



THE BARN BURNER



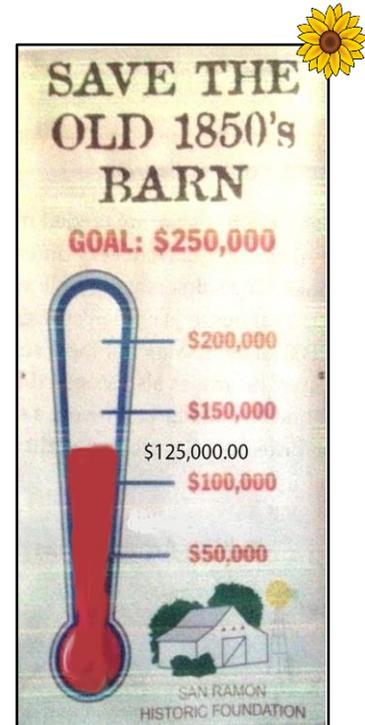
SAN RAMON HISTORIC FOUNDATION

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

A Message From The Board

The San Ramon Historic Foundation had a VERY successful Sheep Shearing event on April 22, 2017! Hats off to Tony King and Cindy Duffy for organizing this very popular event! This year we had the biggest crowd ever. There were crowds watching Patty and her crew shear sheep, families enjoying live music by the Olympic Fields Brass Band, children playing old fashioned games and everyone enjoying the beautiful, sunny Spring event. Picnic tables were crowded with people eating the Foundation's famous hot dogs and snacking on caramel corn. Thanks to all our members and volunteers for making this so successful!

Every event that the Foundation sponsors is for a special purpose! We are a nonprofit 501(c)(3) and all funds raised for the past few years have been put into our Ole 1850's Barn project. The Barn is located on Forest Home Farms, San Ramon's only Historic Park. The site was donated to the City of San Ramon by Ruth Boone, in honor of her husband Travis Boone, a direct descendent of Daniel Boone. Forest Home Farms is on the National Registry of Historic Homes and Parks, so everything needs to be documented. The Foundation's role in this project has been very exciting. The Foundation pledged \$250,000 toward the Ole 1850's Barn construction. At our Board Meeting of March 29, 2017, we gave the City of San Ramon a check for \$83,333 which we earned from our four major events of the year: Crab Feed, Sheep Shearing, Oktoberfest and Holiday on the Farm! Thanks to everyone who attended these events! *(See Board on pg. 2)*



...and counting!



!! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!

**TO STAFF THE FOUNDATION HOT DOG BOOTH
 AT THE ART AND WIND FESTIVAL**

SUNDAY, MAY 28TH AND/OR MONDAY, MAY 29TH

If you would like to volunteer for a couple of hours, please contact Carol Lopez-Lucey at cartom3247@att.net, or call 925-785-3395.

The Foundation will be grateful for your assistance.

Board

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On another proud moment, we are honoring our own Joe Krueger! We nominated Joe for the Unsung Hero Award sponsored by the San Ramon Rotary and he WON! Joe is one of the enthusiastic volunteers at Forest Home Farms. He has built chicken cages, garden plots, garden gates, replicas of sheep, chickens, etc. Whenever we need anything at the Farm fixed, we always think of Joe and he fixes it in a flash! He moved tables for the Sheep Shearing event and worked on the tractors that day. He always comes up with a solution for every problem and never complains about anything. He greets each day with a smile and a positive attitude and loves volunteering his time at the Farm. He will be honored on May 18, 2017 at the San Ramon Rotary meeting! Congratulations, Joe! You are our HERO!

We will be selling our famous hotdogs at the San Ramon Art and Wind Festival on May 28 and 29, 2017 and our next event will be our annual Oktoberfest at the Farm on October 14, 2017. It includes live music, dancing, beer, root beer and great food! Watch for more information on the event or visit our website srhf.org.

Thanks for being a member of the San Ramon Historic Foundation!

Carol J. Rowley
President of the Board

Joe Krueger Unsung Hero Award Recipient

Forest Home Farms volunteer Joe Krueger is the 2017 recipient of the San Ramon Rotary's Unsung Hero Award.

Ever since his retirement from Lawrence Livermore Lab in 2002, Joe has been a fixture and a "fixer" at the Farm. He is not only capable but, most important, willing and eager to build or repair anything.

