



THE BARN BURNER



SAN RAMON HISTORIC FOUNDATION
 Dedicated to the preservation of San Ramon's early farms and homesteads

A Message From The Board

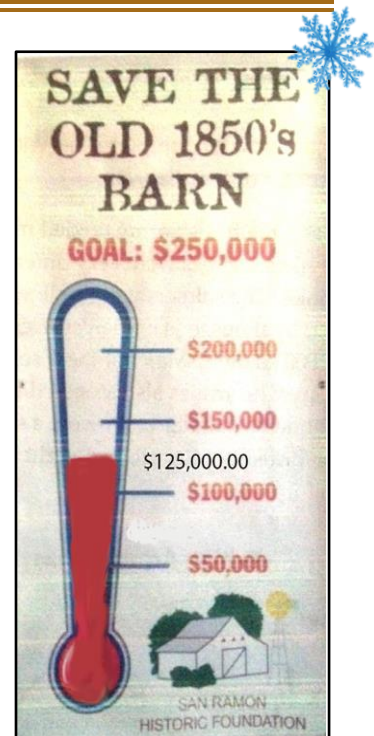
Oktoberfest 2018 was a wonderful success! The Doxie races were a big hit again this year. We found four great breweries to share their creations for our guests to sample. The band and the dancers provided lively entertainment.

Don't miss our next big event, Holiday on the Farm, Saturday, December 8. We're partnering with the City of San Ramon to bring holiday fun for our community. Come see live reindeer, a puppet show, enjoy a delicious cup of hot chocolate, and much more!

The Annual Crab Feed is set for January 26, 2019. Bring your appetite and enjoy pasta, bread and a feast of delicious crab!

A reminder that it's time again to renew your Foundation membership. Your support makes it possible to continue to offer the programs and events that enhance visitors' experience when they come to Forest Home Farms.

Carol J. Rowley
 President of the Foundation Board



San Ramon Historic's Annual Crab Feed



Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 26, 2019.

You won't want to miss the fun filled evening with fresh, cracked crab, pasta, salad and French bread. Our popular live cake auction will include some special games and perhaps some special baskets filled with goodies to bid on.



Location; Dougherty Station Community Center
17011 Bollinger Canyon Road, San Ramon
Social Hour 6:00 - 7:00 PM - Crab Dinner served at 7:00 P.M.
Price: Only \$55.00 adults. \$35.00 children under 10
Purchase tickets on line at srhf.org via Pay Pal

Or you may send a check payable to San Ramon Historic Foundation at 5811 Cattleya Way, San Ramon, CA 94582. There will be no tickets issued. Whether you pay via Pay Pal or check, at registration when you check in, your name will be on the list. **No tickets will be sold at the door.**

If you want to reserve a table of 10 or have questions, please contact Carol Lopez Lucey at 925-785-3395 or cartom3247@att.net

Come join us - we are one of the best crab feeds around.
(Yes - they make great Christmas gifts)



Tractor Restoration

Walt Sommer



Over the past year, the tractor guys have been busy with restoration of several tractors. These efforts required both cosmetic and mechanical repairs.

A Farmall Super C was brought to near "as-new" condition with extensive cleaning and painting. Mechanical repairs included the brakes, carburation and ignition systems. The Super C has now been shown in two parades.

A John Deere A (*pictured before & after*) received substantial cosmetic upgrades that involved extensive cleaning and metal repair. All four tires were replaced, after a large effort to repair the rims. A new carburation system was installed and the electrical system was upgraded. The tractor also received a new clutch.

A John Deere G was the subject of a complete engine overall. New piston rods as well as rod and crankshaft bearings were installed. Bearing lubrication lines were repaired. The carburation and electrical systems were upgraded. This tractor has performed in a parade with the Forest Home Farms trailer in tow.

After cleaning a very compromised fuel tank and adjusting the carburation system, a Case DC is now running well. This is among the largest wheel-type tractors in our collection.

We value our tractor volunteers, true masters at restoration of these vintage work horses.



Appreciation for Three Generous Grants



Many thanks!

The San Ramon Historic Foundation is grateful for three grants in 2018!

The **Kiwanis Club of San Ramon Valley** is funding an immersive, self-guided audio tour of the farm. Visitors can visit the kiosk near the Welcome Center and pick up a tour brochure explaining how to access an audio tour of the site via cell-phone. This project is an extension of our efforts to make the rich history of the San Ramon Valley accessible to people of all ages.

Formed in 1956, the **Kiwanis Club of San Ramon Valley** is a service organization dedicated to supporting the community through volunteerism and grants. For more information, visit www.srvkiwanis.org.

