



# 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, Forest Home Farms 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](http://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, at [www.sanramon.ca.gov](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov).



## **A Message from The Board**



The San Ramon Historic Foundation has been meeting via Zoom during COVID. Now we are meeting at the Community Center with masks. It is so great to meet in person again. We have been planning events to promote attendance at the Farm and having a good time doing it. We try to make the events affordable, while supporting the upkeep and renovations at the Farm.

Holiday on the Farm was fun for the whole family! Attendance was great and the weather was perfect. We sold hot chocolate and coffee and had many delicious treats to taste. Carolers strolled the grounds, and Santa was in rare form. Holiday decorations were sold and crafts were created. On top of that, we had the Olympic Fields Brass Band playing Holiday music. Everyone was in the Holiday spirit!

Our Annual Crab feed was an amazing event. With COVID concerns, we followed CDC guidelines, and everyone was checked for vaccination updates. The Historic Foundation Board, the Parks and Community Staff, and many other volunteers made the event flow perfectly. The cake auction and silent auction were enthusiastically embraced! And the CRAB was fresh, sweet and the best ever!

Our next event is Sheep Shearing on Saturday, April 23, 2022. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Don't miss this fun day!

Carol J. Rowley  
Board President

## **Third Grade Educational Program**

*Jessica Reaber, Recreation Coordinator*

The staff at Forest Home Farms are ramping up for a very busy spring semester. Over 30 third-grade classes are registered to attend the Farm Life Educational Program. Trained docents teach at various stations where students learn about inventions of the early 1900s that were used in daily life. Students can try hands-on activities such as using old-fashioned hand tools, juicing, sewing, and turning compost.

A special thanks is due to the dedicated docents who make this program possible. This award-winning educational program is in alignment with the curriculum and teaching standards of the San Ramon Valley Unified School District and is always enjoyed by students and teachers alike. Everyone from City staff to schoolteachers are thrilled to have these field trips back in-person!

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a docent and bringing history to life at Forest Home Farms, please email [jreaber@sanramon.ca.gov](mailto:jreaber@sanramon.ca.gov).

## Successful Crab Feed 2022

*Carol Lopez-Lucey, Board Secretary*

The Crab Feed, held on January 28<sup>th</sup>, was quite successful. Attendance was limited to 150 people so tables could be spaced apart. The silent auction offered event tickets, gift cards, and much more. Awards included a 50/50, 2<sup>nd</sup> place of \$200, and 1<sup>st</sup> place of \$300. Steve Cox, our MC, did an outstanding job announcing our event. Jeff Eorio served as cake auctioneer, and what great cakes we had. Some winners even shared their wealth. Everyone had a good time.

The servers, from the San Ramon and Danville Charity Leagues, did a spectacular job. Credit goes to Mayor Hudson, who loaded the pans with all that delicious crab. The kitchen staff was just wonderful. A big shout out to Cali Crab, at the wharf at 5:00 a.m. for fresh crab, delivered to us at 2:30 p.m. Be sure to visit their booth at the San Ramon Farmers Market.

There is no way I can ever thank everyone enough for all your hard work. It was more difficult this year. But it turned out great, and we look forward to our next one in 2023. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED!



*Many thanks to our Crab Feed helpers*



*Mayor Dave Hudson (seated) and friends*



*Crab Cake?*



## Spring Membership News

*Julia Oseland, Membership*

The San Ramon Historic Foundation membership team is proud to announce that we have added 16 brand new members in 2022! Welcome! A huge thank you also goes out to all of our loyal, returning members who have renewed their membership for 2022 during our December 2021 renewal drive! We value all our SRHF members, and appreciate everyone's continued support. All membership contributions provide the necessary support for the Foundation's education programs at the Farm and the Glass House and help with the ongoing restoration work of the Forest Home Farms Historic Park. **If you are behind in renewing, please visit** our website – [www.SRHF.org](http://www.SRHF.org) (Support/Membership) and renew using PayPal or feel free to mail a check directly to us at: **San Ramon Historic Foundation, PO Box 1, San Ramon, CA 94583.**

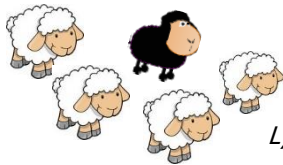
Thinking of volunteering? We have a lot of fun events coming up and we can always use more hands. If you would like to get involved, or if you have questions about your SRHF membership, feel free to reach out via [sanramonHF@gmail.com](mailto:sanramonHF@gmail.com), and state "Membership" in the email subject line. Someone from the SRHF Membership committee will get back to you.

