Friends of the San Pedro River Roundup

Fall 2017

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President's Report

By Robert Weissler

FSPR held its Annual Meeting on October 14 at San Pedro House. We shared the Board election results in which Renell Stewart, Sally Roséen, and I were reelected to the Board and continue in our roles as officers of FSPR. Volunteer statistics for fiscal year 2017 were shared. FSPR volunteers provided 8,667 total hours (> 5 full-time equivalent staff or over $204,000 worth of labor at $23.56/hour) by 77 volunteers, of whom more than 30 have at least 100 hours of service (and will receive gift certificates for our bookstores!). Some of these volunteers are also eligible for the annual National Parks volunteer pass that provides free access to National Parks and Monuments for one year (see article, p. 5).

FSPR volunteers worked on several projects at San Pedro House over the summer. The events culminated in National Public Lands Day (NLPD) held at San Pedro House at the end of September, with BLM, Forest Service, National Park Service, Arizona Wilderness Coalition, and other partners. Between 30 and 40 children from Palominas Elementary attended and were guided on a river walk by docents from our education program. Our bone box was on display to allow the kids to touch and study the feathers, fur, skulls, and claws of local wildlife. Other nature walks for the general public were conducted by additional docents, six in all. FSPR contributed to food and beverages provided, including lunch (see article, p. 3).

In preparation for that event, the Friends held summer landscape maintenance and trail clean-up events at San Pedro House to ensure a safe and attractive site for NPLD festivities and activities. Two events were held, one in mid-July and the other in mid-September, after the monsoon rains ended. FSPR partnered with volunteers from Fort Huachuca for both events. Another project in early summer was clearing out an old storage shed that will be used to store batteries for a new solar power installation at San Pedro House. Shelves were installed and filled in a new storage shed.

FSPR Vice-President Charlie Corrado and his wife, Board member Pam Corrado, submitted a grant proposal on behalf of FSPR to replace aging signs at San Pedro House (see article, p. 4). The proposal was successful and we were awarded $4,135 by the Arizona Community Foundation (ACF) of Cochise. Congrats, Charlie and Pam!

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The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) recently published its Analysis of the Management Situation (https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/projects/lup/36503/119612/145976/2017-09-01_AMS_FINAL_v8.pdf) as part of the process to develop its Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area (SPRNCA). BLM has announced that a draft RMP/Environmental Impact Statement for SPRNCA will be ready for review by summer 2018. The Friends are engaged with BLM in this process to ensure that the RMP promotes good stewardship and protects the River, consistent with the enabling legislation for SPRNCA. In that vein, we look forward this time next year to celebrating the 30th anniversary of the 1988 Act that created SPRNCA to conserve, protect, and enhance the riparian and other resources along the San Pedro River.

BLM plans for cottonwood tree pruning, fencing, and roof work at San Pedro House are moving ahead, as work began in mid-October and continuing possibly into early November. This work necessitated the closure of San Pedro House during that time. BLM had published its final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Record of Decision (ROD) for this project last March.

A memorandum of understanding (MOU) between FSPR and BLM has yet to be finalized. FSPR continues to occupy and operate the San Pedro House and Fairbank Schoolhouse bookstores based on the terms of our prior agreement with BLM. It also allows the Friends and its volunteers to offer docent-guided interpretive walks, bird walks, cultural history walks, townsite tours, and education programs in SPRNCA. BLM now requires docents and other outdoor event leaders to complete first aid/CPR training prior to leading such events. (Some FSPR volunteers completed the training last year.)

In other BLM news, Melissa Warren has accepted a position in Idaho, so a new Tucson Field Manager has been assigned. Karen Simms has left BLM for a new job; her institutional knowledge will be sorely missed in the Tucson Field Office. BLM hydrologist Ben Lomeli has retired, so there are many important positions to be filled in Tucson.

The BLM plan to upgrade the solar power system at San Pedro House has seen additional delays. We do not have an estimate for when this work might commence. This project will include roof replacement on the storage shed that will house the new batteries. The solar upgrade will provide sufficient power for both a site host and FSPR operations in San Pedro House—essential since the site is not on the electrical grid. BLM plans to arrange for a site host once the upgrade is complete.

