



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 CRAB FEED on January 27, 2018! It was completely SOLD out! The crab had to be ordered the week before the event and we were very fortunate to be able to get ample for our huge crowd. Some events in the Bay Area had to be canceled because there was no crab left. SO mark your calendars NOW for the last weekend in January 2019 for our ANNUAL CRAB FEED. It is always so much fun and helps support our OLD 1850 Barn restoration.

Our next major event is **SHEEP SHEARING DAY at the FARM on Saturday, April 21, from 11AM to 3PM!** This is an annual event and last year we had over 1600 people attend this popular family outing. One of the highlights is watching Patsy Galati work her magic with her border collie, who herds sheep and keeps them in line so they can be sheared. Patsy has been at the Farm since 1998 and showcases her sheep and horses for the enjoyment of the entire San Ramon community. Field trips to learn about the sheep is a highlight for younger students. This two-hour program can be booked by calling 973-3284. On Sheep Shearing Day, all the events are covered with the entrance fee. (early bird = adults \$5 , kids \$3, under 3 years = free.) Other activities on Sheep Shearing Day include visits to the Tractor Museum and tours of the Glass House (which does have a fee). Visit www.srhf.org for more information & to purchase tickets.

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2018 Crab Feed Sold Out!



The San Ramon Historic Foundation had their annual crab feed on Saturday, January 27th.

We welcomed 220 guests and thankfully had enough delicious crab to serve everyone. Our opportunity games were a big hit and several guests were delighted with their prizes. The cake auction had wonderful cakes, cannoli, special cookies and brownies. Many guests shared their desserts with their friends.

This event could not be held without the help of all our board members, staff from the City of San Ramon, special ladies who helped with the cake auction, ladies who worked in the kitchen and the men who helped tend the bar. The Junior High Group from Saint Raymond Church were the servers and did an excellent job making sure all



guests were taken care of. The auctioneers were super! Dave Hudson again endured the freezing job of filling the pans with crab from the icy bins. We must never forget the support of our spouses who hauled items from the farm to

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**REMINDER: Mail your membership renewals to:
SRHF, PO Box 1, San Ramon, CA 94583**

Artisans will demonstrate the carding of sheep wool and spinning wool into yarn. Blacksmith and wood working skills will be displayed. Crafts, games and music will enliven this marvelous family event This is such a popular and fun event that families attend every year! Get your tickets early, but San Ramon Historic Foundation MEMBERS receive a reduced entrance fee on the day of the event!

Just a reminder that 2018 San Ramon Historic Membership renewals are due. The Farm needs your support more than ever! Membership dues are our primary source of income and we have to continually upgrade or restore the building on this Historic Site for the community to see and use. This was a promise that we made to Ruth Boone when she donated the 16 acre park to the city. The Foundation which is a 501(c)3 non-profit, appreciates the City of San Ramon, our sponsors , and our Foundation members for their continual support! Annual membership levels are \$50 per person or \$100 for a family (up to 6) Membership includes free docent led tours, a 10% discount on purchases at events in the Gift Shoppe at Forest Home Farms, quarterly Foundation newsletter (the Barn Burner) and discount on adult admission to select events. This spring we are having a MEMBERS only SPECIAL EVENT, so become a 2018 Member NOW and watch for your invitation.

Thanks for your support of San Ramon's Historic Park—Forest Home Farms!

Carol J. Rowley
President of the Foundation Board

Carol Lopez-Lucie 2018 CPRS Champion of the Community



We are proud to announce that our SRHF Board Secretary Carol Lopez-Lucie is being presented with the 2018 Champion of the Community award from the California Park and Recreation Society, both at a local level for Alameda and Contra Costa Counties and at the State level.

There are people in every community that seem to know everyone and be involved in everything. Carol Lopez-Lucey is one of those people. Carol is actively involved with the San Ramon Historic Foundation; The San Ramon Women's Club and has served as a San Ramon Parks Commissioner for the last 17 years. She has been instrumental in developing and naming over 30 parks. She is one of the original founding members of the Teen Job Fair committee and she has worked diligently with the Historic Foundation to provide over \$280,000 to restore the City's historic property. Congratulations, Carol. Thank you for your tireless commitment to serving our community.

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 each year.

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!**

!!WANTED!!

Volunteers to work in the Foundation's Gift Shoppe at Forest Home Farms Historic Park

The gift shop is only open on Saturdays from 11 am till 2 pm. You only need to volunteer one or two times a month. You will always be working with someone else. We will train you to use the cash register and credit card charges. You will meet so many people who have come to visit the Farm. You are the Ambassadors of the Farm and can provide the guests

It is so interesting hearing their stories. Call Pat Boom, 925-837-1048 or pboom@comcast.net to set up a date for training. It is really easy. The more volunteers we have the less you have to work. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Donations of Sturdy Bookcases

The Foundation needs to store financial records and minutes of Board meetings. Please contact Pat Boom, 925-837-1048 or pboom@comcast.net for arrangements for delivery to Forest Home Farms. Thanks so much.

Crab Feed

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Dougherty Station and back again to the farm. There are many friends who assisted in so many ways.

We appreciated the support of all the City Council members. As you know, all the monies raised from the crab feed go toward the restoration of the Old 1850 barn. We have made our first payment to the City and this calendar year we will make the two

final payments. The restoration is almost complete. So stay tuned for the special event for Members of the Foundation to see the completion of the restoration.

There are not enough words to express my thanks to everyone who helped make this crab feed a success and we appreciate all our guests who enjoyed their evening with us. Mark your calendars now for **January 26, 2019!!**

Carol Lopez Lucey, Chairman



In Memoriam



The SRHF family are saddened by the loss in December of a devoted Foundation member and friend. Sheila Truschke was introduced to Forest Home Farms by her husband, Paul, when he became a volunteer. Over the years, Sheila offered her talents in many areas of Farm activities. Her eye for design was ever present with the beautiful raffle baskets she assembled for the Victorian Teas. She spent countless hours working in the Gift Shoppe, but her passion was buying items to sell there. Her selections were always popular with visitors. She even enjoyed dressing in costume for Halloween to delight the school children.

After Paul's passing, Sheila joined the Foundation Board. A stickler for details, she kept the board in line, making sure they followed the by-laws. She worked with the web master on the Foundation's website and had begun to set up a "Go Fund Me" account to raise funds for the Old Barn restoration. Sheila loved Forest Home Farms. She will be deeply missed.



COMING SOON!

March

March 3 – Pinecone Craft
March 10 – Old Fashioned Dolls & Toys
March 17 – Wonderful Walnuts
March 24 – Easter on the Farm
March 31 – CLOSED for Easter

April

April 7 – Clothespin Dolls
April 14 – Geocache Scavenger Hunt
April 21 – Sheep Shearing Day
Visit www.srhf.org for more information & to purchase tickets
April 28 – Tin Punching

May

May 5 – Farm Chickens
May 12 – Mother's Day
May 19 – International Museum Day
May 26 – CLOSED for Memorial Day

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

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