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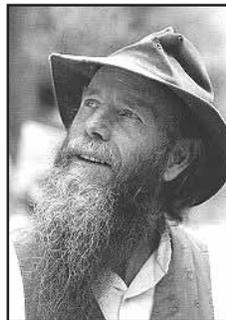
Please join us Saturday, November 2, 2002 as we welcome two wonderful performers.



Alasdair Fraser - a consummate performer. His dynamic fiddling, engaging stage presence, and deep understanding of Scotland's music have created international demand for his solo appearances and concerts with a variety of ensembles. Alasdair's richly expressive playing transports listeners across a broad musical spectrum, ranging from haunting laments from the Gaelic tradition to classically-styled airs, raucous dance tunes, and improvisations

based on traditional themes. His vast repertoire spans several centuries of Scottish music and includes his own compositions, which blend a profound understanding of the Scottish tradition with cutting-edge musical explorations. He weaves through his performances a warm and witty narrative, drawing from a deep well of stories and lore surrounding Scotland's musical heritage

Lee Stetson - as he depicts John Muir's last dramatic battle to preserve the beautiful Hetch Hetchy Valley, part of our National Park, but threatened by San Francisco's desire to construct a dam there, drowning it hundreds of feet deep. Audience members are his guests as they await final word



of the Hetch Hetchy's fate from Washington decision makers. While waiting, Muir's righteous anger at the 'temple destroyers' is tempered by his hearty good humor, and his relating of a number of his most extraordinary wilderness adventures. This program is a fine introduction to both Muir the man, his profound love of wildness, and his despair over the loss of Hetch Hetchy Valley.

Order your tickets today!

Date: Saturday, November 2, 2002
Time: Doors open at 6:00 pm
Program begins at 7:00 pm
Place: Angelico Hall,
Dominican University
50 Acacia Ave., San Rafael, CA

If you would like additional information or to order tickets, you can either use the form attached, call Restore Hetch Hetchy Membership office at (916) 444-8726 or go online at www.hetchhetchy.org.





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Susan Liebermann Leaves Restore Hetch Hetchy Board of Directors

Restore Hetch Hetchy wishes to THANK Susan Liebermann for being on our Board of Directors for the past three years and being its Secretary. Although Susan is leaving our Board, she continues to support our effort to restore Hetch Hetchy Valley. She always did a wonderful job of taking



Susan Liebermann

the minutes for the Board meetings, helping to make arrangements for many special events including the Gala at Galen Rowell's studio, volunteering at our Free Speech table at Hetch Hetchy, and giving helpful advice on numerous issues and activities. Susan is an elementary school teacher at the Yosemite Valley school.



Galen and Barbara Rowell — in Memoriam

Restore Hetch Hetchy mourns the deaths of Galen Rowell and his wife, Barbara, in a tragic airplane accident near Bishop, California on August 11, 2002. Galen supported the effort to restore Hetch Hetchy in a number of important ways as a member of our Advisory Committee. His Mountain Light Gallery in Emeryville had hosted a very successful Gala fundraiser for us in



Galen Rowell and Barbara Rowell

March, and some of his beautiful images of the Grand Canyon of the Tuolumne River and Hetch Hetchy Valley will appear in our new video. Fortunately, these visual voices for the Earth have not been silenced — with their beautiful images continuing as a living legacy. Please visit their web page, www.mountainlight.com, for more information.



Restore Hetch Hetchy urges a NO vote on Proposition A in San Francisco

Restore Hetch Hetchy, Sierra Club, Environmental Defense, and the Planning & Conservation League are opposing Proposition A on the November 5th ballot in San Francisco. Proposition A would provide funds to repair the deteriorating pipes in the Hetch Hetchy water system. However, it would also cause a large expansion of the water system without an unbiased feasibility study to demonstrate environmentally sound ways of restoring Yosemite National Park's Hetch Hetchy Valley.

We recognize the need for repairing the aging water pipes and improving water treatment facilities for the public health and safety of San Francisco residents. However, Proposition A is NOT just about addressing these things, but would also permit: 1) expanding the Calaveras Reservoir in Alameda County by over 6 times its current capacity at a cost of \$150 million; 2) constructing a new fourth pipeline across the San Joaquin Valley at a cost of nearly \$400 million to bring more water to the Bay Area to fill the enlarged Calaveras Reservoir; 3) withdrawing more water from the national wild and scenic Tuolumne River; and 4) depriving public access to Yosemite National Park's Hetch Hetchy Valley by maintaining a reservoir there at an incalculable cost to the American people.

