Pepperwood is a leader in forging solutions to advance the health of Northern California’s land, water, and wildlife.

Our mission is to advance science-based conservation throughout our region and beyond.

Pepperwood’s Dwight Center for Conservation Science produces cutting-edge research, provides comprehensive environmental education for all ages, and facilitates an innovative citizen science initiative.

We use our 3,200 acre nature preserve as a living laboratory to engage scientists, students, and volunteers in applied conservation. Our singular focus is applying science to safeguard the future of nature for generations to come.

We think big because the challenges facing our environment are big.
Dear Friends,

In philanthropy we are beholden to this question:
   How will the future be better as a result of fulfilling our mission?

As Pepperwood advances evidence-based approaches to nature conservation, we are inspired by the vision of a future Northern California where nature continues to thrive in concert with humanity.

Where, due to dedicated monitoring of nature’s vital signs at Pepperwood, we understand how increasingly unpredictable environmental drivers impact our natural resources and how we can adapt management strategies accordingly.

Where, thanks to the environmental awareness of everyone in our community, across economic sectors and social institutions, we make more informed decisions about how to steward our land, water; and wildlife.

Where, in part because of hands-on learning opportunities at Pepperwood, our young people are inspired in greater and greater numbers to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, generating a scientifically-literate, skilled workforce.

And where all the families who make up our community feel empowered to enjoy our parks and open spaces and to reap the benefits, both psychological and physiological, of engaging in healthy outdoor activities grounded in life-long nature education.

We are making this bright vision for our future a reality now, and we look forward to the day when we can reflect with you - our members, our volunteers, our students, our partners, and our community - about the joyous journey we took to get there.

With much gratitude,

Lisa Micheli, PhD
Executive Director
Pepperwood Foundation
Taking action today...

We are working to make our children proud of the future we will leave them.

A fresh approach to leadership
In a few short years, Pepperwood has become a regional leader in applied ecology research and education. We pioneer new discoveries, forge innovative land and water management solutions, and create partnerships important to the survival of California’s native wildlife. With educational programming starting in first grade and extending through adulthood, Pepperwood teaches people of all ages how to care for our natural places. In collaboration with top-notch researchers and conservation professionals, science and community come together at Pepperwood to confront challenges that require teamwork, innovative solutions, and a shared desire to see our local landscapes flourish.

Dwight Center for Conservation Science
The Dwight Center is a spacious green facility situated on the ridgeline of the Mayacamas Mountains separating Sonoma from Napa. Located in a beautiful setting on our 3,200 acre preserve, it provides the venue for Pepperwood’s research, education, and regional collaborations. The Dwight Center is home to our ongoing collaborations with many sister organizations, including the California Academy of Sciences.

10,000 visitors to the Dwight Center in 2014
Pepperwood is pioneering innovative solutions for Northern California that are applicable to Mediterranean climates worldwide.

A sanctuary for learning

Our preserve is home to over 750 species of plants and 150 species of animals occupying habitats that range from sweeping grasslands to sublime oak woodlands, and from dense chaparral to tranquil redwood forest. Pepperwood's ecosystems reflect the diversity of Northern California's landscapes and make our preserve an ideal location for conservation research and environmental education. Pepperwood offers volunteer opportunities at all levels of commitment, ranging from helping at events to our in-depth Stewards program. Pepperwood enjoys a close relationship with the Santa Rosa Junior College, serving thousands of students, teachers, and administrators each year as a site for field trips, internships, and staff retreats. Together we offer an accredited, two-semester Natural History of Pepperwood course with the Earth and Life Sciences Departments. We are honored to say that this course was the prototype for the new statewide UC California Naturalist certification program!

Dr. Frank Chong
President, Santa Rosa Junior College & Pepperwood Board Member

Pepperwood's partnership with Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC) is born out of our shared vision and passion for education. SRJC faculty and students view Pepperwood as a living laboratory to study nature and sustainability in an up close and personal setting. I only see greater opportunities for partnerships and collaboration in the future!
Sowing the seeds of conservation...

A comprehensive approach to advancing the health of our ecosystems starts with a seed of inspiration - a taste of the natural world.