An expedited resolution of water rights in the upper San Pedro River Valley will take place soon in the context of the Gila River Adjudication. FSPR has worked to educate the public on the federal reserved water right for the San Pedro River in SPRNCA and the quantity of water BLM asserts is needed to protect the river. Cochise County and the City of Sierra Vista, perhaps through the Cochise Conservation and Recharge Network, may attempt to negotiate a settlement with BLM to get large-scale residential developments started. FSPR wants to ensure that any such settlement properly mitigates for likely impacts to the River from increased groundwater withdrawals projected for these developments. FSPR needs your help in countering the vocal local opponents of conserving the gallery forest, wildlife, and
aquifer so central to the San Pedro River. Please write letters to the editor of your local newspaper in support of the water rights for SPRNCA, to counter the fear, uncertainty, and doubt spread by special interests.

In related news, the results of the latest San Pedro Wet-Dry mapping effort are now available. You can find the [2017 maps and a time-lapse animation of results since 1999](http://azconservation.org) at the Nature Conservancy’s [azconservation.org](http://azconservation.org) website.

As winter approaches, remember the Holiday Sale at San Pedro House and Fairbank Schoolhouse! Come join us for upcoming events down on the River!

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**October 14 Annual Meeting**

*By Robert Weissler*

More than 30 members and volunteers assembled at San Pedro House for the FSPR annual meeting and potluck. The results of the recent Board election were announced: namely, that Renell Stewart, Sally Rosen, and Robert Weissler were reelected to the Board and as officers, serving as treasurer, secretary and president, respectively. A recap of the past year’s activities and events included volunteer cleanups at San Pedro House, the Seek the San Pedro event for National Public Lands Day, and more than 200 other interpretive walks and hikes. FSPR gift certificates were given out to 32 of our most-dedicated volunteers and all volunteers were thanked for their hours of service (over 8,000 hours in the fiscal year just concluded!). The Friends provided BBQ chicken and pulled pork sandwiches from Dickey’s BBQ as well as beverages. The participants brought plenty of side dishes, salads, and dessert to share at the event. The weather cooperated to make it a great day outdoors.

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**Seek the San Pedro Day September 30**

*By Robert Weissler*

Nearly 20 local and national organizations joined forces to host a unique outdoor educational event along the San Pedro River on September 30, in celebration of National Public Lands Day. With a focus on helping children, families, and adults connect to one of southern Arizona’s most important natural resources, “Seek the San Pedro” provided a myriad of free activities from 9 am to 3 pm around San Pedro House.

The Arizona Wilderness Coalition and the Bureau of Land Management Tucson Field Office recently organized the event. It was a fun day of learning for kids, families, and adults along the beautiful San Pedro River. There were nature walks, outdoor exhibits, wildlife demonstrations, and opportunities to learn about the River, water resources, birds and other wildlife, and ranching and mining history from a variety of partner organizations, including The Nature Conservancy, Tucson Audubon, Empire Ranch Foundation, Archaeology Southwest, Tucson Electric Power, Arizona Game & Fish, US Forest Service, US Park Service, Gray Hawk Nature Center, and the

*Petting a snake at NPLD. Photo courtesy of the Arizona Wilderness Coalition’s Facebook page.*

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Love the San Pedro? Spread the Word: Stand Up & Be Heard!

The political climate of our times has yielded vocal local opponents to the San Pedro River and particularly its lush cottonwood/willow gallery forest. We need YOU to stand up for the river; its fragile ecology, its scenic beauty, and its natural and cultural resources by writing letters to the editor of the Sierra Vista Herald and other media outlets, and to share this on social media with friends and family. We need to counter the irrationality and emotional appeals to cut down trees along the river to protect well users or to amend the enabling Act of 1988 that created the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area (SPRCA). The BLM under this administration surely will not shutoff existing wells. We need to counter the notion that these trees are anything but a natural expression of environmental conditions and not some plot by the BLM to suck the water from local residents.

