



The Sentinel

Victorian Tea is a Great Success



This beautiful blue ensemble stole the show for best Victorian Costume.



Standing: Claudia Nemir, Glass House Descendent:
Pat Boom, Foundation member
Seated: Sally DiVecchia and Sue DiVecchia, the Best Hat Winner

“This is more than I thought a tea could be” wrote one guest evaluating the annual Victorian Tea honoring Ruth Boone and her gift of Forest Homes Farms to the City of San Ramon. And what a great Tea it was! The servers were students from St Raymond Catholic Church. They delivered tea (black currant – Ruth’s favorite), sandwiches, salads, scones and dessert to 140 guests who raved about the wonderful sandwich fillings, the fresh scones donated by Whole Foods, and the exciting desserts.

The tables were decorated with beautiful fans as favors and fresh roses in the center. The decorating committee coordinated the tables with subtle fall colors. Twenty one opportunity baskets filled tables along windows at the Community Center’s Fountain Room. Also along the back were tables from the Gift Shoppe at Forest Home Farms with Victorian items galore.

Along with a beautiful room, wonderful food and beautiful baskets, the group was entertained by the Goodwill Bags who conducted a vintage fashion show. The commentator enhanced each model’s clothing with a history of the piece. One dress from the 1920’s was part of a large trunk of clothes donated to Goodwill by a moving company. The price tag was on the garment -\$2900!!

Finally the Foundation asked Claudia Nemir, a David Glass descendent, to judge the hats and costumes she saw around the room. She selected Sue DiVecchia for her beautiful burgundy trimmed hat. The winner for the best costume didn’t give us her name in the excitement, but we discovered she made her beautiful blue skirt and jacket. Congratulations to the winners and all of the attendees who enjoyed the dress up tea experience. It made the event even more fun for everyone.



Goodwill Bags show off vintage garments as part of their fun and informative fashion show.

For all the volunteers who made the Tea so successful, please accept the appreciation of the Foundation. The success of the event was a result of the hard work of many people.

A Special Invitation for Glass Piece Owners

During the past few years, many local citizens purchased one or more pieces of glass and received a certificate and a promise. That promise was an invitation to view the Glass House before it was furnished and open to the public.

On October 26 from 1 to 3 pm, people who have glass pieces will have an opportunity to view the first floor of the house in its unfinished condition – studs and all. Anyone who has purchased a piece of glass may come to this event. Please bring your glass piece(s) so they can be placed in stepping stones for the Rose Garden.

If you can't find your glass piece don't worry, we have your name; all of us have lost things much larger than a piece of glass!! The Foundation will give you a new piece of glass!

Please RSVP if you are going to come to this event: 828-0586 or 828-4684

History in Miniature!



Dick Gorthy, a master craftsman with an interest in preserving the history of the valley has displayed his incredible miniature historic homes at many events around San Ramon. After retiring as an executive with Safeway, Inc., he found a new interest in preserving historic homes with detailed accuracy. He now has eight homes completed, including the David Glass House, and the Harlan House (El Nido), and is currently working on the Wiedemann home. These three are the major historic homes in San Ramon.

The Historic Foundation is very interested in Dick's work and if you have not seen his beautiful little houses, I encourage you to take every opportunity to do so. Working from photographs and measurements of the existing homes, he meticulously brings his miniatures to life with amazing accuracy and precise detail. Each model takes 6 months to 1 _ years to complete. He carefully researches the history of the home and the pioneer family before putting his craftsman skills to work. His wife Heidi helps by applying her artisan skills with landscaping and other details.

October at the Farm

The Pumpkin Patch will be open October 4 – October 31, Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 6 pm and Saturday and Sunday 10:00am to 6:00pm.

The Gift Shoppe at Forest Home Farms will be open both Saturday and Sunday during the month of October. Special items have been purchased for early holiday shopping. There are new teapots, Christmas tree ornaments, Victorian purses, tractors and coloring books for the children and much more.

Upcoming Events

Tree Lot

November 28 – December 21, Sunday to Saturday,
1:00pm to 7:00pm

Holiday on the Farm at Forest Home Farms

Saturday December 6, 12:00pm to 3:00pm
Enjoy the Puppet Company, blacksmithing, SR Brass Band,
Contra Costa Choral.

Annual SRHF Crab Feed

Saturday, February 7, 2009
Dougherty Station Community Center
Information: 828-0586

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