Deepen the experience
• Our 1st-6th grade SCENIQ program enriches science curricula of local schools
• Adult adventures range from animal tracking and landscape painting to our volunteer stewardship track and certification as a California Naturalist

Explore careers in ecology
• TeenNat interns collaborate with scientists on biodiversity research
• Santa Rosa Junior College students build research skills at our preserve

Study climate...
• Pepperwood’s research affiliates are some of our nation’s finest climate scientists
• We produce cutting-edge future climate maps and track impacts on the preserve in real-time

Taste the natural world
• Public hikes and Discover Nature lectures awaken our sense of awe
• Families join us in bird watching, overnight experiences, summer camp, and more

...and its impacts on plants and animals
• Researchers measured plant response to this year’s drought at 50 plots across the preserve
• We are the first site in North America to utilize the Wildlife Picture Index
Pepperwood is working to make our communities more resilient in the face of a shifting climate.

**Reap the benefits**

- We secure a future with healthy plant and animal life, abundant water supplies, and balanced ecosystems
- Northern California’s economy thrives thanks to robust natural resources

**Invest in the future**

- We take an entrepreneurial, cost-effective approach to conservation science
- The generosity of individuals and foundations makes our work possible

**Leverage collaborations**

- Pepperwood is a regional hub for conservation research, partnering our region’s finest conservation leaders
- Our research and education programs are being used as models at local and national levels

**Engage our community**

- Pepperwood is supported by volunteers, graduate students, and interns
- Expert advisors guide our research, education, and cultural programs

**Develop innovative solutions**

- Pepperwood’s ecological research and science-based management strategies apply far beyond the boundaries of our preserve

...so our children can reap the benefits
Introducing the natural world...

Pepperwood’s environmental education program has something for everyone!

Indulge your natural curiosity

With the vital support of our donors, Pepperwood makes environmental education affordable, accessible, and a whole lot of fun! Our natural history offerings link kids of all ages with the wonders of nature. Weekend classes and workshops feature expert instructors on topics ranging from the natural sciences to outdoor skill building to plein air arts. Our free Discover Nature lectures feature engaging experts, many from local colleges and universities, who teach subjects ranging from black bears to climate change and from beaver ecology to Native American land stewardship. This year over 500 community members learned to identify birds, care for oaks, track mammals, paint landscapes, create amazing nature sketches, and much more! And our 2014 Wildflower Festival was our biggest and best yet with over 1,200 visitors.

Inspiring the scientists of tomorrow

Students Conducting Environmental Inquiry (SCENIQ) served 34 classrooms from across the North Bay in 2014 with a year-long experiential program focused on promoting environmental literacy and achieving state science standards. Through two visits to our preserve and a visit with our educators in their classroom, participants learn skills of observation and deduction critical to mastery of the scientific method. Kids experience a deep sense of wonder as they are connected to nature through their experiences at Pepperwood. A majority of participating schools are classified as Title 1 and benefit from our transportation scholarships. Other youth offerings include a Budding Biologists summer day camp that inspires children to formulate questions about the natural world and to seek their own answers through discovery. Each day offers a hike, hands-on science activities, and plenty of fun in the outdoors.

Transportation scholarships are provided to the 60% of SCENIQ participants who are from Title 1 economically disadvantaged schools.
Introducing the natural world...

...and deepening the experience

Providing pathways to explore the many threads of the natural world.

100% of teachers surveyed said their students exhibited increased curiosity about the natural world and learned new scientific observation skills.

Ginger Parish
Community Education Instructor

For 13 years, I have co-led the Pepperwood Family Overnight adventures with my husband, Preserve Manager Michael Gillogly. We felt that in this fast-paced society, it’s important for families to carve out time together; to slow down and appreciate the beauty and wonder of the natural world. To raise children with a connection to nature, it’s important to share positive outdoor experiences with them while they’re young.

Each overnight has its own unique feeling of fun and community, and I love to be a part of them! On these weekends, we share our wonder of nature in addition to scientific facts in the hope that the wonder a child feels will stay, stoking the desire for more nature connections throughout life. Whether we’re on a scavenger hunt, watching a hawk soar, examining a tiny flower, exploring pond life, calling for owls in the dark, singing old-fashioned campfire songs, or sharing a potluck feast, the Family Overnights feed my soul as much as (I hope) they feed the souls of our participants.

