

# Planting For Pollinators - Bee's Rock Ranch



**Date:** Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Time:** 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**Location:** 505 Hardin Ln, Petaluma CA

**Nick Freedman** invites you to visit Bee's Rock Ranch. Nick has been working with the Natural Resource Conservation Service and Blue Point biologists on a riparian zone rehabilitation project. Nick says: "With funding from Point Blue and local agencies, school kids and experts will be installing trees, flowering plants, and grasses to stabilize and rehabilitate this seasonal creek bed. While the last planting is taking place, we will gather for a discussion of the project, its purpose, and results...I have learned so much from these kind smart people and hope to share in this incredible experience."

## What to expect:

- Tour a stream restoration site as local kids work with Point Blue's **STRAW** program (Students and Teachers Restoring A Watershed) to plant pollinator-beneficial trees and shrubs. Learn how stream restoration benefits both wildlife and human communities.
- We will be joined by **Kathryn Prince, a Pollinator Biologist** with The Xerces Society and NRCs. Kat will teach us about CA native pollinators, their life history, the ecosystem services they provide, and how to create quality habitat on your ranch or garden.
- Tour the ranch and discuss plans for future pollinator habitat improvements. **Learn about funding sources** for conservation projects on private land.
- End tour at Nick's **beautiful pollinator garden** overlooking Petaluma.
- Pack a lunch and stay for a **Q&A session** with pollinator and restoration experts!

## Directions:

- Follow Hardin Ln uphill until, once you pass 1st cattle guard, planting site will be on your left. Parking available along the road. Look for orange construction signs that say "STRAW"
- Parking is limited, please carpool if possible

Hope to see you there!