The **Dublin/San Ramon Women's Club** and the **Dougherty Valley/San Ramon Rotary Foundation** are helping give elementary school kids an interactive and memorable experience of early farm life. For the past 13 years, almost every 3rd grade student in the area has visited the farm and participate in hands-on activities to learn about local history and life in the San Ramon Valley during the late 1800s and early 1900s. The farm programs, serving approximately 3200 Tri-Valley students annually from both public and private schools, would not be possible without funding from these wonderful organizations dedicated to serving our community.

The **Dublin/San Ramon Women's Club** was founded in 1965 and has participated in many service projects over the years. its grant program began years ago in the spirit of its mission to support programs which benefit the youth, families and senior citizens of our community. For more information, visit www.dsrwomensclub.org.

The **Dougherty Valley/San Ramon Rotary Foundation's** mission is to raise money and make charitable contributions directed at youth and education within the San Ramon area and/or California, as well as causes which alleviate suffering in a time of crisis. For more information, visit www.dvsrrotaryfoundation.org.



Das Oktoberfest war Wunderbar!

For this year's festivities, the Foundation secured four breweries so all adults could sample different beers from a variety of local breweries. Das Brew, Morgan Territory, Altamont Brewery and Danville Brewery generated lots of enthusiasm and everyone had a great time. We received much praise for the delicious sausages and potato salad served at lunch. Attendees were entertained by the Olympic Fields Brass Band and Bavarian Dancers. Two charity leagues helped with the vintage games, assisted with the Doxie Races. Eight dachshunds competed in three races, a final race held to determine the champion of the Doxies. Everyone in the crowd cheered on the little dogs.

The tractor barn was open for all to enjoy the many tractors. The Glass House had special tours and the Gift Shoppe was open. With wonderful volunteers helping the Foundation, everyone enjoyed themselves for the day.

Special thanks to all those who assisted and made the day a success. Watch future Barn Burners for the date of Oktoberfest 2019!



the Golden Gate registration and with

P. A. Thorup Boot & Shoe Manufacturing Shop

Camille Thompson

Just north of Crow Canyon Road on the west side of San Ramon Valley Blvd., Thorup Lane leads into a small business park. The Thorup family, after whom the street was named, were among the handful of early settlers and business owners who helped shape San Ramon into the thriving community it is today.

According to *Historical Persons and Places...in San Ramon*, compiled by Valley historian, the late Virgie V. Jones, the Thorup family's roots in the city began with Peter Thorup's arrival in the United States in 1868. A native of Denmark, Peter fled his homeland to avoid the military draft during the country's war with Germany.

Thorup learned the shoemaker's trade in his native country, then honed his skills in Illinois, where he first settled upon arriving in the U.S. He opened P. A. Thorup Boot & Shoe Manufacturing Shop in San Ramon, specializing in custom made shoes for local residents. The sign that hung above the door of the shop for more than 50 years is on display at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley in Danville.



Thorup continued making shoes well into his later years. A 1925 profile of the shoemaker in a local newspaper stated, "Thorup is 75 years old, and still works daily in his shop. Orders from all points in North America are sent to him. From Mexico, Canada and Central America demands for hand-made boots are made upon the shoe maker."

Among the local families who can trace their roots to Peter and Anne Thorup are Kamp, Gompertz, Brear, Pons, and Morgan. A number of the Thorups' descendents still reside in the valley.

Thanks to Beverly Lane for generously providing transcripts of her interviews with Anita Thorup Kamp, to Lois Kamp Gompertz for her personal recollections, and to the volunteer staff at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley.

COMING SOON!

December

Dec 8 – Holiday on the Farm
Dec 15 – Victorian Christmas Card making
Dec 22 – Closed
Dec 29 – Closed

January

Jan 12 – Victorian Tea & craft
Jan 19 – Fun with Felt
Jan 26 – Jam & Butter

February

Feb 2 – Old Fashioned Dolls & Toys
Feb 9 – Victorian Valentines
Feb 16 – Closed-President’s Day
Feb 23 – Old Fashioned Games

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

Follow Us



WEB: <http://www.srhf.org>



FACEBOOK: San Ramon Historic Foundation



TWITTER: @srhforg



EMAIL: sanramonhf@gmail.com



President: Carol Rowley
Vice President: Shirley Ernest
Secretary: Carol Lopez-Lucey
Treasurer: Mary Wohlers
Pat Boom
Robert Downum
Rene Kullick
Newsletter: Camille Thompson

Physical Address
19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd.
San Ramon, CA 94583
925.973.3284
Mailing Address:
SRHF
P.O. Box 1
San Ramon, CA 94583