Transportation scholarships are provided to the 60% of SCENIQ participants who are from Title 1 economically disadvantaged schools.
Exploring careers in ecology...

Pepperwood’s TeenNat is a nationally recognized internship that connects teens with scientists to engage in research and explore careers in conservation.

Internships for hands-on experience

TeenNat returned for a second season in 2014 after a wildly successful pilot that earned Pepperwood national recognition via an Audubon Toyota TogetherGreen award. Each summer, this internship empowers up to 30 teens to become citizen scientists and participate in on-site research at Pepperwood. Interns learn how to use digital cameras and GPS units to collect data on plant and animal life. This data is used by organizations such as Save the Redwoods League to understand and protect global biodiversity.

I really liked when we walked through the forest by ourselves and when we sat down in the clearing silently. It was during these times when I realized how different nature is in sound from the city. Pepperwood’s location so far away from town makes it such a quiet, natural place, and you don’t really get to experience that very often... TeenNat has inspired me to continue learning about nature and has helped me decide that I really want to study conservation biology in college.

- Mary Young
2014 TeenNat Intern
Experiential learning

Pepperwood hosts the Stephen J. Barnhart Internship in partnership with the Santa Rosa Junior College. This paid internship was awarded in the 2013-2014 academic year to Prahlada Papper who pioneered our California Phenology Project field transects, a system for observing change in the timing of plant life cycles. Prahlada also spent some of his time at Pepperwood volunteering with plant biologists including Meagan Oldfather from University of California Berkeley. After completing his internship, Prahlada was accepted into a PhD program in Integrative Biology at Berkeley where he will now share a lab with Meagan. Incoming Barnhart Interns are Theo Michaels and David Kelly.

Meagan Oldfather
PhD candidate, Ackerly Lab
Dept. of Integrative Biology, UC Berkeley

I started working up at Pepperwood in the spring of 2013 as a graduate student researcher under Professor David Ackerly of UC Berkeley. Along with another grad student and a whole army of amazing Pepperwood volunteers, we set out to establish 50 woody vegetation monitoring plots spanning all corners of the preserve. Tagging over 4,000 trees for long-term observation gave me a wonderful sense of familiarity with many individual trees across the preserve, and this familiarity motivates me to return to these plots often, despite the steep climbs that often accompany a field day. Now I return to Pepperwood to do annual surveys of individual tree survival and recruitment (seedling survivorship) in an attempt to understand how annual temperature and precipitation shape change in the woody vegetation community. Long-term monitoring projects of vegetation are crucial in aiding predictions for the biological consequences of a changing climate, and this project will provide valuable baseline data for my own PhD dissertation as well as for future students.

It is truly an honor to be a recipient of the Barnhart Internship at Pepperwood, which will provide me with the opportunity to gain practical experience and professional development in plant ecology research. Most of all, this scholarship allows me to be of service to my greater community and the planet, values that I hold dearly.

-Theo Michaels,
Incoming Barnhart Intern
Understanding climate...

Pepperwood is building a comprehensive long-term “sentinel site” for Northern California.

Understanding our climate

A changing climate poses perhaps the most unpredictable threat to our landscapes and the plant and animal life they support. In addition to weather monitoring equipment installed in collaboration with the US Geological Survey (USGS) and the National Weather Service, Pepperwood has an expanding network of microclimate sensors positioned strategically across the preserve. We combine these empirical measurements with global climate models to estimate how our local climate may change in the years to come. We are also learning how our diverse topography may create “climate refugia,” pockets of resilient habitat that may prove key to certain species’ survival.

Protecting a healthy water supply

Patterns of water in the landscape control flow in streams, rates of groundwater recharge, and where plants can live, which in turn determines the state of our water supply and creates a diversity of habitat for wildlife. Using rain gauges, soil moisture probes, and stream flow stations, Pepperwood measures where the rain goes as it travels through soil, creeks, aquifers, and vegetation. Pepperwood also hosts the USGS Pacific Coastal Fog Team’s fog water collectors to assess fog influences on our local water cycle. As a result, Pepperwood has one of the most comprehensive data sets capturing the effect of this year’s extreme drought on watershed conditions. This data has already been used by the Sonoma County Water Agency to estimate the amount of rainfall that will be needed to effectively recharge our reservoirs.