Joe's many accomplishments over the last 15 years include: rebuilding the water pump for the third grade school program, redesigning the compost bins for the organic gardens, participating in restoration of the Glass House, constructing arbors and stabilizing structures, even making wooden replicas of chickens and Oktoberfest celebrants, and designing and making old fashioned games for kids.

Joe is the gentle foreman, ensuring that the property is always in great shape for visitors. He continues to uplift our spirits with his "can do" attitude.

Congratulations, Joe. Many thanks for your dedication.



Gratitude for our Members

Thank you for supporting the San Ramon Historic Foundation and the preservation of Forest Home Farms Historic Park. Come join us as a volunteer! Make friends and spend time on our beautiful property. We always need help with our events.

January: Crab Feed October: Oktoberfest
April: Sheep Shearing December: Holiday on the Farm

If you're interested, please contact Carol Rowley at caroljrowley@yahoo.com.



Many thanks to the **Dougherty Valley San Ramon Rotary Foundation** and **San Ramon Valley Kiwanis Foundation** for their generous support of our elementary school education programs at the farm. These programs serve over 2500 students annually from local schools and would not be possible without grants from these wonderful organizations!

Update on the Old Barn Restoration

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In an effort to reduce costs and speed up the project's completion, the construction crew has devised a new method for stabilizing the Barn. Instead of completely taking down the building as originally planned, the crew has trenched on the north and south sides, will pour the new foundation, then re-assemble the footing (old beams) on top of the new foundation. Next, they will trench the east and west sides and repeat the process. Internal bracing will support the building until the footings and support beams are in place. Once that is completed, the rest of the interior work, roofing, etc. will begin. Estimated completion is late summer or early fall 2017.



Sheep Shearing Event Big Success

Cindy Duffy Chase

Seventeen years ago, a group of Co-op Sheep farmers began shearing their sheep at Forest Home Farms and in 2010 the San Ramon Historic Foundation (SRHF) took over the Sheep Shearing event. Since then the SRHF has developed it into the largest event the Foundation holds yearly. The 2017 Sheep Shearing Event was held in tradition on the third Saturday of the month, April 22.



This year we had a wonderful turnout of guests from our community. An estimated 1,400 people came out to support the SRHF, experience a day on the 16-acre Boone family farm and watch the sheep get their annual haircut. 100% of the profit from the entry fees, gift shop and food and beverage revenue go to support the San Ramon Historic Foundation.

A total of 57 sheep received their annual haircuts and provided us an opportunity to demonstrate the wool process from the sheep to spin into yarn – all while the sheep dogs are herding the next sheep into line to get their haircut.

This year many of the historic buildings were open for guests to browse, many of which are listed on California's Historic Landmarks. Live music played in the open barn, children were entertained with Vintage Games, Crafts, Face Painting and 4H Animals. The Maypole and its beautiful colors inspired us all to celebrate the coming of spring. Within the 7,000 sq. foot open barn we had Quilters, Wood Carvers and Lace Makers and the Walnut Barn was open with a walnut truck game. The Walnut building has a significant value to the San Ramon Valley as Travis Boone invented much of the walnut process. Men and women alike continue to enjoy the Tractor Museum and Hit and Miss Engines.

The Welcome Center Farm was open and tours, docents, and farm hands were available to provide more information and history throughout the day. We always encourage a picnic lunch and many guests purchased food & refreshment and enjoyed their lunch on the farm.

Finally, this event would not be possible without our amazing volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering for this event please contact Cindy Duffy Chase, Sheep Shearing Chair since 2010, askcindy@ymail.com (925) 577-0913.

COMING SOON!

June

June 3– Learn the Ropes!
June 10 – Farm Chores
June 17 – Parks Make
Life Better
Volunteer Day*
June 24 – City Chicks!

July

July 1 – Hay Hoisting
July 8 – Old Fashioned Games
July 15– 19th-Century
Pottery Making
July 22 – Mystery Tools
July 29 – Old Fashioned Ice
Cream Making

August

August 5 – Leather Crafting
August 12 – Cow A Bunga!
August 19 – Flowers & Bugs

*Advance registration required at www.citylights.volunteerhub.com

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