Don't forget, your membership includes 10% discounts at the Gift Shoppe and this quarterly Foundation Newsletter mailed directly to you. Plus, we will be adding some "members only" fun events this summer – stay tuned for more details in the summer edition of the Barn Burner.

We can't do any of this without you. Your generous membership donations help to keep the history of our valley alive for future generations. Thank you ALL for your support and membership. This quote from one of our newest members pretty much sums it up:

*"The Farm has such a rich history that our community should learn about, celebrate and cherish. I am so pleased to be a part of the Foundation and look forward to fostering the awareness and value of the Farm." ---Sandy Silva, New Member and Board Member*

Thank you, Sandy! We couldn't agree more.



## Sheep Shearing Day

*Lynette Gerber, Sheep Shearing Event Coordinator*

Sheep Shearing Day is back at Forest Home Farms! It is scheduled for Saturday, April 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Lots of fun activities for young and old alike! The main event is the Sheep Shearing demonstration. Watch the master shearers in action. Take a tour of the historic David Glass House, enjoy Story Time with the kids, visit the Tractor Museum, and take a Tractor Ride. Watch sheep dog demonstrations, and wool spinning. Grab a bite to eat at the food booths. The Olympic Fields Brass Band will keep the atmosphere upbeat with their wonderful music.

Cost: Adults \$8; Kids \$4. Take advantage of Early Bird pricing online at [SRHF.org/events](http://SRHF.org/events). After April 10<sup>th</sup> costs increase: Adults \$10 and Kids \$5. Foundation members receive Early Bird prices up to the day of the event! It pays to be a member of the Foundation. Your membership supports the upkeep of the grounds and structures at the Farm.

Don't miss the fun family event!

SAN RAMON HISTORIC FOUNDATION  
presents

## SHEEP SHEARING DAY

Saturday  
**April  
23<sup>th</sup>**  
2022

10:00 AM - TO - 3:00 PM

<p><b>Includes</b> Glass House Tours, Story Time, Tractor Museum, Sheep Shearing*, Sheep Dog Demonstrations, Wool Spinning, Food(s), Tractor Rides(s), and MORE! <small>*available until all sheep have been shorn</small></p>	<p><b>Entrance Fee</b> Early Bird Online <a href="http://SRHF.org/events">SRHF.org/events</a> Adults \$8 Kids \$4 After April 10<sup>th</sup> Adults \$10 Kids \$5 Children 3 and under free Foundation members receive Early Bird price the day of event. Please leave dogs at home. Mask policy will follow guidelines at time of event.</p>
<p><b>Location</b> Forest Home Farms Historic Park 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd San Ramon, CA</p>	<p><b>SPONSORS</b></p>

## March Madness

*Jill Mallory, Gift Shoppe Manager*

Did you know January is one of the slowest months of the year for retail? Fortunately, this wasn't the case at the Gift Shoppe as foot traffic and sales have been steady throughout January and February.

First Quarter is often the lull before the storm, the perfect opportunity to set goals and a game plan. The Shoppe Team has worked like mad to organize the stockroom & storage areas, update displays, price check merchandise and schedule an inventory.

To assist in our efforts, we recently added another member to the squad – Judy Hansen. Judy along with Renee, Barbara E., Barbara H., Heidi and Connie will be raring to go by game

time aka Sheep Shearing on April 23rd!

While supply chain issues continue to affect us; thanks to Pat Boom's pre-pandemic livestock, poultry and tractor orders we're in good shape. Word to the wise: shop early, shop often.



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- ~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.*

**March**

**Mar 5 – Pinch Pots**  
**Mar 12 – All About Bees**  
**Mar 19 – The Punching**  
**Mar 26 - Butterflies**

**April**

**Apr 2 – Hello? Operator**  
**Apr 9 – Easter on the Farm**  
**Apr 16 – Arbor Day**  
**Apr 23 – Sheep Shearing**  
**Apr 30 – Leather Crafting**

**May**

**May 7 – Victorian Tea**  
**May 14 – Hay Painting**  
**May 21 – Lady Bugs**  
**May 28 - CLOSED**

**June**

**June 4 - Barns**  
**June 11 – Flag Day**  
**June 18 – Sun Prints**  
**June 25 – Corn Art**

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