



THE BARN BURNER



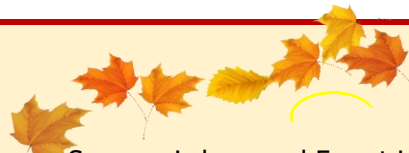
SAN RAMON HISTORIC FOUNDATION

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

Camille Thompson-Editor

FOREST HOME FARMS HISTORIC PARK, located at 19953 San Ramon Valley Boulevard, San Ramon, is the current focus of the San Ramon Historic Foundation's efforts. The property was bequeathed to the City of San Ramon in the 1990s by its owner, Ruth Quayle Boone, with the understanding that it become a City Park.

It is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10am to 4pm, closed Sunday and Monday. Family groups are welcome to come and enjoy the rural farm atmosphere. Visit www.srhf.org to learn about activities and events at The Farm. More information, including tours and Farm Exploration Kits, may be found in the **SAN RAMON PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES GUIDE**.



A Message From The Board

Summer is here and Forest Home Farms is open for families or small groups, wearing masks and practicing social distancing. The Farm is alive with blooming plants, and the staff and animals are so glad to see visitors. School tours are being booked and the docents are ready for the Fall programs.

During the Pandemic, all the large events at the farm were canceled. We are excited to tell you that our OKTOBERFEST will be held on Saturday, October 2nd. Hours are from 11:00am to 3:00pm. It will be out in the open, but all participants must wear masks. We are following Contra Costa County guidelines, so everyone will be safe and have FUN!

A few of the events planned are:

- Olympia Fields Brass Band will be playing
- Golden Gate Bavarian Dancers will be giving lessons
- Sheep Herding demonstrations and much more
- The Tractor Barn will be open
- The Glass House will be open for tours

There will be beer and wine tasting for adults only. The cost is \$30 for adults, if purchased prior to 9/25/21, and \$35 after that date. Cost includes a pilsner beer glass

or wine glass, four beer or wine tickets and a German lunch.

The cost is \$15 for ages 13-20, and \$10 for ages 6 to 12, which includes a drink and lunch. Children under 6 are FREE!



The featured winery is Peos Estate from Western Australia and their outstanding 2020 Chardonnay. Other wines being served are 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon from Will Domaine Mystic Springs in Margaret River, Australia, and 2020 Rosé from Lago Cerqueira winery in DOC Portugal.

We are still seeking Dachshund dogs, so we can continue with this popular event! No dogs means we have to eliminate the dog racing event! Please help!

Looking forward to seeing YOU and YOUR Family and Friends at the Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 2nd at Forest Home Farms. ALL funds raised support renovation of the BOONE HOUSE!

Carol J. Rowley
President of the Board



Local Breweries at Oktoberfest on Oct. 2

We hope you will join us for the San Ramon Historic Foundation's Oktoberfest to be held on Saturday, October 2, 2021. You will have the opportunity to taste beer from five local breweries. They are: Altamont Brewery, Canyon Lakes Golf Brew, Morgan's Territory, Danville Brewery, and Das Brewery. They **(See Breweries pg. 2)**

Breweries

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will have special brews just for your tasting, and perhaps a contest showing who is the strongest holding a stein filled with water. In addition, you can take home a souvenir pilsner beer glass.

If you don't want to taste the great brews, sample some fine wine with a special souvenir glass. In addition to the German food, you can purchase apple strudel or Iron Horse Kettle Korn for munching. With all the activities planned, you won't want to miss this fun-filled day.

We wish to thank **Chevron Corporation** for their sponsorship for this event. Tickets go on sale September 1st. Visit our website. www.srhf.org. We look forward to seeing you at Oktoberfest. Come join us!!



Carol Lopez Lucey, Secretary of the Board

Meet The Paw Patrol

Jill Mallory, Gift Shoppe Manager

Thank you **Tap** (16 yrs.), **Brooke** (11 yrs.), **Hope** (8 yrs.) and **Sam** (8 mos.) for taking time away from work to take this interview.