Please write letters to the editor of the Sierra Vista Herald and other local newspapers expressing the value of the river to you, the awe of its natural beauty, the value of the gallery forest to slow river flows to allow greater recharge of the aquifer. Water rights for the river in the SPRNCA are important to provide incentive to local city and county officials to mitigate decades of aquifer overdraft (through water conservation and enhanced recharge among a variety of measures), never mind the groundwater pumping for proposed massive residential developments. Protecting our aquifer is the key to prosperity. For background information, visit our website at www.sanpedroriver.org.

FSPR Awarded Grant for Exterior Signage at San Pedro House

By Pam Corrado

Last April, Cochise Community College offered nonprofit groups an opportunity to attend a Grant Writing Series for a nominal fee. As an FSPR Board member, I signed up and ended up being quoted in the Center for Lifelong Learning brochure: “I liked how the instructor combined his experience to the grant writing program. It was a good overview to grant writing -- what’s expected, what’s needed, how to implement.”

Shortly after classes ended, FSPR heard about a wonderful opportunity to apply for a grant from the Arizona Community Foundation (ACF), which awards up to a total of $59,000 each year to local nonprofits. After careful consideration, we decided to apply for a grant to help fund new exterior signage at SPH, since the current ones are about 20 years old and badly worn. We wanted to update our signage with something colorful, long lasting, and helpful to visitors with special needs.

I took on the challenge of filling out the grant application. In August we were notified that FSPR was awarded the full amount we applied for: $4,135. Of the many applicants, FSPR was the only environmental group to receive funding. I accepted the check at an award celebration luncheon on September 14 that was attended by over 100 people.

FSPR has contracted with a wonderful local artist, Linda Feltner, who specializes in wildlife art and design. She will be starting the project shortly. We have a year to complete and submit a final report. Be on the lookout for new, exterior signage at SPH next time you visit!

Scurry on Down to the Holiday Sale at SPH & Fairbank Schoolhouse Bookstores!

Shop with Nature in mind and save 10% off everything* from Nov. 24 through Dec. 24. Books (birding, nature-related, children’s stories, regional history, Southwest cooking, landscaping), clothing, bird feeders, and something for all the nature enthusiasts on your list.

[*not valid with other discounts.]
15th Annual Wet-Dry Mapping in June

By Pam & Charlie Corrado

The Friends hosted a BBQ on June 16, the evening before the 15th Annual Wet/Dry Mapping. (San Pedro River mapping started in 1999). It was great to see so many different organizations from around southern Arizona coming together for a very worthwhile common cause. We had more than 45 attendees and everyone was in high spirits and looking forward to getting on the river on Saturday. We saw a lot of familiar faces along with some new, younger ones!

Brooke Bushman from The Nature Conservancy and Heather Swanson, Bureau of Land Management, did a bang-up job of organizing everybody and going over all the details of what to do and expect on the River. Each team was outfitted with backpacks of essentials to make the mapping easy and efficient.

FSPR thanks Laura Mackin for going the extra mile and Carolyn Santucci for wielding some spatulas to help us make this year’s BBQ a success! Fry’s Food and Drug gave us a generous gift certificate to defray some of the food cost.

If you’d like to see this year’s results, as well as a time-lapse animation of all those years of walking and mapping the River by hundreds of volunteers, go to the Nature Conservancy’s [www.azconservation.org](http://www.azconservation.org) website.

Thank You, FSPR Volunteers!

With the end of the fiscal year, we offer thanks to all our volunteers at San Pedro House, Fairbank Schoolhouse, with our Education Program, and on our docent walks and hikes for helping us preserve, share and interpret the unique natural and cultural treasures of the San Pedro River. We couldn't do it without you!

The following members earned America the Beautiful annual passes for volunteering more than 250 hours in fiscal year 2017: Sally Rosén; John Broz; Ann Hartfiel; Renell Stewart; Ron Stewart; Dutch Nagle; Robert Weissler.
The Last Ghost in Millville?

By Bob Luce

[Reprinted with permission from an October issue of the Sierra Vista Herald.]

Did John Vosburg see the last ghost in Millville, a 140-year old southern Arizona ghost town?

Here is a little background. In 1878, prospector Ed Schieffelin took some ore from a then-unpopulated area known as Tombstone to Richard Gird, assayer for Signal Mine near the town of Signal, in Mohave County.