Stewarding native plant life

Because of the diversity of its plant life, Pepperwood is a perfect place to study how climate drives patterns of vegetation across the landscape. Professor David Ackerly of UC Berkeley has invested in a long-term forest monitoring project at Pepperwood comprised of 50 plots and a network of remote sensors. Ackerly’s experimental design will help us better understand how climate variability drives plant distribution today and provides a framework for measuring how plants will respond to long-term warming trends over time. These results will be critical to emerging theories and models of planetary change.
Supporting thriving wildlife populations

Pepperwood is the first site in North America to utilize the Wildlife Picture Index (WPI) method for studying wildlife populations. This internationally-acclaimed Wildlife Conservation Society protocol relies on grids of motion-activated cameras to locate and identify animal species. These observations enable us to measure how populations shift with the seasons and from year-to-year. Principal investigator Dr. Sue Townsend and Pepperwood staff also advise partners on camera usage, data analysis, and how to effectively engage citizen scientists in camera maintenance and data collection. In 2014 we partnered with Audubon Canyon Ranch to establish and manage another Mayacamas array approximately 10 miles north of Pepperwood’s grid. Next, we worked with Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District to install an array on Sonoma Mountain. Pepperwood also served as an advisor for Sonoma Land Trust and Tamalpais Lands Collaborative on arrays for the Sonoma Valley corridor and the Marin Coast. Collectively this wildlife data set will enable us to test whether and how wildlife use habitat corridors that link the Blue-Ridge Berryessa Range to the Marin Coast via the Mayacamas Mountains.

Coby LaFayette-Kelleher
Pepperwood Steward

Being part of Pepperwood as a Steward gives me an opportunity to contribute literally and financially to an organization that is making a difference. And that means that what I am doing, as part of that equation, is both meaningful and lasting. We all want to feel that some part of us will live on when we pass.

I have been working on the Wildlife Picture Index project for about a year and a half. My role is to sit in front of a computer for 3-4 hours a week, meticulously going through photographic data. Sometimes that means looking at 6,000 (yes, 6,000) images of cows or waving grass. But occasionally, I get very lucky and am the first person to see some truly remarkable images of the preserve’s wildlife inhabitants. It is very rewarding. The efforts I make on behalf of this project will provide the baseline data needed for sound preserve management. The data that we collect and that I analyze will ultimately be used for conservation planning and wildlife corridor enhancement, among other things. And that makes me very happy.
Developing solutions...

How will impending climate variability influence how we need to manage our land, water, and wildlife?

The science behind climate

How can we learn from this year’s drought to be more prepared in the future? What will extreme climate-driven events like drought and wildfire look like? In the face of these risks, how can we effectively manage our natural resources to make our communities more resilient? To help answer these questions, Pepperwood is honored to play a leading role in Climate Ready North Bay, a private-public collaborative that launched in 2014 with the goal of making the latest climate science readily accessible to local government planners and natural resource managers. Awarded $100,000 in State Coastal Conservancy funding with the Regional Climate Protection Authority, the Climate Ready North Bay team bridges the gap between scientists and those who need climate data for land and water management. Pepperwood is tapping into its Terrestrial Biodiversity Climate Change Collaborative (TBC3) knowledgebase to create customized climate projection reports and data products for public agency partners from Marin, Sonoma, Napa, and Mendocino counties.

Pepperwood’s TBC3 climate work is really impressive and inspiring – it is really nice to see impacts translated in a way that is so actionable. It was also great to learn about your amazing data collection and science programs that are informing land management.

- Sandi Matsumoto
Senior Project Director
The Nature Conservancy
...for innovative land management

Pepperwood cultivates regional expertise on land management and rangeland conservation.

Cultivating healthy landscapes

The 900-acre grassland at Pepperwood is a mosaic of native and non-native grasses, forbs and wildflowers. Pepperwood is developing a comprehensive approach to grassland management that combines innovative conservation grazing by cattle, intensive weed control, and the propagation and planting of native plant species. Management objectives include enriching soils, favoring native species, and improving water retention. Volunteers form the backbone of Pepperwood’s restoration practices, assisting with the removal of 32 invasive weeds across the preserve. Volunteers also collect native grass seed and propagate these plants for use in our restoration projects. This year alone we will plant over 6,000 grass starts that we are now cultivating on-site.