Who is your supervisor? Where do you live when not at The Farm?

Tap: "Patsy is our devoted leader, she provides us with the physical activity and mental stimulation we need to thrive. We board in Alamo at her lovely home."

Where and how did you learn your trade?

Tap: "Border Collies are blessed with quick learning skills but must admit we can be strong-willed. Training begins early with establishing a routine and adhering to house rules. From there, it's on to basic skills & commands. Patsy is so patient and kind, we aim to please her whenever possible. We are famous for using "the eye" to intimidate and that takes a while to perfect."

What's a typical work day look like? Do you have a favorite sheep or lamb - any trouble makers?

Brooke: "We're early risers and immediately after breakfast (Sam BTW inhales his food) we start vying to be the Pick of the Day. All of us hesitate to step outside in case Patsy forgets to choose one of us! Once at The Farm, the ducks are herded first, followed by the lambs and sheep. We've got more than a few troublemakers – need I remind you that any ewe with a lamb is very protective. JoJo is a handful and Delilah is so gosh darn slow. Everyone loves Marshall – he's a crack-up, LOL!"

What do you like to do in your down time (hobbies, special toys and treats)?

Hope: "After work we run outside to play group fetch. It's a game we invented where all of us race after the tossed object; mind you we always let Tap (our lead dog) bring it in."

Sam: "I could play forever, and anything is a potential toy – water sports are so cool, nothing like a good game of water dish hockey."

Brooke: "We are ready to call it a day @ 9:45 p.m. and love our biscuit before bedtime."

Where were you born and are you all related? If so how?

Tap: "Born in Alamo in Patsy's son's closet. According to Ancestry.com our ancestors are from Wales."

Brooke: "Hope and I were born in Livermore and are half sisters, as with most sisters we have issues from time to time."

Sam: "I was born in Tehachapi and faintly remember when I was 8 weeks old a LONG car ride with Patsy to join the pack."

Who is the leader of the pack or alpha dog?

Tap: "Well currently three of us are alpha dogs but it won't be long until Sam joins us. I'm semi-retired but still enjoy putting in a good day at the office (aka The Farm). I've made it clear to Patsy that I don't herd ducks."

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The Paw Patrol, clockwise, starting at bottom center: Tap-16 years old, Hope-8 years old, Sam-7 months old, Brooke-11 years old.

Paw Patrol

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Wow, you are ranked as the "Most Intelligent Breed!" What other characteristics set you apart from other dogs?

Hope: "Hmm, the Poodle might nudge us out of first place. BTW we have a den mate that's a Poodle and she's pretty sharp. However, no other breed I'm proud to say has our work ethic and herding instinct."

Have you ever competed?

Tap: "My mother DeeDee was quite the competitor, both of us traveled to Whidbey Island where Mom received a medal. All of the pack 'cept Sam have attended many sheep herding demos throughout California and beyond. Nothing like showing off our skills – quite the thrill!"

I'll let you get back to the job at paw. It's been a delight spending the afternoon with you four."

Sam: "Don't forget to check out the plush Border Collies at The Gift Shoppe, almost as good as the real thing – me!"



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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 Fall 2021 GUIDE for more information on:

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

FUN ON THE FARM SATURDAYS!

Visit the website below for information on how to reserve your place.

September

Sept 4 – CLOSED-Labor Day
Sept 11 – Working Wool
Sept 18 – Compost Day
Sept 25 – School Days Gone By

October

Oct 2 – Oktoberfest
Oct 9 – Bubble Fun
Oct 16 – Tractor Day
Oct 23 – Fun with Felt
Oct 30 – Trick or Treat

November

**Nov 6 – Old Fashioned
Lawn Games**
Nov 13 – Soap Making
Nov 20 – Bread & Jam
**Nov 27 – CLOSED
Thanksgiving**

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

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