



SAN RAMON HISTORIC FOUNDATION

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

Carol Lombardi, 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 to learn about activities and events at Forest Home Farms. More information on tours and Farm Exploration Kits may be found in the SAN RAMON PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES GUIDE, at www.sanramon.ca.gov.

A Message from The Board

The winter storms impacted Forest Home Farms in many ways. The Holiday on the Farm in December was a bit soggy and rainy, but many people attended and purchased holiday presents in our Gift Shoppe. Sandy Silva and her team prepared hot chocolate and sold tasty treats, which buoyed everyone's spirits despite the rain. Forest Home Farms Historic Park was closed for a couple weeks in early January due to storm-related issues, but the park resumed operations once it was safe to do so.

The San Ramon Historic Foundation held its annual Crab Feed on January 28th at the San Ramon Community Center. Under the leadership of Carol Lopez-Lucey, this fundraiser event was another rousing success. We are grateful for our corporate sponsor, Engeo, and the City of San Ramon for their support. The funds raised that evening will continue the Foundation's mission of preserving San Ramon's early farms and homesteads.

Steve Cox from the City of San Ramon's Parks & Community Service Department was our master of ceremonies and kept the program upbeat and fun! We enjoyed many activities throughout the evening, such as a silent auction of gift baskets, a rousing game of Heads & Tails, a 50-50 table, and live auction of donated cakes and sweet treats from local bakeries.

Drinks were donated by various community sponsors and individuals, including the Canyon Lakes Brewery. The Danville and San Ramon Charity Leagues helped with set up and serving the food - including the fresh crab, which was sweet and abundant. Vice Mayor Mark Armstrong and his wife Brenda handled all the crab in the kitchen for our volunteers to serve.

This fundraising event could not have happened without the help of so many volunteers. The Foundation is very thankful to all who worked behind the scenes. The whole room was filled with laughter and good cheer as everyone enjoyed the company at their table and the delicious meal.

The SRHF has a lot in store for you this Spring! Our ever-popular, family-fun, Sheep Shearing Event will take place on Saturday April 22 at Forest Home Farms from 10 AM-3 PM. You'll want to purchase your tickets early to receive a reduced admission price. This year we have partnered with the Dougherty Valley/San Ramon Rotary Club for their Annual Truck Time Event on April 29 from 9 AM-1 PM in San Ramon. It benefits the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation, the San Ramon Historic Foundation, the Dougherty Valley/San Ramon Rotary Club, and its Foundation. More details on both family-centric fundraisers are included in this newsletter.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events! Here's to a wonderful spring!

Carol J. Rowley
President, San Ramon Historic Foundation

Membership News

Julia Oseland, Vice President, and Membership Chair

A huge welcome to all our new SRHF members! And a big thank you to all our loyal renewing members! We thank all of you for supporting the SRHF. Your membership contribution helps provide the necessary support for the Foundation's education programs at both the Farm and the Glass House as well as the ongoing restoration work at Forest Home Farms. We couldn't do what we do without all of you.

If you're behind in sending in your membership, just visit our website (www.SRHF.org), go to the Support/Membership tab, and renew using PayPal. You can also mail a check directly to us at SRHF, P.O. Box 1, San Ramon, CA 94583.

We have some fun things in store for members this summer. Save the dates!

Our **2023 Summer Speaker Series** returns in June. These popular events take place on the fourth Fridays of our summer months: **Friday June 23, July 28, and August 25** at **Forest Home Farms in the Walnut Barn from 5:30-7:30PM**. Guests are encouraged to bring a picnic, snacks, and some wine to sip as they sit back and enjoy an informative evening learning about our rich history.

Invitations will be emailed via Evite on the first of the month (June 1 for June's program, July 1 for July's, and August 1 for August's program), so please keep your eyes open! RSVPs will be required to attend, as seating is limited.

What's New on the Farm, Part 1

Yuna Karpelevitch, Guest Contributor

Mary Wohlers Memorial Bench

This memorial bench was recently installed at Forest Home Farms to pay tribute to Mary Wohlers. Mary was a founding member of the San Ramon Historic Foundation, a "grandma docent" for the third-grade educational program, and a volunteer at the Foundation Gift Shoppe. She is remembered as a kind, caring person with a sunny disposition and an infectious laugh. She served the community faithfully, and we are delighted to honor her with this bench.



San Ramon Historic Foundation Summer Speaker Series

Friday, June 23

GROWING UP ON THE WIEDEMANN RANCH

**Our Speakers, The Wiedemann
Siblings, Roxanne Wiedemann
Lindsay, Jeff Wiedemann, and
Sande Wiedemann**

Friday, July 28

THE AMAZING HONEYBEES: THEIR LOCAL HISTORY & IMPORTANCE

**Our Speaker, Beekeeper and
Vice Mayor Mark Armstrong,
City of San Ramon**

Friday, August 25

MEET THE SHEPHERD AT FOREST HOME FARMS

**Our Speaker, Forest Home Farms
Shepherd and SRHF Board Member,
Patsy Galati**

What's New on the Farm, Part 2

Yuna Karpelevitch, Guest Contributor

New Puppies

Meet Meg and Kate, Forest Home Farms' adorable newest additions!

Forest Home Farms' resident sheep-herding border collie, Hope, recently had puppies. They are the fifth generation of border collies at the farm and will begin training to herd sheep later this year. See them at next year's Sheep Shearing!



Forest Home Farms Garden Restoration

The Forest Home Farms' garden restoration is in full swing! The Foundation Board approved funding for the project in late 2022, but heavy rains delayed construction until late January 2023. The restoration will include new planter boxes, fencing, and an improved irrigation system. If all goes well, the garden should be completed by early spring. Once it is completed, it will be open to the public and used for the third-grade educational program.



Support SRHF by Attending Truck Time



Truck Time 2023: Keep on Truckin'

Tickets on Sale Now!

Visit www.TruckTimeSanRamon.org for additional details and to pre-purchase tickets. Tickets are \$4.99 per person (age 1 and over) if purchased in advance or \$7 on the event day.

This event is presented by the Dougherty Valley/San Ramon Rotary Club. It benefits the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation, the San Ramon Historic Foundation, the Dougherty Valley/San Ramon Rotary Club and its Foundation.

FUN ON THE FARM SATURDAYS!

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

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

<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>
Mar 4 – Fun with Felt	Apr 1 – Easter on the Farm	May 6 – Flower Power
Mar 11 – Soap Making	Apr 8 – Wonderful Walnuts	May 13 – Thinking of Mom
Mar 18 – An Irish Tradition	Apr 15 – Arbor Day	May 20 – Rug Weaving
Mar 25 – Tea Time	Apr 22 – Sheep Shearing Day	
	Apr 29 – Old Fashion Toys & Games	

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SAN RAMON HISTORIC FOUNDATION
presents

SHEEP SHEARING DAY



Saturday
April
22nd
2023

10:00 AM - TO - 3:00 PM

Includes

Glass House Tours, Story Time,
Tractor Museum, Sheep Shearing*,
Sheep Dog Demonstrations,
Wool Spinning, Food(\$),
Tractor Rides(\$), and MORE!

*available until all sheep have been shorn

Entrance Fee

Early Bird
Online SRHF.org/events
General (4 and up) - \$8

After April 9th
General (4 and up) - \$10

Children 3 and under free

Foundation members receive Early Bird price the day of event.

No dogs allowed on site.
No smoking allowed on site.

Location

Forest Home Farms Historic Park
19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd
San Ramon, CA

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