In response to growing interest within our professional community for rangeland conservation expertise, Pepperwood now offers land management workshops and tours of our operations. We have also just launched a working group of expert advisors on conservation grazing with partners including Point Blue, TomKat Ranch, Sonoma Mountain Institute, UC Cooperative Extension, and UC Berkeley’s Department of Integrated Biology.

Two years ago we initiated an experimental cattle grazing program. While in past years we relied on open range, seasonal grazing as a tool to control weeds and fire risks, we are now moving the cattle across the preserve in small paddocks created by electric fencing and served by a portable water system. This conservation grazing approach gives us much greater control over the animals and their impacts than traditional approaches. As a result, we are now studying how grazing duration, density, and timing affect grassland composition and soil health. The results are promising. Even in the third year of a drought, we are able to maintain animal health without supplemental feeding and we are documenting positive results on the preserve, including benefits to native species, impacts on invasive plants, and improved habitat for wildlife.

Over the past four years we have been measuring plant cover, species composition, thatch depth, and biomass production in five grassland types at 24 monitoring transects across the preserve. This data will be instrumental in assessing the ecological value of our grazing program. Findings will be applicable to other open space lands in our region as well.
Engaging our community...

Fostering a sense of community around the spirit of conservation is central to our work.

Volunteer power!

At Pepperwood, volunteers assist with everything from research projects to preserve management. Whether lending a hand for a few hours at our Wildflower Festival, spending a morning clearing trails at our monthly Volunteer Workdays, or committing several hours per week to one of our many research projects, volunteers can find an opportunity that fits their schedule. Our Stewards program is for those willing to take the next step. Pepperwood Stewards undergo a rigorous training process and play a key role in research, education, and events.

Tapping into wisdom traditions

Pepperwood benefits from the expertise of our volunteer advisory boards and panels. An Education Advisory Board ensures our programming is relevant and reflects the diversity of our participants. Science advisors include university professors, internationally-recognized conservation experts, and local, state, and federal resource agencies. Our Native American Advisory Council fosters open communication between Pepperwood and local indigenous communities to ensure appropriate management of cultural resources on-site and to advance collaborative projects such as our upcoming Wappo basketry exhibit in 2015.
Pepperwood provides expert facilitation for conservation collaboratives, leveraging our sister organizations’ strengths and our donor dollars.

Fostering a collective impact

Pepperwood takes a leadership role in unique conservation collaborations.

- **Terrestrial Biodiversity Climate Change Collaborative (TBC3)** is a pioneering interdisciplinary research team focused on understanding how the Bay Area’s open spaces are a resource for climate resilience.

- **Sonoma Environmental Education Collaborative** engages nonprofits and governmental agencies in forwarding partnerships and initiatives to increase environmental literacy for all of Sonoma County’s citizens.

- **Climate Ready North Bay** is a partnership between government agencies and nonprofits ensuring the latest projections of climate change and related threats (such as drought and wildfire) are available to local planners and managers.

- **Mayacamas Forum** connects those who manage land and watersheds of the Mayacamas Mountains to emerging issues in natural resources planning and practice.

- **North Bay-North Coast Landscape Connectivity Initiative** unites land trusts, open space districts, and state and federal land managers advancing strategies for the identification and protection of wildlife corridors from the Marin-Sonoma Coast to the Blue-Ridge Berryessa Mountains.

California Academy of Sciences

Pepperwood continues its close relationship with the California Academy of Sciences, which stewarded the property from 1978-2005. We are an active participant in the Academy’s Bay Area Citizen Science Coalition, which utilizes the iNaturalist.org online biodiversity database we helped pilot here at Pepperwood. We also host the Academy’s Careers in Science Internship Program and the Teacher Institute on Science and Sustainability. This year, incoming Academy Executive Director Dr. Jon Foley replaces retiring director Dr. Greg Farrington on Pepperwood’s Board.

