



Canada Creek Regional Foundation Newsletter

Spring, 2026 Edition — *Let's Make Good Things Happen!*

Foundation Board Establishes the *Barbara Ann Steele Legacy Society* ...

At our April, 2026 meeting, our Foundation Board of Directors established the ***Barbara Ann Steele Legacy Society*** to honor Barb as well as others who have designated the CCR Foundation as beneficiaries in their Wills and/or Trusts.



Barb was one of CCR's most active members and was the Ranch's unofficial historian. She enjoyed taking photographs, listening to barbershop music, reading, working on committees - and most important - emailing "Barb's Blurbs" newsletter to over 800 members, keeping us informed near and far. She was one of two women to serve on the CCR Board during its first 40 years.

Barb was a founding member and co-chair of the CCR Historical Committee, which will open our new Canada Creek Museum in 2026. With her inspiration, the Committee raised over \$200,000 mostly through tax-exempt contributions by ranch members through our CCR Foundation.

Everyone knew and loved Barb. Barb passed away in 2025, after a long life of 87 years.

We cannot think of a more fitting individual to be honored by our Foundation when naming our Legacy fund. Barb always wanted Canada Creek Ranch to succeed for our members, families, and for the abundant nature in our watershed.

Initial members of the ***Barbara Ann Steele Legacy Society*** will be announced later this summer. If you would like to designate the CCR Foundation in your will and/or trust and be included as a founding member of the Society, please contact one of our Board members or call the Foundation's telephone number (see below). All designated amounts are confidential, and your name can even remain anonymous if you wish. It is a great way for you and your family to keep the legacy of the CCR watershed alive into the future.

2026 CCR Foundation Scholarships presented ...

Our Board approved seven \$1,000 scholarships for graduating students in the Atlanta, Onaway and Hillman school districts this spring. Our thanks to Dennis & Barb Travis and Neva Sanborn who provided significant contributions for this program. These include college-bound graduates as well as two who will be attending trade schools in the Fall. The seven students were selected from 21 applicants from the three districts. Successful candidates were selected based on academic performance, character, and career goals, with preference being given to careers supporting conservation.

Funds for scholarships were provided by the Foundation's general fund, as well as donations specifically earmarked for this purpose. We have provided 27 scholarships to local students since the beginning of this program.

CCR Foundation Updates ...

- We have received \$162 from CCR members because you "rounded up" your bill at the Ranch House. Thank you for rounding up! It's an easy way to give.
- We are preparing for raffle season again this year. Thank you to the hundreds of Ranch members, visitors and community members who regularly purchase raffle tickets, proceeds which go to our Foundation projects. You are the best!
- 2026 E-Bike Raffle tickets will soon be available at the Ranch House or from any Foundation director (see list below).
- The CCR Foundation Website has been updated. Please visit us at www.ccrf501.com for the latest information.

Foundation Stats (From October, 2025 to March, 2026)

Contributions Received (last six months):	\$ 25,888
Total Funds on Hand — as of 3/31/2026	\$ 47,585
Restricted — for Scholarships (April, 2026)	\$ 7,000
Restricted — for Conservation Projects	\$ 14,425

2026 Board of Directors: Alice Abbe, James Abbe, Bob Bernock, Dale Berry, Cloe Idoni, Ray Karbon, Sharon Karbon, Jeff Kemske and Mike Thirlyby.

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