

# Two More Join, One Returns to Board of Directors



FLO MCCALL



KIM SEESE



NATURAL LANDS TRUST

Top: Laurie Andrews  
Middle: Darrell Wood  
Bottom: Peter Hausmann

“I have been very fortunate to live in some amazing places and visit some truly spectacular landscapes,” says new Land Trust Alliance board member **Laurie Andrews**, “but I am most inspired by two places: the peach orchard in Northern California where I grew up and the place I now call home, Wyoming. Be it walking on a property here in Jackson Hole or driving over Togwotee Pass toward Dubois, I find myself completely amazed by the open spaces that are literally my backyard.”

Laurie says the memory of her childhood home influences her work today. “I have always been moved by being outside and I have so many fond memories of being in the peach trees, exploring the wetland on the property and just walking with our dogs for hours in the hills. Most of the places of my childhood are now gone. The area has grown and open space wasn’t something they planned for, because there was always so much—until it was all gone.”

Laurie is executive director of Jackson Hole Land Trust in Wyoming and has launched complex land projects, completed numerous land deals and monitored many easements on foot and horseback with local landowners. She has also built strong working relationships with numerous federal, state and local organizations. Prior to the move to Jackson, Laurie was director of philanthropy for the Washington state office of The Nature Conservancy, raising more than \$12 million annually.

During her time on the Alliance board she looks forward to working with the staff and board, “as well as the amazing land trust professionals across the country to address the important issues facing open space conservation today. It is an exciting and pivotal time, and I look forward to playing a role in shaping the future of conservation together with this network of dedicated, talented people.”

**Darrell Wood**, owner of Darrell Wood Ranches with properties in both Vina and Susanville, California, is most looking forward to helping individual land trusts protect America’s ranches, farms and open spaces while on the board of the Alliance. Darrell is past chairman and a current board member of the Partnership of Rangeland Trusts, former chairman and a 14-year board member of California Rangeland Trust, former second vice president of the California Cattlemen’s Association and past president of the Lassen County Cattleman’s Association.

A sixth-generation cattleman, Darrell raises certified organic, grass-fed cattle on his ranch, supplying beef to Panorama Meats, made up of more than 50 family ranches from nine states that follow strict environmental stewardship protocols. He has received several awards, including the Grassland Stewardship Award in 1999 from the Society for Range Management Stewardship, the National Wetlands Conservation Award from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 2006 and the National Environmental Stewardship Award from the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association in 2009.

Darrell’s favorite place is Pete’s Valley Ranch, a beautiful ranch just northeast of Susanville that models sustainable ranching techniques.

The Alliance board welcomes back former chair **Peter Hausmann**, who is chair emeritus of the Natural Lands Trust, the largest regional land trust in the Delaware Valley. He says the decision to come back was easy. "As chair of Natural Lands Trust for 13 years, I directly experienced the benefits of Alliance programs. The policy work clearly benefits all of us and is an endeavor that we could not do on our own. Accreditation and the educational programs have raised the level of professionalism and increased public trust in our abilities and ethics. Terrafirma ensures that we can defend the permanent obligations to which we are all committed. All of these programs are really essential, but the Alliance also brings us together so we can share, learn and be inspired by each other's successes and challenges. In addition, the Alliance board members, coming from all over the country, bring different perspectives and all of the members are dedicated, competent and passionate." •

#### Gettin' Jazzed Up in New Orleans

"I attended Rally to network, see what others are doing, learn more about specific practices and be part of the land trust community," said one person who went to Rally 2013: The National Land Conservation Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, September 17-19. Another said, "I really appreciated the sessions in which I was provided with tools that I could take home and apply directly to my work."

More than 1,500 land conservationists gathered in the Big Easy to network, gain insight into the latest trends in the land conservation movement and receive updated training from expert faculty. The first day of Rally offered in-depth seminars and field trip adventures, while the second and third days offered the choice of 95 workshops ranging from the important fundamentals of "Introduction to Conservation Easements" to the advanced learning in "Collaborative Fundraising for Conservation."

As the three days of learning, networking and fun came to a close, one satisfied attendee commented, "I'd heard it was the best gathering of conservation professionals from across the country. Agreed!"

See [www.lta.org/rallyinreview](http://www.lta.org/rallyinreview) for links to *RallyNet* (collection of presentations), the full text of *Rand Wentworth's* speech, photos and award press releases. •

## RALLY BY THE NUMBERS



**1,559**  
Participants

**95**  
Workshops

**16**  
Featured Sessions

**16**  
Seminars

**7**  
Field trips



KIM SEESE

## The Awards

- The latest land trusts to achieve accreditation received recognition as they walked across the Opening Plenary stage. See the fold-out section in this issue for all 229 accredited land trusts.
- Kingsbury Browne Conservation Leadership Award and Kingsbury Browne Fellowship at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy:  
**Larry Kueter**, Colorado
- National Land Trust Excellence Award:  
**Alachua Conservation Trust**, Florida
- National Conservation Service Award: **Nancy Hamill Winter**, Illinois
- Advocacy Ambassador Award: **Rock Ringling**, Montana Land Reliance (see pg. 10)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Realty – National Land Protection Award:  
**Friends of Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge**, Massachusetts

## In Memoriam: Nancy Natoli

The land trust community lost a good friend on September 17. As program director in the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Nancy Natoli was head of the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program that supported conservation of critical lands adjacent to military installations. A dynamic leader, Nancy always pushed for solutions that would benefit the landowner, the conservation organization and the military mission. Her obituary can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/m5vb3yr>. 🌿