



THE BARN BURNER



SAN RAMON HISTORIC FOUNDATION

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

Camille Thompson-Editor

A Message From The Board



Spring is here, all the flowers are blooming and the sheep at Forest Home Farms are happy! Patsy and her crew of shearers were busy shearing all the sheep on April 22, 2021. Since that day several baby lambs have been born. The Farm is open every day for family or small groups wearing masks and practicing social distancing. The staff and animals enjoy seeing visitors, so take an excursion to The Farm and take in the magic of nature.

During the pandemic, all the big events were canceled at The Farm. But—we are very excited to tell you that we are planning our first MAJOR event since the start of COVID-19. OKTOBERFEST is coming back in full force on Saturday, October 2, 2021. The Board meets every month with City staff via Zoom in order to keep up with the property's ongoing needs. Now we are actively planning for this annual fall event. The planning

committee is organizing the food, wine and beer venues. The Olympic Fields Brass Band will be playing favorite polkas throughout the day. Many other activities are being planned for your pleasure, so mark your calendars NOW! We are also looking for SPONSORS for OKTOBERFEST, so don't be shy.

Our membership drive was very successful, but it is not too late to become a member of the Foundation and support The Farm. Individual membership is \$50, and a family membership is \$100. **Donations and yearly membership dues may be sent to: SRHF, P.O. Box 1, San Ramon, CA 94583.** Your membership and donations help the Foundation and the City maintain the buildings and property at The Farm.

Thank you for supporting our Historic Park!

Carol J. Rowley
President, San Ramon Historic Foundation Board

Shoppe Talk...

Jill Mallory, Gift Shoppe Manager



Spring is a season of new beginnings when the sights, smells and sounds of The Farm come alive. We're slowly returning to normalcy, and we are excited about taking on the challenge of re-opening and running The Gift Shoppe. Many thanks to Renee Beck, Barbara Horikoshi and Nancy Faria for volunteering their time and talents and, of course, to Pat Boom for paving the way.

Hours of hard work will be required before the shop can re-open to the public. We're seeking volunteers to staff the shop on Saturdays. Interested? If so, please contact Renee Beck at rbeck53@att.net. Your commitment is minimal, and a rewarding way to support your community.

In the meantime, think outside the box and send us any suggestions/recommendations you may have. For starters, we look to narrow our merchandise focus, develop a robust promotions calendar, hold exclusive events for Foundation Members, and investigate alternative ways to sell our inventory - Pop Up Shop(s), on-line presence, Farmer's Market booth...

We've only just begun and look forward to your support!

Proud Winners of the Lamb-Naming Contest

Congratulations to the winners of the Lamb-Naming contest! Below are pictures of the winners with the lambs they named. Six lambs have been born so far. The last two will be named soon.



Sarah Fiveash, holding Piper, the first lamb born this season.



Camille Thompson with Jackson and his mom, standing close by.



Franette Armstrong, cuddling Jivey, the ram twin.



Melissa Thompson with Purl, the ewe twin, under the watchful of her mother.

Gratitude for Local Support

The San Ramon Historic Foundation thanks the **Kiwanis Club of San Ramon Valley** for their help in 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, especially during these times when social distancing is required. The mobile app makes it easy for visitors to learn about the site at their convenience, safely.

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.

Farm Property Maintenance Work Continues

The Foundation has funded many projects at The Farm, thanks to your event attendance and membership dues. The Glass House is being pressure washed and cleaned. Then the windows will be fixed and the house will be primed before the final coats of fresh paint are applied to the outside of the building.

The Meat Locker entrance is currently being updated. A tree whose roots had begun lifting the foundation was removed. The overhang has been leveled and the porch will be poured next. Then it will be painted and prepared for easy access by our many visitors.

The lighting in the Ole 1850's Barn has been installed to focus on the many interesting displays within the inside of the barn.

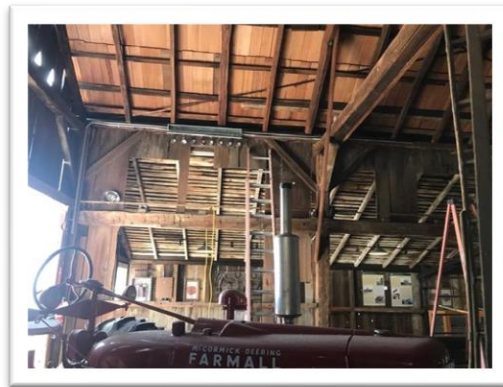
Work continues all around The Farm.



Glass House prepared for exterior maintenance.



Meat Locker overhang and porch.



Ole Barn lighting installation.



Ole Barn lighting control panel.

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Visit www.srhf.org to find out about more activities and events at The Farm, located at 19953 San Ramon Valley Boulevard, San Ramon. Family groups visit every day and enjoy the rural farm atmosphere. Look at San Ramon Parks and Community Services Summer 2021 GUIDE for more information on:

Forest Home Farms Historic Park and Glass House Museum
Farm Exploration Kits

FUN ON THE FARM SATURDAYS!

*We are happy to resume hosting in-person activities.
Participation is limited. Visit the website below for information on how to reserve your place.*

June

June 5 – Take me out to the
Ball Game
June 12 – Summer Blooms
June 19 – Keeping Cool
June 26 – City Chicks

July

July 3 – Closed for 4th of July
July 10 – Clothespin Dolls
July 17 – Through the Garden
Gate
July 24 – Harnessing the Wind
July 31 – Old Fashioned Toys
& Games

August

Aug 7 – Outstanding Oaks
Aug 14 – Era of the Iron
Horse
Aug 21 – Quilting
Aug 28 – Hello? Operator?

http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/our_city/departments_and_divisions/parks_community_services

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