

From the desk of Patty Biasca

Dear Friend,

Redwoods are the El Capitan of the tree world. They are so tall, so striking, so beautiful to look at, and you are just in awe when you see them. Yet, you hear statistics on how many there were and how many are left, and it's just tragic – totally tragic. That's why I've included Save the Redwoods League with a bequest provision in my living trust.

I first communed with redwoods as a young girl traveling with my family from the San Francisco Bay Area to Oregon to visit grandparents in the 1950s and '60s. Not merely passing through, we would spend a few days on each summer's journey at redwood parks such as Jedediah Smith, Prairie Creek and Grizzly Creek. I remember attending campfire programs under the giant redwoods, climbing on downed giants, and looking for frogs in the creeks.

We moved from Martinez to Oakland when I was 12, placing me within a few blocks of Redwood Regional Park! I spent a lot of time walking around there, enjoying not being in a city center. I started college in Southern California, eventually returning to the Bay Area and Cal State Hayward, where I earned a music degree. I have lived here ever since, eventually returning to my music roots – tuning pianos for a living.

For 30 years backpacking was my favorite vacation, much of it as a Sierra Club trip leader. That was wonderful. I adored it. I don't backpack anymore, but still do a lot of hikes and outdoor vacations, especially where there are redwoods. Avenue of the Giants and Fern Canyon are but two of my favorite redwoods destinations. What can I say? People who love the redwoods really love the redwoods.

What is it about the redwood forest that inspires you? Would you consider leaving the League a legacy gift in your will? No gift is too small. The League will invite you to join the Redwood Legacy Circle, honoring you with special invitations and recognition in publications. But you may be anonymous if you wish.

For information, please visit www.MyRedwoodsLegacy.org. Thank you for considering joining me and more than 600 other League supporters in making your legacy gift.

Sincerely,



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