



THE BARN BURNER



SAN RAMON HISTORIC FOUNDATION

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

A Message From The Board

Thank you to all our San Ramon Historic Foundation members who renew their membership every year. Your membership dues and attendance at our events allow us to complete our projects at the Farm! All membership dues go directly into a fund to complete projects that year!

Thanks to all the dues and attendance at events sponsored by the San Ramon Historic Foundation, we have now completed the Ole 1850s Barn, which was built 10 years before Abraham Lincoln became President. This project took a long time as all materials used to restore the Barn had to be from the same period as the Barn.

Now that the Ole 1850s barn is completed, it is being used as a museum and staging area for the third grade school program visitation. It is very popular and enhances our farm program for our community! Please come to visit and see your membership dues at work! A visit is like stepping back in time and everyone

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Saturday
April 27th
2019
11:00 AM - TO - 3:00 PM

SHEEP SHEARING DAY

<p>Includes Glass House Tours(\$), Music, Crafts, Tractor Museum, Sheep Shearing, Wool Spinning, Sheep Dog Demonstration, Food(\$), Tractor Rides(\$), and MORE!</p>	<p>Entrance Fee Early Bird Online SRHF.org/events Adults \$7 Kids \$3</p>
<p>Location Forest Home Farms Historic Park 1995 San Ramon Valley Blvd San Ramon, CA</p>	<p>After April 14th Adults \$10 Kids \$5 Children 3 and under free</p>

SPONSORS





Foundation members receive Early Bird price the day of event.
Please leave dogs at home.

Festive Holiday on the Farm

Jessica Reaber



Over 1200 people enjoyed the ever popular Holiday on the Farm event on Saturday, December 8 from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Attendees enjoyed meeting our Victorian Santa and taking a selfie with his (live!) reindeer. *Olympia Fields* was on hand to play traditional Christmas music and members of the San Ramon Community Chorus sang carols in traditional Victorian attire. Inside the Boone House, visitors warmed up with hot chocolate, cookie decorating and holiday crafts which became a very popular aspect of the event! A veritable cornucopia of antique ornaments were also available for purchase from the San Ramon Historic Foundation.

Of course, it wouldn't be Holiday on the Farm without tractor rides provided by the outstanding tractor volunteers. Visitors of all ages are captivated by the opportunity to participate in these activities that were once a way of life in the San Ramon Valley, and young spectators lined the fence to watch the sheep herding demonstration by resident sheepdogs. In addition to the day's festivities, attendees were able to tour the Glass House, which was decorated in Victorian holiday fashion. The buzz of excitement during this annual celebration confirms that Forest Home Farms is an important touchstone for people to engage with the history of the valley and the community of the present.



Shirley Ernest

2019 CPRS Champion of the Community



The City of San Ramon is proud to announce that our San Ramon Historic Foundation Board Vice President Shirley Ernest is being presented with the 2019 State of California Park and Recreation Society award for Champion of the Community and District III Outstanding Volunteer.

Shirley serves as the Vice-President for the San Ramon Historic Foundation and is an integral part in the organization of the annual Oktoberfest and Crab Feed, both of which are very large endeavors where one hundred percent of the proceeds go back into supporting the City's Historic property. In addition, Shirley has been active with the Senior Center for over twenty years. She has served on the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee for many years, helped plan and execute events throughout the years, and conducted nutrition presentations as a registered nurse. She has also been an active performing arts usher at the two theatres in San Ramon for the past ten years. For the past seven years she has joined with other community members to solicit donations of school supplies for local elementary students.

Shirley is a true Champion of the Community and is willing to help in any way possible. Shirley has greatly influenced areas from the Senior Center, to Historic properties, to the Performing Arts Center, and beyond. Thank you Shirley for all your hard work and your exceptional commitment to the community!

REMINDER:

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

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benefits from the experience. Your dues are now at work helping us complete the Sheep Barn. We hope this barn will be completed prior to Sheep Shearing Day on April 27, 2019. Another benefit of yearly dues is that all members get free docent tours, 10% discount on purchases at the Foundation Gift Shop and events at the Farm. Individual dues are \$50 and family dues are \$100 for up to six family members. We also have a Foundation Donor Board in the Welcome Center with the name of members who have donated from \$1,000 to \$4,999. For more information on membership, benefits, and pledging please see our website SRHF. Org.