Gird liked what he saw, so he, Ed, and Ed’s brother Al went prospecting in the Tombstone area in February 1878. By the fall of that year, Gird and the Schieffelin brothers knew they had found a bonanza. They established the Tombstone Mill and Mining Company, and Gird set off to San Francisco to purchase machinery to construct a mill to convert raw silver ore into bullion.

The problem was that a stamp mill required water to form the slurry that was eventually formed into silver/gold bullion bars. Also, water was needed to power the stamp mill. Since there was no surface water at Tombstone, the San Pedro River came into the picture. Eventually, six mills were built along its banks, and the towns of Millville, Contention City, and Charleston grew and prospered. The first ore put through the mill on June 1, 1879 was low-grade ore from the Tough Nut mine at Tombstone.

Stamp milling required more water on-demand than a shallow, lazy river like the San Pedro could provide, even back then. So, Gird put a dam on the river about one mile above the mill. The dam was about twelve feet high and two hundred feet long. John Vosburg, one of Grid’s partners, supervised construction of the dam. He lived in a canvas tent in Millville, as did Richard Gird, the Schieffelin brothers, and all of the miners, many of whom kept burros as pack animals.

Vosburg kept a sack of flour by the door of his tent for some reason or another, and that precipitated Millville’s first ghost story. John D. Rose (Charleston and Millville, AT, Hell on the San Pedro) quotes Vosburg: “One night in the small hours I awoke and saw my first and only ghost. For one whole minute I
wished I had led a better life, then, fully awake I saw one of said burro(s), face only, all powdered (with white flour)...

Despite the "scare," Vosburg completed the dam and water was soon delivered to the Millville stamp battery. A one and one-quarter mile ditch fed into a 1,250-foot wooden flume, then dropped forty vertical feet into an American turbine wheel that drove the mill.

Ore-hauling wagons were most efficient if they went downhill loaded, then back uphill empty. Fortunately, Tombstone lies at 4,534 feet elevation and Millville at 3,997 feet, so Tombstone ore could be hauled downhill to the mill on the east bank of the San Pedro River. The topography on the bank of the river allowed the mill to be positioned on a steep slope so ore was delivered at the uphill end of the mill, and bullion exited at the bottom.

Richard Gird had his office/house at Millville. The foundations are still visible today, and feel especially ghostly under a full moon. The Gird's house site is perhaps the centerpiece of the Millville walking tour. The thirty-minute walk to Millville begins at the Bureau of Land Management parking area on Charleston Road, just past the Charleston Bridge on the north side of Charleston Road.

The 2.5-mile trail crosses a large, dry arroyo, and then at an intersection, goes right to Millville. The well-marked Millville Trail offers good views of the remaining foundations of old Millville and excellent informational signs. A branch off of the Millville Trail heads up the side of the ancient volcano chain called the Tombstone Hills. This trail, called the San Pedro Trail, goes up and over the volcanoes then back down, paralleling the river on an old wagon road to the Boquillas Ranch house and eventually to the ghost town of Fairbank.

Ironically, after all of the labor expended to dam the San Pedro, transport water to the stamp mills, and haul ore from Tombstone to the mill, groundwater eventually flooded the Tombstone mines and shut down everything in 1881. Interestingly, that was same year as the famous shootout at the OK Corral.

The Tombstone Mill and Mining Company mill works were dismantled in May 1886, just eight years after the first silver strike at Tombstone. By October 1888, mail delivery to Charleston/Millville was halted, and most everyone had moved on to find another boom, leaving behind only stone foundations and maybe a few ghosts.

[NOTE: The next Friends of the San Pedro River guided tour to Millville will be led by Gabrielle LaFargue on November 18 starting at 1 pm.]

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**A Bad Month for Wells Fargo**

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Stagecoach robberies were a problem in Arizona during the late 1870s and 1880s (Peterson, 1968, p. 106-110). Mining camps such as Bisbee and Tombstone especially attracted robbers because of the large amounts of valuables transported by stagecoach.