An expanded Calaveras Reservoir could provide an opportunity to replace lost water storage capacity when the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is drained, and would increase the reliability of the current water delivery system for San Francisco Bay Area water users. However, issues surrounding the loss of habitat and urban sprawl in the Alameda Creek watershed, and the benefits of a restored Hetch Hetchy Valley need to be addressed in a comprehensive way. That's why we have been trying to get the San Francisco Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and Public Utilities Commission to participate in an unbiased feasibility study to look at these critical environmental issues — all in the context of restoring Hetch Hetchy Valley. The City's unwillingness to participate in this feasibility study caused us to oppose Proposition A.

Major newspapers in California have editorialized in favor of such a feasibility study. An August 17th editorial in the San Jose Mercury News said:

“Restoration of Hetch Hetchy Valley is a long shot, but if there were ever a time to study the issue, it's now. Leaders of the environmental groups are asking San Francisco to come up with \$600,000 to pay half the cost of the study, and are offering to find other sources for the other half . . . The [San Francisco] supervisors

should give serious consideration to studying the restoration of Hetch Hetchy Valley . . .”

On the same day, the Los Angeles Times editorialized:

“Replacing the lost water and power would be complicated and costly, but it could be done. Would it be worth it? Consider the value of Yosemite Valley to the nation. Think of the possibility of having a second such valley, free of cars and development, that would be the temple of nature John Muir saw before the dam was built. That too would be priceless.”

On August 13th, the Sacramento Bee also editorialized in support of a feasibility study to look at the restoration of Hetch Hetchy Valley.

John Muir called Hetch Hetchy Valley “a grand landscape garden, one of Nature's rarest and most precious mountain temples.” This “precious mountain temple” must be restored, and it's time for San Francisco to participate in the restoration process. The defeat of Proposition A on the November 5th ballot in San Francisco will strengthen our ability to encourage San Francisco to participate in the restoration dialogue in a meaningful way. That's why Restore Hetch Hetchy, Sierra Club, Environmental Defense, and the Planning & Conservation League all urge a NO vote on Proposition A.



John Muir Musical in Martinez!

Throughout August, a wonderful Broadway-style musical about the life of John Muir was performed at the Martinez waterfront amphitheater. Muir's effort to preserve Hetch Hetchy Valley and his agony over its loss were ever-present themes throughout the second half of the play.

RESTORE HETCH HETCHY was also ever-present at the play! Every evening we had a crew of excellent volunteers to help spread the word about our modern-day effort to restore the place John Muir

called "a grand landscape garden, one of Nature's rarest and most precious mountain temples." A special THANKS goes to these great volunteers who staffed our table: Stephen Brown, Mary Lu Buchard, Barbara Bye, Linda Cederborg, Mark Cederborg, Steve Cederborg, Pat Corr, Paul Davis, Kathy Dupler, Jennifer Fosgate, Cary Gaynor, Christine Keyser, Laura Lockwood, Dan Lucas, Tim Molinare, Marilyn Norton, Jim Ocean, Erin O'Leary, Mark Palley, Spreck Rosekrans, Richard Rypinski, Stefen, Carolyn

Steinhaus, Annabelle Travis, and Barbara Williams. Ron Good, our Executive Director, also spent many nights at the table. We were able to talk with hundreds of people; hand out hundreds of our newsletters and bumper stickers; receive hundreds of signatures on our petition; and, sell lots of t-shirts, license plate holders, and greeting cards. Another special THANKS goes to Willows Theater staff Kate Sheridan Thon and Jill Harcke who made arrangements for our having a nice "habitat" at the play. 

Thank You to Members of Restore Hetch Hetchy!

Restore Hetch Hetchy wishes to THANK its wonderful members — now nearly 600!! — for their great support of our effort to restore Hetch Hetchy Valley. You truly are making a difference in giving hope to the American people that our nation's "crown jewels," Yosemite National Park and its wild and scenic Tuolumne River, can indeed be restored.

Look what we've been able to do this past year with your help. We have:

- * Touched the lives of many hundreds of people at various fairs and festivals and community events throughout California including our Free Speech table at Hetch Hetchy over the Memorial Day and Labor

Day weekends.

- * Continued our technical/engineering analysis of "win-win" water storage and power alternatives for Hetch Hetchy and for the San Francisco Bay Area.

- * Put the pressure on public officials in San Francisco to participate in a comprehensive feasibility study of water and power alternatives

- * Received editorial support for a feasibility study from major newspapers in California, the Sacramento Bee, the Los Angeles Times, and the San Jose Mercury News.

- * Continued our exciting video project that will include interviews with Dave Brower, Dr. Roderick



Executive Director
Ron Good

Nash author of *Wilderness and the American Mind*, and former Interior Secretary Donald Hodel.

- * Maintained our informative webpage, www.hetchhetchy.org.

