



THE BARN BURNER



SAN RAMON HISTORIC FOUNDATION

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

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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

Happy Fall Greetings from the San Ramon Historic Foundation Board. Our 8th Annual Oktoberfest was a huge success! We had over 800 participants. This was the Foundation's first BIG event since the beginning of COVID. Everyone wore masks and were happy to be celebrating a beautiful sunny day at our historic park. Five breweries and two wineries were pouring their finest beverages. A delicious lunch was served and the Olympic Fields Brass Band filled the air with upbeat polka music! Apple strudel and caramel popcorn was sold, and the Golden Gate Bavarian dancers encouraged everyone to dance.

Thank you to our Sponsors: The City of San Ramon, Chevron and Sunset Development Company for being our faithful sponsors. All money raised at our events go directly toward updating the 16-acre Historic Park.

Don't miss the City of San Ramon's Holiday on the Farm December 11. Be sure to stop by the Foundation booth for coffee, hot cider, and hot chocolate on sale. Cookies and doughnuts to enjoy with

the holiday beverages will also be available. Browse the Gift Shoppe for unique, holiday items.

Holiday on the Farm
Saturday, December 11th

Annual Crab Feed
Friday, January 28th

Membership letters will be mailed in December! We encourage all new members and continuing members to send in their annual dues. Your generous support allows the Foundation to continue all the Farm's programs for our students, families and community members! Thousands of students and families learn about farming and life on the farm in the 1900's because of your annual membership dues and donations which support these programs!

Carol J. Rowley
Board President

Oktoberfest Success

Our first major event since before COVID, Oktoberfest drew over 800 visitors! Everyone enjoyed the festivities – music by the Olympic Fields Brass Band, and performances by the Golden Gate Bavarian dancers. The doxie races were a big hit, too.

First Race of 3 doxies - winner was Finch Owners: Dusty Anderson & Steve Taylor

Second Race of 3 doxies - winner was Elphie Owner: Alex Sandoval

Third Race of 2 doxies - winner was Rosie Owner: Maria Zabel Velozo
The Champion was Elphie.

Thank you to all the doxies and their owners for participating.



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Doxies on the run!

Farmer Recognition Award



This past August, California Ambassador of the National Society Descendants of American Farmers (NSDOAF), Sue Fitzpatrick, presented the NSDOAF Farmer Recognition Certificate to Forest Home Farms Historic Park in honor of Travis Boone. Colleen Vitalis accepted the award on behalf of the City of San Ramon.

The NSDOAF is dedicated to recognizing and honoring the work of American farmers. Forest Home Farms has been featured on the society's Facebook page and will be added to their website under "Farm Museums". The city is honored to receive this award and grateful to the support of the Foundation which makes it possible for us to preserve this great historic park and provide educational opportunities to the public.

Oh, BY Gosh, By Golly...

The holiday season is quickly approaching and many of us are making our lists and checking them twice as we plan for holiday shopping and family celebrations. Last year, we learned to be flexible and altered the ways we shopped, gathered and entertained. As we continue to adapt, our gift giving and celebrations remain impacted - from supply chain disruptions and delivery delays around the country, to the age-old question of what to get for everyone on our list.

Savvy shoppers are making purchases early to stay ahead of potential delays and shortages. Alleviate your fears about out-of-stock items and lengthy shipping estimates by visiting The Gift Shoppe – your one stop shop for all things farm related.



Our team of volunteers has been hard at work adding festive touches to the shop. This year's holiday season is fast approaching, but with some planning and preparation, it can be an enjoyable one filled with the City of San Ramon Family Fun at the Farm sessions, and treasured memories.

Looking for stocking stuffers, we've got it covered! How about a special ornament to add to your collection? Our recipe booklets make wonderful hostess gifts and if you enjoy a family activity what about holiday or farm themed puzzles? Consider one of The Farm's plush animals; sheep, lambs, border collies, chickens, ducks, owls, bunnies ... and let's not forget tractors!

This year enjoy hands-on shopping and the satisfaction of knowing you're supporting Forest Home Farms.

See you @ The Gift Shoppe!

Annual Membership Drive

Are you ready to continue to make a difference? Becoming a member of the San Ramon Historic Foundation is a great way to stay connected with our region's rich past. Choose your membership level below and help us maintain our facilities for generations to come.

Hurry, the deadline is December 31, 2021!

All memberships include 10% discount on purchases at the Forest Home Farms Gift Shoppe and a Quarterly Foundation Newsletter mailed to your home.

Membership Levels Include:

~**General:** \$50.00 per person.

~**Ranch Hand:** \$100 per family (up to 6).

~**Pioneer:** \$1,000 - \$4,999. Includes all benefits above and recognition on the Foundation's donor board in the Welcome Center.

~**Life:** \$5000. Includes all benefits above and recognition on the Foundation's donor board in the Welcome Center.

~**The 1600 Club:** \$1,600. The Forest Home Farms Park is made up of 16 acres. We invite you to make a donation of \$100 per acre, for a total of \$1,600. Your money will be used to fund improvements on the Boone side of the park.

~**The 1877 Club:** \$1,877. David and Eliza Glass built their white Italianate house in 1877. A donation of \$1,877 will support the programs at the Glass House which represents the period the Glass family lived in the house (1877 - 1931). It also serves as a tribute to the many pioneer families in the area.

San Ramon Historic Foundation is a 501(c) (3) non-profit. Memberships are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Two simple ways to renew:

1. send your check to San Ramon Historic Foundation, at SRHF, P.O. Box 1, San Ramon, CA 94583

OR

2. visit our website - www.SRHF.org, and use PayPal

For more information on membership, benefits, and pledging, please visit our website, SRHF.org.

Thank you for helping us preserve the history and life of pioneers in the San Ramon Valley.



Don't miss this fun filled evening with fresh cracked crab, pasta, salad and French bread. The lively cake auction is always a hit!

Visit www.srhf.org to learn 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

How to Reach Us

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FUN ON THE FARM SATURDAYS!

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

December

Dec 4 – Holiday Wreath Making
Dec 11 – Holiday on the Farm
Dec 18 – Victorian Christmas Cards

January

Jan 8 – Barn Owls
Jan 15 – Embroidery
Jan 22 – Calling Cards
Jan 29 – Snowflakes

February

Feb 5 – Groundhog’s Day
Feb 12 – Victorian Valentine Cards
Feb 19– Weaving
Feb 26 – Cows

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

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