Wells, Fargo & Company conveyed valuables on stagecoaches as part of its express service (Hume et al., 2010, loc. 57-69; Jackson, 1972, p. 182). The company transported valuables in green treasure boxes made by J.Y. Ayers of San Francisco. The boxes were made of Ponderosa pine reinforced with oak rims and iron straps. Each box weighed nearly 25 pounds when empty and was 20 inches long, 12 inches high, and 10 inches deep. Wells Fargo insured shippers against loss, and robberies of the contents of a box therefore cost the firm. The company coined the term “road agent” to designate people who robbed stages.

Road agents usually worked in parties of two to four men because it took more than one person to watch all that was going on during a robbery. However, too many men meant that the loot had to be split into

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many shares. An advantage of robbing stagecoaches was that it could be done at an isolated location, allowing the robbers to escape before a posse could be organized. Road agents often picked places where a stagecoach had to travel at a slower pace, such as when it went up a steep grade, crossed soft sand, or negotiated a sharp curve in a road. The hills and mountains along the margins of the San Pedro River Valley provided many suitable ambush sites.

Robbers availed themselves of one such site on January 6, 1882 (TWE, 1882; TE, 1882; WAM, 1882). The W.W. Hubbard & Co. stage left Tombstone at 8 AM for Bisbee with four passengers, W.S. Waite as driver, and Charles E. Bartholomew as the Wells Fargo armed messenger charged with guarding the treasure box. That box contained $6500 in pay for the Copper Queen miners.

The journey was uneventful until the stage reached Lewis Springs, where people in the coach noticed that five mounted men on the other side of the river were having their horses rapidly gallop southward. Bartholomew suspected that the men were attempting to get ahead of the stage and prepare an ambush. When the stage reached Hereford, he obtained a Winchester rifle in addition to the shotgun that Wells Fargo messengers carried. The horsemen meanwhile had disappeared among the foothills.

The stage began traveling up the road to Bisbee and by 3 PM was approximately eight miles from there when three men suddenly appeared in the road about 75 or 80 yards ahead. They opened fire with their rifles. One of the 12 or 15 shots struck the coach, while two others wounded one of the horses. The driver turned the coach around and headed back toward Hereford, and Bartholomew and the passenger who had been riding on top jumped off. Bartholomew used his recently acquired Winchester to return fire at the robbers. The stage went some distance toward Hereford before stopping until Bartholomew and the passenger could reboard. The coach then continued onward, and the robbers mounted their horses and pursued it. Bartholomew kept shooting at the road agents without hitting them, the jolting of the coach making his aim uncertain.

After about five miles, the coach had to stop because of the wounded horse. The road agents rode around it out of rifle range and came out on the road ahead of it. They encountered a wood hauler who they forced to carry a message to the people in the coach. The message said the road agents would kill everyone in the stage unless the treasure box was thrown down. The Wells Fargo messenger for a long time refused to surrender but finally yielded to the entreaties of the passengers. Everyone except the driver left the coach and went several hundred yards to one side of the road.

The three robbers then came up to the coach, two of them wearing handkerchiefs over their faces while the spokesperson was not disguised. It was unclear what happened to the two other men that were part of the hold-up party. The three robbers said they had no intention of hurting or robbing the passengers and wanted only the treasure box. The spokesperson asked if the driver would know him the next time he saw him. Waite said that he would. The robber replied, “Well, if you do know me, and ever give me away, you won’t live a minute.” The driver subsequently became reticent about the identity of the unmasked man.

After obtaining the money in the treasure box, the robbers ransacked the stage but took nothing else from within it. However, one of them pointed to a stage horse and told the driver, “That horse jumps pretty well, I believe I’ll take him along.” He then un-harnessed and led the horse away. The passengers and the messenger returned to the stage, and the remaining two horses were hooked up while the robbers watched from a distance. When the stage started toward Hereford, the robbers drew their guns and ordered it to halt.

The driver dismounted and asked why they had again halted him and was told to turn around and go toward Bisbee. He replied that with only two horses it would be impossible to go up the grade to Bisbee. The road agents eventually agreed to the stage returning to Hereford, where fresh horses were obtained for the trip to Bisbee.

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Wells Fargo subsequently offered a reward of $500 for each of the robbers and $4 of all the money recovered. However, no one sought out and arrested the robbers, and the company lost $6500–$157,000 in purchasing power relative to 2016 (MW, 2017).