Imagine the opportunity we have to allow

Nature to re-create another Yosemite Valley. Imagine the opportunity we have to allow Nature to restore Yosemite National Park's Hetch Hetchy Valley. There is no other opportunity like this anywhere else on Earth. Imagine. Thank you very much for being a member of RESTORE HETCH HETCHY. 

Meet our Board: Spreck Rosekrans

A trip to the Sierra in the mid-1960s captivated Spreck Rosekrans, Restore Hetch Hetchy's vice-chair. "I was about nine, and my uncle had to keep me from trying to scale the cliffs," he recalls.

Though he had joined the Sierra Club while in high school, Spreck did not become seriously interested in environmental advocacy until the late 1970s. He was working as a whitewater river guide on the Stanislaus River as the New Melones Dam was completed and ultimately filled. "I understood that water supply and power generation were important issues," Spreck says, "but I had difficulty accepting that the dam was a pork-barrel project that would never be repaid. Dams like New Melones are lose-lose propositions; bad for the environment and bad for the economy as well."

Spreck joined Environmental Defense in 1988. His early work on energy issues gravitated toward hydropower, including issues at Glen Canyon Dam, where the fluctuating releases from the dam have devastated the riparian corridor downstream in the Grand Canyon. Eventually the Bureau of Reclamation and other federal agencies used the operations model Spreck created to analyze both sediment transport and hydropower values. This technical effort, in conjunction with advocacy from the Sierra Club, Grand Canyon Trust, American Rivers and others, helped to create modified operational rules and a progressive long-term management program.

More recently, Spreck has focused his efforts on water issues in California. More than any other member of the environmental community, he has worked closely with the State's water planning models. On numerous occasions he has found errors and encouraged the state and federal governments to make needed revisions. He has participated cooperatively with a variety of government and water agencies in the California Water and Environmental Modeling Forum, and is a past "convener" of the group.

Spreck has shown on many occasions that paying attention to details has made a big difference. He has worked closely with others in the environmental community for almost ten years, administratively and as an expert witness in federal court, to implement the 800,000 acre-feet of "project yield" that was dedicated fishery restoration in the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary and Central Valley. More recently he has helped the Hoopa Valley Tribe and other interests on the Trinity River in their efforts to get a lasting restoration plan, including enough water for the river's depleted fisheries.

For Restore Hetch Hetchy, Spreck has developed a mega-spreadsheet to investigate alternatives for the movement of water in the Tuolumne River and the water supply systems that depend on it. The spreadsheet values clearly indicate that there are viable options that would not diminish water supply for any cities or farms. This preliminary analysis may serve as a starting place for a public

feasibility study that Restore Hetch Hetchy and other environmental organizations are promoting.

"It is not a question of whether restoring the Valley can be done," he says. "It is a question of how much it would cost and whether people would be willing to pay for it. But first, we have to get people to open their minds and take a hard look at the physical and institutional issues involved. Unfortunately, that has not yet happened."

Since April, when the Sacramento Bee's Forum article touted Restore Hetch Hetchy's efforts and praised Spreck's technical analysis, his role has changed. "I'd like to get back to the number crunching", he says, "but I have been spending all my time on the phone and going to meetings trying to convince people that it is worth taking a hard look at the water and power issues."

Spreck lives in Oakland with his wife Isabella, whom he met on the Merced River in 1979. Together they and their children have continued to explore the rivers and mountains of the American West. "It has been great to be able to work on issues and in places that I really care about," says Spreck. "And Hetch Hetchy is certainly one of those places. Restore Hetch Hetchy has made important headway on its mission, but our greatest challenges lie ahead. I am looking forward to them." 



*Vice Chair
Spreck Rosekrans*

Restore Hetch Hetchy catalog items for gift-givers!

Restore Hetch Hetchy has several items that will bring joy to all those who receive them. You can even give yourself a present!

- * T-shirts — 100% organic cotton t-shirts from Patagonia, with our color logo on the top left with “Yosemite National Park” underneath. The back of the shirt has the spectacular Brooks Anderson painting of Hetch Hetchy along with great quotes from Dave Brower and John Muir (\$20);
- * License plate holders that

proudly say “Restore Hetch Hetchy” with blue background and white letters (\$22);

- * Greeting cards (blank on inside) with beautiful images of Hetch Hetchy on the front by Jennifer Fosgate (\$2 each; six for \$10)
- * Bumper stickers (\$1 each);
- * “Two Yosemite,” Dave Brower’s 1955 video comparing Yosemite Valley and Hetch Hetchy Valley (\$10);
- * Color fact sheet/fold-out poster (\$5).

You can view and purchase these items on-line at www.hetchhetchy.org and use the secure PayPal payment system or use the form on the back of this newsletter. Many THANKS for supporting our effort to restore Hetch Hetchy Valley!



Carp the dog says “Restore Hetch Hetchy”

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Items Described Below at www.hetchhetchy.org.

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