

# THE BARN BURNER



SAN RAMON HISTORIC FOUNDATION

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

## 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 10 AM to 4 PM, 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 Forest Home Farms. 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).



The San Ramon Historic Foundation has been hard at work, creating new opportunities for our members.

## A Message From The Board

Thanks to Julia Oseland and her committee, the Summer Speaker Series has been a new and exciting event involving more members each session. We had speakers in June, July, and August who told us about the early pioneer families. Members gathered in the open barn to enjoy dinner or light snacks while listening to fascinating history. Each event was extremely well attended!

After a two-year hiatus, we will once again have our Annual Pioneer Families & Members Potluck Picnic on September 18. See page two of this newsletter for more information or visit our website.

Our next BIG event is our annual OKTOBERFEST on October 1, 2022. It will be held from 11 AM to 3 PM. A delicious CATERED German lunch from *A Tasteful Affair Catering* will be available for ADVANCE SALE ONLY, so please order your meal tickets for the event before September 28. Beer- or wine-tasting tickets may be purchased online prior to September 28 or day of at the gate. Other activities include touring the Glass House, visiting the Tractor Museum, enjoying the sheep herding, listening to the Olympic Brass Band playing Oktoberfest music, and joining in by dancing to the music. Several local breweries will be pouring their favorite beer, and wine tasting will also be available! Our Oktoberfest is very popular, as people can take their time strolling around San Ramon's only historic park. Please see our website for more information!  
<http://www.srhf.org>

Hats off to Camille Thompson, our Barn Burner editor for the past five years. Camille did an amazing job but is now retiring. Many thanks to Isabel Lau and Carol Lombardi, who have agreed to carry on as our editors. They are extremely busy and talented women but have made time to publish our quarterly newsletter. We are very thankful for their service to our community and our Foundation! Looking forward to seeing you at the OKTOBERFEST on October 1st!

Carol J. Rowley President, San Ramon Historic Foundation Board

"Picture This" frame at Forest Home Farms:  
A public art display for the Tri-Valley through Sept. 30

## 2022 Summer Speaker Series

*Julia Oseland, VP, Membership*



*Committee members Jill Mallory, Julia Oseland, Sandy Silva, and Dall Barley*

What fun we had this summer at our members-only 2022 Summer Speaker Series! If you missed out, in June, Harry Lindstrom shared the story of the "The Missing Chapter" about the Elissondo family, who lived in the Glass House after the Glass family. We were joined by Elaine Ove, who was born and grew up in the house. In July, Bill Clarkson, former mayor of San Ramon, shared the story of "The Norris Family: Their Conquest and Catastrophe." In August, we wrapped up the series with well-known Bay Area historian and author Beverly Lane, and we learned about "James Witt Dougherty—A Pioneer's Success Story."



The Walnut Barn served as our venue, and everyone brought their own picnics. From the feedback I've received, the series was a huge success. We are looking forward to next year's Summer Speaker Series and to learning more about the rich history of our local pioneers.

## Annual Pioneer Families and Members Potluck Picnic

*Julia Oseland, VP, Membership*

Don't miss out on our upcoming Pioneer Families and SRHF Members Potluck Picnic on Sunday, September 18 between 11:30 AM–3 PM at Forest Home Farms Historic Park. We are excited to see everyone in person after missing out on this event the past two years. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn from our pioneer families about what has changed for the better in the San Ramon Valley, as well as their favorite memories of growing up here.

Please RSVP by September 10 on the SRHF website under events: <https://srhf.org/index.php/pioneer-potluck-picnic/>



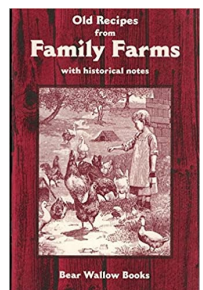
## Harvest Time

*Jill Mallory, Gift Shoppe Manager*

Are you looking at the back end of summer and wondering where it all went? It certainly was a memorable season at the farm with camps, Saturday activities, and the "Speaker Series" drawing record crowds.

There is still time to make the most of these last days of summer. Stop by The Gift Shoppe for farm logo wear (hats, t-shirts & market bags), farm equipment (tractors & trucks), livestock (lambs, sheep, chickens, horses, dogs & cats), and recipe booklets (providing farm-to-table inspiration). Increase your knowledge of local history by selecting one of many books offered on the subject (*San Ramon Chronicles*, *Recollections*, or *Bay Area Historic House Museums*).

Lots in store for you this Fall.



*One of our top-selling cookbooks*



**October 1**  
**11 AM–3 PM**  
**Forest Home Farms**  
19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon



You are invited to join **the San Ramon Historic Foundation** for this annual fundraising event. Proceeds will be used to help restore the historic Boone House on this park site.

**OPEN TO ALL!**

**Lunch is ONLY available to those who purchase advance tickets online by September 28!**

- 11:00 AM–3:00 PM      Catered German-themed lunch – **Advance Online Tickets purchased by September 28 required** via Paypal [www.srhf.org](http://www.srhf.org)
- 11:00 AM–3:00 PM      Music by the Olympia Fields Brass  
Self-Guided Tours of the Tractor Barn – vintage restored tractors
- 12:30–2:30 PM        FREE docent-led tours of the Glass House Museum
- 1:00 PM                Sheep Herding Demonstration – Large Field
- 4:00 PM                Beer and wine service ends
- All Day                 Self-Guided Tours of Forest Homes Historic Park – Look for the interpretive signage and map. Download OTOCAST for the audio tour

*Please note that food and beverages are not allowed in any of the buildings/barns on the site.*

**ORDER YOUR ADVANCE LUNCH TICKETS ONLINE AT [www.srhf.org](http://www.srhf.org)**

**Catered Lunch by A Tasteful Affair Catering**  
**ADVANCE TICKETS REQUIRED BY SEPT. 28**

- Adult            \$40 Bratwurst lunch, beer glass, and 4 beer tastings
- Ages 11-20    \$30 Bratwurst or hot dog lunch + soft drink
- Ages 6-10     \$20 Hot dog lunch + soft drink
- Ages 5 and under: FREE

**Purchase beer and wine tickets online and day of**

\$25 includes 4 drink tickets and the glass.  
You must have an event glass to taste beer and wine.

Additional drink tickets are available for purchase: 4 Tickets = \$20



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### FUN ON THE FARM SATURDAYS!

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

#### September

Sept 10 – Apple Pressing  
Sept 17 – Leaves  
Sept 24 – Upcycling  
Scarecrows

#### October

Oct 1 – Oktoberfest  
Oct 8 – Indigenous People’s Day  
Oct 15 – Start Your Engines  
Oct 22 – Pumpkins  
Oct 29 – Trick or Treat

#### November

Nov 5 – The Farmer’s Toolbox  
Nov 12 – Turkeys  
Nov 19 – Giving Thanks  
Nov 24-28 - CLOSED

#### December

Dec 3 – Holiday Wreath Making  
Dec 10 – Holiday on the Farm  
Dec 17 – Holiday Cards  
Dec 24 – Jan 2 – Closed

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