Previous robberies in the vicinity of the San Pedro River Valley had alarmed Wells, Fargo & Company and caused it to send its chief detective, James B. Hume, from San Francisco to Tombstone (Peterson, 1968, p. 119-120). On January 7, Hume boarded Sandy Bob’s stage from Benson to Tombstone. The chief detective received an unexpectedly close-up view of a robbery (Rose, 2017; TWE, 1882). The stage had a total of nine passengers, all males, with eight inside and one on the boot with the driver. The ride was uneventful until the stage reached a point about halfway between Contention and Tombstone and began climbing up a grade from an arroyo at 1 AM on January 8. Two men appeared and ordered the driver to stop and get down and hold the reins to the two front horses while the robbers searched the passengers. When the passenger who was sitting on top of the coach got down, one of the outlaws stole his six-shooter.

Hume and most of the passengers were asleep inside the stage when the driver stopped. By the time Hume woke, the driver and outside passenger were already standing on the ground while one robber aimed a shotgun at the inside passengers and forbade them to move on pain of death. In the dim moonlight Hume thought that there were four robbers rather than two. The detective had two revolvers on him but decided that attempting to use them was not warranted because of the danger to the other passengers and the fact that the coach did not have a Wells Fargo treasure box.

The road agents first demanded the Wells Fargo treasure box and were disappointed to learn that one was not on board. They then had the passengers get out and line up on the road with their hands up. One robber quickly searched the passengers while the other kept them covered with the shotgun. Because of the quickness of the search, the robbers gained only about $75 and three revolvers even though the passengers were carrying a total of approximately $1200 to $1500. Two of the revolvers that they obtained were of “fine quality” and belonged to Hume, providing him another personal insight into what happens during robberies. Even though Wells Fargo did not suffer a loss from the robbery, it offered a reward of $300 for the capture of the robbers.

Wells Fargo decided to stop sending express and valuables along the Bisbee Road and closed its office in the town. The company had previously lost $2500 during a robbery on the same road when two masked men held up a stage on September 8, 1881 and obtained the contents of the treasure box along with $750 from the passengers. The withdrawal of Wells Fargo express service along the Bisbee Road represented a significant loss of revenue to Hubbard and Crow, the owners of the W.W. Hubbard & Co. stage line (Peterson, 1968, p. 130). Within 10 days of the January 8, 1882 robbery, the owners sold the line to Jerome E. Parker for an undisclosed amount.

References Cited


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Giving Tuesday is coming up on Tuesday, November 28. Given the new administration in Washington, DC, there are increasing challenges in advocating for river protection and good stewardship of our public lands. Your donation will help us carry out our mission! Look for our year-end appeal in your mailbox as the holidays approach and remember to give back to the San Pedro River! The link for donating to FSPR is https://www.razoo.com/story/Giving-Back-To-The-River.

Schedule of Local Audubon Christmas Bird Counts (CBCs)

- Thursday, Dec. 14—Patagonia, contact Thomas Arny, pvndnbr5@gmail.com, 520-394-0146.
- Sunday, Dec. 17—Ramsey Canyon, contact Ken Blankenship, kenhblankenship@comcast.net, 770-317-8486.
- Wednesday, Jan. 3—Appleton-Whittell, contact Suzanne Wilcox, swilcox@audubon.org, 520-455-5522.
- TBD—St. David, contact Heather Swanson, SPRNCAbird@hotmail.com, 520-439-6429.

A Message from Dutch

Please do not forget to report your volunteer hours when requested. There are a few people who I know are volunteering but do not report their hours. These hours are important to BLM and are used during the agency’s budgeting requests. You also earn points toward a gift certificate at our bookstores and count towards a brick in our dedicated walkway.

Fry’s Community Rewards Program Benefits FSPR

Did you know that you can benefit FSPR every time you shop at Fry’s grocery store? FSPR is one of the beneficiaries of Fry’s Community Rewards Program that customers can specify (organization 96076). Registering for this giving program does not cost you anything and can add up to big income for FSPR.

