

Fundraising for the Land Trust Office, ‘Simmons Gallery’

At the library grand opening event in August we announced the land trust fundraising campaign for a new office and gallery, to be known as the Simmons Gallery. We announced that the total budget will be approx. \$90,000 and that we have already raised \$30,000 in donations over the past six months (all in support of memorializing the late Trinidad Art Gallery owner Ned Simmons). The donations have been deposited into our “Trinidad Coastal Land Trust Simmons Gallery Building Fund” at the Humboldt Area Foundation.

\$60,000 left to fundraise. We have approved building plans for the gallery and contractor Charles Netzow is set to break ground on phase one this month. We are hoping that the gallery and permanent home for the land trust office will be completed and open for business by next summer.

The land trust office ‘Simmons Gallery’ will be an eighteen foot by twenty-eight foot wing of the library building with a separate entrance. The building will share its south wall with the library and will look out onto the native plant garden . Entry will be from the east, which borders Saunders Park. To the adjacent north is the one-acre native plant garden and pond. By sharing a building site with the library, the gallery will utilize existing engineering, architectural, mechanical, and geotechnical designs, share a radiant floor heat system, have access to the men's and women's restrooms. It will function both as an art gallery and a land trust office. Gallery space includes a twelve foot by twenty-seven foot (interior dimensions) open studio room with a ten foot ceiling. In addition, the building will include two small offices (cubbies with sliding doors) approximately 4.5 feet by 6 feet. Our floor plan makes this easier to visual.

Only sixty thousand dollars to fully fund and complete the new gallery-office. We are so close but need your financial help. Maybe you have been a longtime supporter or would like to become one. Conservation lands gifted to our land trust and cash donations from our supporters have created to date a



TCLT Board members and contractor Charles Netzow at the site of the future Simmons Gallery and TCLT Room

legacy of community conservation and permanently protected beach trails and open space. We want to continue this growth and become an even stronger local organization for coastal access, land protection and environmental education through guided hikes and field trips. An office would allow us to have a phone and computer, a permanent address to meet and eventually have hired staff to run our programs. The majority of the new building will be available as a gallery for events, showings and workshops. Our little artist town of Trinidad does not have a dedicated art gallery and it would be a wonderful addition to our community's new cultural center housing the museum, library, botanical garden and city park.

We are aware that our work involves the protection of significant places, forever. This is an enormous responsibility and the sustainability of our Trinidad Coastal Land Trust is of the utmost importance in safeguarding and maintaining these places. Your support is needed to help fund the construction of a permanent location from which our community land trust can grow, take on more successful projects and continue our tradition of providing public benefits and access to our coastlines finest vistas and beaches.

All donations are tax deductible and can be deposited into the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust Building Fund account at the Humboldt Area Foundation. Thank you very much for your consideration of this timely opportunity. Please contact board president Ben Morehead for more information or a tour of the building site.