coyotes provide a number of benefits. They not only hunt rodents, but also regulate the number of mesocarnivores (such as skunks, raccoons, and foxes) which in turn, helps to boost biodiversity.



"Coyote" by Jonathan Braun

				1	2	3
4	5 Labor Day	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Point Reyes National Seashore Established 1962	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Autumnal Equinox	23	24 Acquisition Upper Ridgeway Trail Properties 2013
25 Rosh Hashanah	26 Navratri begins World Rivers Day	27	28	29	30	







# October

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With the beginning of the rainy seasons, mushrooms, like this Scaly Rustgill (*Gymnopilus sapineus*) bring the forest floor to life. Not only do they recycle decaying material, but by connecting to living plants via long thin filaments they create a symbiotic mycorrhizal network.



"Mesh Network 1" by Chance Cutrano

						1
2	3	4 Yom Kippur	5	6	7	8
9 Sukkot	10 Indigenous People's Day	11	12	13 Founding of the SAOSC in 1981	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	Diwali begins / Halloween 24/31	25	26	Golden Gate Recreational Area established 1972 27	28	29







# November 2022

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Long tailed weasels are closely related to ermine, ferrets, polecats and minks – all members of the *Mustela* genus – and are in the same family (*Mustelids*) as badgers, wolverines and otters. These shy hunters are mostly nocturnal, sleeping in burrows during the day. They eat mostly rats and small rodents, and have to eat 40% of their body weight every day.



'The Long tailed Weasel'  
by George Osner

		1 Native American Heritage Month begins	2	3	4	5
Marin Conservation League founded this day 1934 6 Daylight savings ends	7	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving	25 Native American Heritage Day	26
27	28	29	30			







# December

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*In December, many marine mammals, such as this Sea Lion, migrate along Marin's coast. The Marine Mammal Center, located near Rodeo Beach in the Marin Headlands, often tends to sea lions and other marine mammals suffering from disease and hunger due to climate change as well as injuries from boats and fishing.*



				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 <small>Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day</small>	8	9	10
11 <small>International Mountains Day</small>	12 <small>Day of the Lady of Guadalupe</small>	13 <small>Audubon Bird Count begins</small>	14	15	16 <small>☾</small>	17
18 <small>Hanukkah begins</small>	19	20	21 <small>Winter Solstice</small>	22	23 <small>●</small>	24 <small>Christmas Eve</small>
25 <small>Christmas Day</small>	26 <small>Kwanzaa begins</small>	27	28	29 <small>☾</small>	30	31 <small>Conservation Easement on Bald Hill, 2020 New Year's Eve</small>





*Donald Kinney*



*Jill Zwicky*



*Jonathan Braun*



*Velvy Appleton*



*Deanne Fitzmaurice*



*Jill Zwicky*



*René Voss*



*Martha Elizabeth Ture*



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