You must have an email address and be able to access the Fry’s website to participate. Step 1 is to create an online Fry’s account by going to http://www.frysfood.com/, selecting “Register,” and following the instructions. (If you already have a Fry’s account, skip to Step 2.) In Step 2, go to https://frysfood.com/topic/community?activePage=community-rewards-2, sign in with your email and password. Select “My Account,” then “Account Settings.” Click “edit” under Community Rewards. Enter NPO number 96076. Under “Select Your Organization,” choose the box next to our name, then “Save changes.”
New & Renewing Members, April-October 2017

Anders Aman; Ginny Anton; Eric Aronson; Pat & Peter Arrigoni; John Barthemle; Richard Bauer; Judy & Don Behnke*; Ben & Janis Benson; Terence Berger; Harry & Eloise Bergholdt; Dave Bly; Cheryl Braun; John Broz; Shirley Campbell; Richard Carlsen; Christopher Chappell; Evelyn Clark; Cochine County Poetry & Music Gathering; Steve & Margaret Conroy; James & Jean Cook; Sue & Clay Cook; Ralph Lewis & Judith Cooper; David & Sherry Cunningham; Karyn Cushman*; Barbara Davidson*; Kathy DeKeizer; Tina Eden; Laura & Benjamin Fernandez; Inman Gallogly & Gloria Linder*; Carol Garnett; Uda & Charles Gordon; Bob Groendyke; Gary Hahn*; Ann Hartfiel; Jim Havlena; Mary Haynes; David Heck; Peter & Beverly Herstein; Ken & Sandy Heusman; Francie Hills; George Howison*; Jack & Marty Jackson; Wes & Garey Jermigan; Laurie Kaggan; Dorothy King; Rosemary King; Merle Kilpatrick; Jackie Kliger & Kathy Dunham*; Jayne Knoche; Tom & Sue Leskiw; Kurt Leuschner*; DeForest & Cecelia Lewis; Robert Luce; Rick Marsi; Inga Mc Cord; Reuben Merideth & Deb Scharra; Skip & Sonya Miller; Conrad & Elaine Moore; Jay Nenninger; Stephen Ogle; HGM Oomen*; Judy Phillips; Doug & Mary Susan Polenz; Judy Reis; Mary J Renfro & Qing, Norman, Lucille Wu; Alexander & Marjorie Russell*; Carolyn Santucci; Jeffrey J Saunders; Tom & Judy Shepherd; Kathleen & Wayne Shilson*; David & Jeannie Singleton; Douglas Snow; Robbin Steinberg; Allen Vail; Wayne & Donna Viitanen; Judith Visty & Peter Allen*; Russell & Julitta Watson; Robert & Liza Weissler; Stephen & Lauvon White*; Patricia Wick*; David Wood*; Rob Woodward*

* = New Member

Events Calendar, Nov-December 2017

San Pedro House Open as Visitor Center (Daily), 9:30 am-4:30 pm

Fairbank School House Open as a Visitor Center (Friday-Sunday), 9:30 am-4:30 pm

Understanding the River Interpretive Walks
Every Saturday at SPH

» 9 am—November 4, 11, 18, 25
» 9 am—December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

FSPR Bird Walks
Every Wednesday & 4th Saturday at SPH

» 9 am—November 1, 8, 15, 22, 25, 29
» 9 am—December 6, 13, 20, 23, 27

FSPR/SABO Bird Walks
Every Sunday at Sierra Vista Environmental Operations Park (EOP)

» 8 am—November 5, 12, 19, 26
» 8 am—December 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

History Walks

» November 4—Fairbank Townsite, 1 pm
» November 11—Contention (FSPR members only), 10 am
» November 18—Millville Ruins & Petroglyphs, 1 pm
» December 2—Murray Springs Clovis Site, 1 pm
» December 9—Clanton Ranch, 1 pm
» December 16—Presidio Santa Cruz de Terrenate, 10 am
» December 23—Grand Central Mill, 1 pm

Check our website for events in early 2018.

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Friends of the San Pedro River (FSPR) is a nonprofit, volunteer organization dedicated to the conservation of the River and the health of its ecosystems through advocacy, educational programs, and interpretive events.