Thanks for being a yearly member of the San Ramon Historic Foundation! We are dedicated to preserving and sharing the agricultural history and pioneer life in the San Ramon Valley . Please join us!

Carol J. Rowley, Foundation Board President

Continued Thanks to Our Community Partners



The San Ramon Historic Foundation extends its gratitude for these generous grants.

The **Kiwanis Club of San Ramon Valley** funded an immersive, self-guided audio tour of the farm which was launched for use in 2019. 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** helped give elementary school kids an interactive and memorable experience of early farm life. For the past 14 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.

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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.

Ole Barn Becomes New Start for Third Grade Field Trip

Suzy McCreary



In Fall 2018, the schedule for the third grade Farm Life field trip program was modified to incorporate the 1850s barn. To highlight this "new" addition to the farm, the field trip now begins inside the barn. Starting in the 1850s barn sets the scene for what the students will be learning and experiencing during their time on the farm. When the students arrive they are led across the farm property, around the side of the barn, and as they walk into the barn there is an excited chorus of ooohs and aaahs! They are instantly transported back in time! The expressions on their faces reflect the magical moment they are experiencing. The field trip begins with "Grandpa" explaining about the first people to live on this land, the Bay Miwok and Ohlone. The students then learn about the Russells and how the barn was constructed in 1850. Grandpa emphasizes how the barn was built by hand. He

points out the hand-hewn wood and the ax marks on the beams. He uses two wooden boards and a dowel to demonstrate mortise and tenon engineering used to connect the supporting beams of the barn. Then he points his flashlight at examples of the mortise and tenon in the barn structure.

Using the 1850s barn to start the field trip has greatly improved the experience for the students. Being able to bring the participants back in time and to facilitate an understanding of life in the San Ramon Valley long ago is the whole purpose of the field trip. The experience in the 1850s barn plays a pivotal role in telling the story.

Crab Feed Takes the Cake

Another great crab feed! Everyone commented the crab was exceptional! I'm sorry if you were unable to attend. We had a lot of fun.

The Danville and San Ramon Charity Leagues helped set up for the event and worked in the kitchen preparing the salads, pasta and bread. They were such a help. Our servers from Saint Raymond's Church were delightful and gave outstanding service.

This year, we had three wonderful new helpers, Cheryl, Suzanne and Judy. We had signs showing where things were located and Cheryl made a program for all, and of course, she made this outstanding cake. It was a large sheep and if you got a taste of it - it was delicious. Noland's Bakery provided the cake pictured here. It was precious also. We limited our special



cakes for the live auction and brownies and small delightful items were placed on the silent auction table. The magnificent three again handled that as well as the live cake auction.

One of our members, Don secured the wine for us. Danville Brewery set the bar up and our bartenders just had to tend bar. Wow - that was a big plus. We sold tickets for 12 bottles of very special wine for a prize. We also had our regular opportunity drawing. Of course, Barbara and Dave prepared the crab to serve. Pasta was provided by the Marriott. I couldn't forget the fabulous auctioneers, Jeff and Terry. Hats off to our members and our volunteers. It took the team to be successful. Thanks to everyone.

Be sure to place January 25, 2020 on your calendar. You won't want to miss it.

This event takes every member working and asking people to attend. We were down a couple of tables, but it was lots of fun and it was successful. Now we have some money to continue repairing the sheep barn.

Carol Lopez Lucey, Crab Feed Chairman

COMING SOON!

March

March 2 – Embroidery

March 9 – Keep Moooving

March 16 – Canning & Jam

March 23 – Tin Punching

**March 30 – Wonderful
Walnuts**

April

April 6 – Leather Crafting

April 13 – Soap Making

April 20 – Easter on the Farm

April 27 – Sheep Shearing Day

Visit www.srhf.org for more
information & to purchase
tickets

May

May 4 – May Day Traditions

May 11 – Thinking of Mom

**May 18 – International
Museum Day**

**May 25 – CLOSED for
Memorial Day**

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

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