

Belated 2025 Greetings to our friends and family! Another good year for us in a world full of turmoil.

The high point of the year was the April 4th marriage of Martha's daughter, Simone Sequoia DuRand, to Ian Jones. Ian had transferred to a new job in January from being a California State Park Ranger at Mono Lake Tufa Natural State Reserve just south of their abode in the historic ghost town park of Bodie.

They met in CA Parks Academy. The wedding was outside at the lovely, historic courthouse in Bridgeport (at 6500 feet and county seat of Mono County), close to the Nevada border. At that time, Simone was a ranger at Bodie State Historic Park (at 8400 feet) near Bridgeport, while her fiance Ian had just started with CA Water Resources in Sacramento and was living in Martha's house in Davis.

Their wedding brought a small group of park friends of



Simone and Ian together with parents, siblings, and Charlie's girlfriend, Candace. We had a great time, arriving in Reno overnight and then heading to Bridgeport for the wedding. After a second night in Reno, we all started for home. Martha's son Charlie and girlfriend Candace made the most of the time in the area after the wedding to check out Lake Tahoe.

Another part of our year was direct participation in protest events reacting to the fascist-leaning government we have now. The first on April 5th was the "Hands Off" political protest. On our way back from the wedding, we stopped in Truckee, CA, to see the Teeter cemetery plot of Martha's 3rd-great uncle, Sheriff Jake Teeter, who was killed in a shootout. If you ever get to Truckee, there's a Sheriff Jacob Teeter exhibit in the Old Jail (oldest in CA) on Jaboom St.

Well, the little town of Truckee was having its own "Hands Off" protest! So John joined the line of active protesters on the street. Later in the fall, Simone got a state job in Sacramento, and currently Ian and Simone are renting a house in east Davis (we live in west Davis.). It's good to be so close – a lot better than Simone's six-hour drive from Bodie!



In late April, John and I both crossed the country to our 400-acre farm in Mustoe, VA – John direct and Martha via Cape Cod and to visit her son Charlie DuRand in Florida. Simone went along, which was especially nice.

Martha was looking forward to seeing the native plants she had planted last year on a steep hillside (about 1200 sq ft). It was doing great! In late July and August, it was an intense highway attracting bees, wasps, and butterflies.

July was an exciting trip for the family to our beloved Teeter Land Trust family home on Cape Cod. We are here, L to R: Ian, Charlie, Martha, John, Simone and Charlie's girlfriend Candace Hudson.



incredible? Too soon it was time to say goodbye to the young ones. May we go there soon again.



Martha's niece, Erin, was also there. We sang, played games, shared cooking, enjoyed the beach and amazing sunsets together. Did we mention sunsets were



We were fortunate in September to ride on an excursion train powered by N&W class J #611.



John had photographed these steam trains in the late 1950s before they went out of service and was so glad to see at least some back in service. Here is John by the 611.

We participated in two other protests besides the Hands Off in Truckee. We went to No Kings in Staunton, VA, in August and to No Kings 2 in Davis in October. Each one was larger than the last.

John continues to fight against the chronic Lyme disease he contracted in 2018. With a new Lyme doctor, we are maintaining if not making some slow progress.

We are so glad to be together and to share our news with you. We wish you all the best for 2026! If you want to send us cards or letters by mail, our winter address is **2540 Bombadil Lane, Davis, CA 95616-2954**. From late April to October we're at **8562 Jackson River Road, Mustoe, VA 24465-2705**.



Martha Teeter and John Sweet