Tom Robinson

*Conservation Planner*

Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District

Pepperwood is a hub of conservation science. The talented staff and their collaborators are deepening our collective knowledge about Sonoma County’s ecosystems. Through collaborations with Pepperwood, the District is learning more about the lands it stewards, such as how and what types of wildlife are using these lands, and how climate change may affect the diversity of plant communities. Our work with Pepperwood provides unique scientific insights, giving us opportunities to adapt our land management and conservation planning to optimize ecological benefits.
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Co-Founders
Pepperwood Foundation

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Genstar Capital

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Preserve Ecologist

Celeste Dodge, MS
Preserve Technician

Sonja Barringer
Preserve Assistant

Steven Hammerich
Wildlife Camera Technician

Above, from left to right: Greco, Micheli, Hammerich, Barringer, Dodge, Halbur, Pettit, Gillogly, Shinn, Robinson, Barden, Boeger, Bartice, Barnhart, and Funke. *Not pictured: Ben Benson and incoming Finance & Administration Director, Maureen Graney. Opposite, clockwise from top left: photo submitted by Robert Judd, photo submitted by Gerald & Buff Corsi, sisters Judith (right) and Lindajoy Fenley (left), Pepperwood members.
Community supported conservation science

Pepperwood is a resource for our community, supported by our community. The generosity of our donors is the fuel that drives our work.

Working together for a greener future

Our supporters cherish the incredible diversity of natural resources found throughout Northern California. Together we are dedicated to protecting open spaces and developing solutions that will ensure future generations reap the benefits of clean air, clean water, and abundant plant and animal life. Donors choose Pepperwood because of our all-inclusive, comprehensive approach.

As someone who has worked in Sonoma County for 25 years with hundreds of local charitable organizations covering a broad range of missions, Pepperwood stands out for me as an exemplary, effective organization. I’m impressed with its commitment to doing conservation work that is solidly based on scientific evidence and that Pepperwood is at the leading edge of research on climate change and its impacts on Sonoma County.

- Robert Judd, Pepperwood member

Contributing to the mission of Pepperwood is contributing to the Earth for generations to come. Whatever the form your contribution takes -- membership, volunteering, stewarding, financial -- it matters. Your energy, in support of Pepperwood becomes a living legacy toward a sustainable future. The bonus is, that what you receive from your relationship with Pepperwood is immeasurable!

- Judith Fenley, Pepperwood member

This year Pepperwood’s donor population grew by 65%. Membership gifts at every level provide the foundation for our efforts and larger gifts empower us to work on a scale that matches the environmental challenges we are facing. We’d like to extend a sincere thank you to our donors for making Pepperwood possible!

Gerald & Buff Corsi
Pepperwood members

Our association with Pepperwood dates back to the ‘60s when Buff was working at the California Academy of Sciences and Kenneth Bechtel left the property in his will to the Academy. We have enjoyed hiking the hills and enjoying its open spaces and natural beauty since that time. Pepperwood has become much more than a beautiful part of California in the hands of the Pepperwood Foundation and its staff.

Now, Pepperwood has a grand new mission, to foster conservation science, share the natural world with school children, and raise awareness of and encourage local community inclusion in the climate change challenge. We are privileged to play a part in it all through our occasional teaching and frequent contribution of photography.
Statement of Financial Position  
as of June 30, 2014

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Investing in tomorrow’s harvest

Pepperwood produces the conservation research, comprehensive environmental education, and innovative natural resource management solutions needed for our children to enjoy a bright future.

The spirit of conservation

Our planet is in a state of perpetual change. We are now seeing evidence that shows humans can be forces of planetary change both for the better and for the worse. Our actions, today, tomorrow, and throughout the coming decades will dictate what kind of planet our children and grandchildren will inherit. Pepperwood is dedicated to advancing a cycle of ever better knowledge about the relationship between people and the planet. Our conservation research fuels our educational offerings which in turn equip people of all ages with the resources needed to be better stewards of our environment. Together, we can create a future made bright by the natural capital and beauty that a healthy environment provides for all of us.
Pepperwood’s mission is to advance science-based conservation throughout our region and beyond. Our 3,200 acre scientific preserve and Dwight Center for Conservation Science are accessible to the public via our robust environmental education offerings and membership program.

Get involved! Visit our website for a full listing of hikes, lectures and classes as well as information about volunteer opportunities and Pepperwood’s membership program.