

If you haven't seen an email from us recently, a software issue prevented some subscribers from receiving our updates. We've resolved the problem and are excited to reconnect with you.



Dear Drea,

I love spring in the garden — the endless procession of blossoms popping, nature's verdant emergence, and the countless critters coming and going.

Last night after a head-spinning day of navigating leadership and financial complexities, I needed to water the garden. With a mostly full tank from late season rains, as I started to water, I noticed the next flush of mulberries was ready to go. So I ate a few and quickly picked several quarts as a light breeze rained more down all around me. Gave those to the chickens, knowing another batch would fall before the evening harvest crew arrived - the robins, possums and who knows who else.



As I puttered along watering, I nibbled blueberries, boysenberries and an assortment of ripening plums, thinning apples and peaches and the like. Suddenly, as so often

happens, **I was refreshed and reconnected to something bigger.**



Last month, Daily Acts' supporters gathered in the garden to celebrate the great work we've accomplished together. For all the things we do in and with gardens to affect landscape and community transformation, **my favorite is the parties.** Just coming together to laugh, connect, share food and beverage and nourish the collective. About 50 of us stood around our mulberry tree, which has been a buzz of activity for months as it has rained down big tasty fruits.

Recently we've had some amazing first time visitors, a brightly feathered Western Tanager and a beautiful grey fox dining on mulberries at dusk most nights for the last week. We have also observed dozens of wax wings swarming in and out several times a day, as well as titmouse, sparrows, robins, and possums and more.



I'm frequently reminded that a garden is more than a garden.

It's drought and flood mitigation, habitat restoration
and carbon sequestration.

It's community connection and empowerment.

It's beauty, wonder and surprising

encounters with the living world.
It's food, medicine, fuel, fodder,
fun, fecundity and feline felicity.
It's policy change and a politics of relationship.
It's a richer, more healthy, just, resilient way to be,
for our homes, neighborhoods and communities.
One where the possums, foxes and robins belong too.

24 years ago on May 25th, Daily Acts launched our first program. This fall, we'll be celebrating 25 years of taking heart, taking part, and taking action!

In a recent interview I was asked *"What part of this work makes you feel the most hopeful?"* The short of it was this - seeing how so many small acts of care and connection can add up over months, years and decades to transform people, places and the policies that govern. **It's knowing that there are countless small groups like Daily Acts in communities everywhere.** Ultimately, it's the relationships - our team, donors, volunteers, partners, and each of YOU.

I can't wait to invite you to celebrate 25 years of Daily Acts, and reflect on what is possible when we all come together to reimagine and regenerate our communities.



With gratitude,
Trathen Heckman
Founder & Executive Director

PROGRAMS CORNER





We are still seeking applications for our [Grass to Gardens Program](#) for local residents, businesses, parks and schools who want to transform their water-intensive lawns into climate-appropriate gardens.

[Are you a good fit?](#) Please apply today! Even if you're not eligible right now, [applying](#) can still help by showing our funders that there is strong demand in our community for landscape transformations. Your application can support funding for future programs.

IN THE NEWS



Did you see us in the news? [Mulch Madness](#) is the City of Petaluma's free lawn conversion program to save water, support pollinators, and create beautiful climate-resilient gardens. The program was recently featured on CBS Bay Area News and KPIX, featuring our very own Program's Manager Liz Platte-Bermeo and the City's

Environmental Services Analyst Lauren Lum! We are so grateful for our longstanding partnership with the City, collaborating on this program for more than a decade.

VOLUNTEER

Exciting news! We just launched our new Volunteer portal. You'll notice that you need to create a log-in to sign up for our volunteer events. [Click here to get started.](#) If you have any issues or need assistance navigating our new system, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at moreinfo@dailyacts.org.



[Garden Stewards Workdays](#)

9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Join us to connect with community and provide ongoing care for our beautiful demonstration gardens in Petaluma!

UPCOMING DATES:

Tuesday, June 16th at La Tercera Park

Friday, July 10th at Petaluma Library

Tuesday, July 21st at La Tercera Park

If you know a local teen who needs community service hours this summer, please share these volunteer opportunities with them!

SPONSOR HIGHLIGHT

We are so grateful for our generous sponsors, who turn shared values into real impact. *We thank them for investing in community-powered action!*



Big thanks to [Shelton's Natural Foods Market](#) for helping power our work through their continued sponsorship! Good food, good people, and good work

natural foods market

for the planet... *what's not to love?* Share the love next time you shop with them!



We are grateful to have [Yerba Madre](#) as a sponsor of Daily Acts. Their commitment to community and climate-positive impact goes far beyond the can, and it makes a real difference in the work we do. Not to mention, our staff loves their delicious drinks!

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

[Staff Accountant](#)

Sonoma Resource Conservation District

[Forestry Technician](#)

Sonoma Resource Conservation District

[Human Resources and Accounts Manager](#)

Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation

[Marketing Project Manager](#)

Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation

[Part-Time Warehouse Associate](#)

FEED Cooperative

[Part-Time Delivery Driver](#)

FEED Cooperative

[Multiple Water Agency Positions](#)

Sonoma Water

PARTNER EVENTS

[Resilient Landscaping \(bilingual\) Webinar Series](#)

Tuesday, June 9th • 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm • Online

[Forest Bathing with Sonoma Land Trust](#)

Wednesday, June 10th • 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm • Santa Rosa

[Sustainability Workshop: Native Plants for Year-Round Color](#)

Saturday June 13th
• 10:30 am - 12:00 pm • Windsor

[Cafe Puente's Cultural Mercadito](#)

Saturday, June 13 • 11:00 am - 3:00 pm • Petaluma

[Setting the Table with Sonoma RCD](#)

Wednesday, June 17th • 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm • Penngrove

[WaterSmart Expo with Santa Rosa Water](#)

Saturday, June 17th • 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm • Santa Rosa

[Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Workday](#)

Saturday, June 20th • 9:00 am - 12:00 pm • Santa Rosa

[Explore Our Watershed with Special Guest: Doris Duncan](#)

Saturday, July 11th • 10:00am - 12:00 pm • Sebastopol



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[Green House Call Appointments](#)

Appointments available June 23 - July 31, 2026

[Rising Sun Center for Opportunity](#) is offering *free*, in-person appointments, where trained young adults in their Climate Careers program will install renter-friendly energy and water saving upgrades in about an hour. There's no cost, and the program creates paid green jobs for local young people.

Sign up to see if your household qualifies!

Support Our Work



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