

# THE BARN BURNER



SAN RAMON HISTORIC FOUNDATION

Dedicated to the preservation of San Ramon's early farms and homesteads

## A Message From The Board

The San Ramon Historic Foundation had a very successful OKTOBERFEST on October 14, 2017. It was our fifth annual event to raise funds for our Ole 1850's Barn. We had large crowd with many new activities. It was held right after the devastating fires in Northern California, so we were concerned about the air quality. We were happy that families and friends came to the event and the weather and air quality were good! Thanks to our sponsors of this event: The City of San Ramon, Bishop Ranch, Claremont Homes, Diablo Motors, ATI Engineering and Petco! We appreciate your support so much!

Forest Home Farms is such an amazing historic park! As you enter the property on San Ramon Valley Blvd, brand new signs greet you at the entrance. These beautiful signs were provided by a capital improvement project (CIP) by the City of San Ramon. They seem to set the tone as you enter this relaxing and informative park. Everyone who visits or volunteers at this site comes back often as it is such a special place. It is wonderful to visit every Saturday from 11 to 2PM, as special events are held each week. In November, visitors learned about Indian corn, soap making using natural ingredients and making jam and bread! Everything is hands on learning!

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## Oktoberfest at Forest Home Farms a Success

The Oktoberfest held on Saturday, October 14 was packed with lots of activities and was a beautiful day to be outside enjoying Forest Home Farms.

Olympia Fields Brass Band and Golden Gate Bavarian Dancers provided German music that had everyone dancing and trying the polka. Children were entertained by playing Old Fashioned games that many of them never had encountered before.



Das Brewery owners not only provided excellent Oktoberfest beer, but came in costumes to match the occasion. Games were held to see who was the strongest by holding large steins filled with water - lots of fun to watch.

The sausages along with the potato salad were a big hit and hot dogs were even available. Guests could take a tour of the Glass House and wander through the tractor barn. To top it off, the "doxie" races were a big hit.

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*...and counting!*



## Continued Thanks to Our Community Partners



The San Ramon Historic Foundation would like to thank our community partners who have provided grant monies to help support our farm programs.

**The Dougherty Valley/ San Ramon Rotary Foundation** has generously provided funding for both of our Elementary School Education Programs. The first grant helped offset the cost of printing materials needed for 3rd grade activities, and the second has made the take-home packets for the 5th grade Glass House tours possible. Together these programs serve thousands of students in the Tri-Valley area.

**The San Ramon Valley Kiwanis Foundation** has graciously contributed funding for the many supplies needed to support the 3rd grade Education Program. Over 3,000 students participate in this program annually and the cost of materials continues to rise. This grant ensures that students will be able to enjoy the full complement of the farm's activities.

We want to extend our heartfelt appreciation to these organizations for their continued generosity, support and commitment to the farm and to all of those it serves. **Thank you!**



### ANNUAL CRAB FEED

**SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2018**

You won't want to miss the Annual Crab Feed at Dougherty Valley Community Center located at 17011 Bollinger Canyon Road in San Ramon. Delicious Crab and don't forget the magic cake auction. Enjoy the fun games and win some money. Tickets are only \$55 per person - Come join us and have lots of fun while enjoying your crab.

For more information, contact Carol Lopez Lucey at 925-785-3395 or cartom3247@att.net

## Board

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HOLIDAY on the FARM is held each year in December! This year it is on December 9, 2017 from 11 to 3PM. Everyone is invited to enjoy an old fashioned holiday gathering for the whole family! A Victorian Santa will be in attendance and real LIVE reindeer. Ornament making, Stuff a Bear to take home and other crafts are available. Inexpensive holiday decorations will be available to purchase and the Gift Shoppe will be open, offering unique gifts. Hot dogs and refreshments may be purchased, so you can spend the whole day—eating and having fun! The Glass House Museum will be open at 1PM for a \$5 fee and the Tractor Barn will be open for your enjoyment. We are looking forward to celebrating the Holidays with you on the Farm!

Thanks for being a member of the San Ramon Historic Foundation! We count on your membership each year as we are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and appreciate your membership dues and donations each year so we can keep operating! We are all volunteers who love the Farm and want it to survive and thrive for the community!

Happy Holidays!

Carol J. Rowley  
President of the Foundation Board



Prominent new signage provided by the City complements those posted in the spring from the National Register of Historic Places, and showcase the pride of our community for these treasured properties.

## Oktoberfest

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There were three races (3 doxies in each race) and then we crowned the winner. Sometimes they run to their owners very quickly and sometimes they wander around. Next year you must come to enjoy the festivities and end with watching these special little dogs give their best. You certainly will enjoy yourself.

We thank all the volunteers who helped make this day a success. From beginning to end we couldn't have done it without our many faithful volunteers. For sure, put this fun event on your calendar for October 2018. Watch the Barn Burner for the next Oktoberfest.



**Recent Photos of  
Old Barn Restoration**



## 2018 Membership Drive

The San Ramon Historic Foundation is commencing its 2018 membership drive. Soon all members will be receiving a letter describing our membership benefits and asking you to continue your financial support. This year the foundation has enclosed a redesigned envelope to help you direct your donation. Please complete it remembering to fill in your donation amount, or you may make your donation via PayPal at SRHF.org.

Many of our members have children, grandchildren or friends who have completed the third grade docent lead tour of the farm. Your dollars help support this important activity that benefits approximately two thousand local children each year. The membership donations also fund Sheep Shearing Day and help sponsor other events on the farm. Some of you have directed money to the Old Barn restoration which is progressing. Others have directed donations to honor the memory of a special person.

By committing to support this important historic site, you are supporting your whole community and will have the opportunity to meet other like-minded members at special events. As a member, your discount will continue at the gift shop where a variety of merchandise is available for the holidays.

The Foundation is counting on your continued support and as San Ramon grows, we hope you will encourage your friends and family to become members too.

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# COMING SOON!

## December

December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Holiday  
Wreath Making  
December 9<sup>th</sup> – Holiday on  
the Farm  
December 16<sup>th</sup> – Victorian  
Christmas Cards

Closed  
December 17, 2017 –  
January 9, 2018

## January

January 13<sup>th</sup> – Victorian Tea  
Time  
January 20<sup>th</sup> – Embroidery  
January 27<sup>th</sup> – Old Fashioned  
Games

## February

February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Fun with Felt  
February 10<sup>th</sup> – Victorian  
Valentines  
February 17<sup>th</sup> – Closed for  
President's Day holiday  
February 24<sup>th</sup> – Canning &  
Jam

For details about these events, see the SR Parks & Comm. Svcs. Activity Guide

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