

LETTER FROM THE SELLER

35392 Sea Gate, The Sea Ranch

Greetings new Sea Ranchers,

You must be so excited to have found your home at The Sea Ranch. Where else can you step out your back door, cross your own private bridge, and in minutes be walking along ocean bluffs looking for whale spouts, sea lions, dolphins, and river otters? Or be able to step out your front door and head up the hill to walk in a peaceful redwood forest? Or sit on your back deck at night and see the Milky Way?

There is a local saying, "you come for the views, you stay for the people." Well, some sayings persist for a reason. We cherish the friends we made in The Sea Ranch. We moved here from a beautiful community outside of Chapel Hill, NC. The home we built there and lived in for 30 years is tucked into five wooded and rolling acres, and our neighbors all have five to 40 acres. Privacy abounds. So, when we moved to Sea Ranch, we initially worried we would be too close to other homes. We shouldn't have been concerned. Though the houses are relatively close, they are well sited to provide both privacy and intimacy. Our neighbors turned out to be wonderful, welcoming people. Within days of our arrival, they arranged a neighborhood welcome dinner, and one neighbor gave us a tour around The Sea Ranch, Gualala, and Point Arena to show us the best trails, the library, the gardens at Del Mar, Gualala Arts Center, where to shop, where to eat, and all that our community offers. We knew right away we made a great choice and found friends for life. And that was just the beginning. We joined the Posh Squash garden, became active members of the birding community, and became stewards of the commons. We actively monitored the nesting black oystercatchers, pelagic cormorants, harbor seals, and more. We became members of the Coastal Stewardship Task Force and the Ecology Committee and began counting the migrating swifts at Stewarts Point. Each has brought us new groups of friends and opportunities to give back to the community and pursue interests we didn't know we had.

Unfortunately, our family remained on the East Coast, and 3,000 miles is a long way to go to see our three children. Last year we got the cutest Bernese Mountain Dog puppy. (We are completely objective on this point, of course.) He introduced us to yet more Sea Ranchers, new trails, and new adventures, but his addition to the family made traveling east difficult and less infrequent, since flying was no longer a good option. COVID, of course, also introduced travel complications. We have loved our time at The Sea Ranch more than we can express, but the tug of children and grandchildren is strong. We are just happy we could add Sea Ranch to our list of life's great experiences.

We trust you also will find this a wonderful place to live for many more reasons than you can imagined. We wish you many years of making great memories in your beautiful home and our amazing community.

All our best,

Sandy & Pat Friedman