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## **Land Trust of Napa County Announces 2nd Annual Acre by Acre Awards & Auction**

### **“Jeans & Jewels” Night**

#### **Awards to be presented on September 21 at Odette Estate Winery**

July 12, 2013, Napa, CA -- The Land Trust of Napa County (LTNC) is pleased to announce the 2nd Annual Acre by Acre Awards, honoring the significant land steward achievements of individuals and organizations from the local area, region and nationwide. The 2nd Annual Acre by Acre Awards & Auction will be presented at the “Jeans & Jewels” night on September 21, 2013 at the new Odette Estate Winery in the Napa Valley. The 2013 Acre by Acre Awards recipients are:

2013 Lifetime Achievement Award: Harold Kelly

Harold Kelly is a true land conservation hero. Harold is a founding member of the LTNC, and has served on the board for over 18 years, twice as president and once as treasurer, as well as serving on several LTNC committees. A key catalyst in the creation of the Napa County Regional Parks and Open Space District, and the establishment of Connolly Ranch, Harold remains the longest standing contributing Land Trust member, and has been actively involved with the organization continually until the present time. Harold is beloved by the many staff and board members with whom he has interacted, and has been a great example through his clear focus, endless energy, outstanding sense of organizational history, and wisdom.

2013 Acre by Acre Award: Bruce and Martha Atwater, Francis Ford and Eleanor Coppola, David and Nancy Garden, Ted and Laddie Hall

Through a series of conservation easements between 1991 and 2009, this “gang of four” has protected 1,588 acres of contiguous land in the eastern hills of the Mayacamas Range, west of Rutherford on the northern flanks of Mt Saint John. The acreage includes beautiful open space, mixed hardwoods, conifer forests, waterfalls, view shed, agricultural lands and significant portions of the Bear Creek and Heath Creek watersheds. These protected properties are an important part of the character of Napa Valley and the work of these individuals as a collective has made a tremendous impact on Napa County.

Acre by Acre Awards candidates are nominated by Napa Land Trust members. The Acre by Acre Awards recipients are then selected from the list of nominees by a committee of past board chairs of the Land Trust of Napa County.

“We’re very pleased to honor the conservation accomplishments of this year’s Acre by Acre award winners. By protecting land in perpetuity, they have left a lasting presence that will

provide ongoing benefits for generations to come in Napa County,” stated Land Trust of Napa County President & CEO Doug Parker.

“Jeans & Jewels” night will feature fine wines from Odette Estate, paired with culinary stations offering savory creations presented by Iron Chef Masaharu Morimoto and executive chef Nai Kang Kuan of Morimoto Napa, Michelin Chef Ken Frank of La Toque, Aluxa and Jazmine Lalicker of The Oyster Girls, and Chef Rodger Babel of Creative Palate Works. Sweet treats will also be provided by Kara’s Cupcakes and Howell Mountain Cookies. The event includes the presentation of the Acre by Acre Awards, followed by the live auction of 12 exclusive lots consisting of unique offerings from other Land Trusts and organizations like the Telluride Foundation, Grand Teton Regional Land Trust, Jackson Hole Wine Auction, Prickly Pear Montana Land Trust and the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust. Other featured items at this Napa event will be a bigger than life hand sculpted “Aubergine” by artist Jan Kirsh, a trio of elegant, private winemaker’s dinners, and a Super Magnum lot featuring six 3-liter bottles and 12 magnums of Napa’s sought after wines as well as a ski trip to PlumpJack’s Squaw Valley. An “après auction” celebration for the evening’s \$5000 and over winning bidders will be held in Odette’s brand new winery on Silverado Trail in Napa Valley.

“Early bird” tickets are available at \$270 per person until July 22nd, after which tickets will be available for \$300 per person. Visit [jeansandjewelsnapa.org](http://jeansandjewelsnapa.org) for more information or to purchase tickets.

“We are following up last year’s successful inaugural Acre by Acre Awards with an exciting ‘Jeans & Jewels’ night celebration at Odette Estate Winery,” stated Land Trust Board Chairperson Anne Cottrell. “Our 2013 Award recipients personify conscientiousness and resolve in protecting Napa’s agricultural and open space landscapes. We celebrate their contribution and honor their dedication to our mission on September 21st.”

For more information, or to purchase tickets to the 2013 Acre by Acre Awards & Auction “Jeans & Jewels” night celebration, visit [jeansandjewelsnapa.org](http://jeansandjewelsnapa.org).

For more information on Land Trust of Napa County, please visit <http://www.napalandtrust.org>.

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