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Foundation President Named Citizen of the Year



Board member, Pat Boom presents Citizen of the Year Award to President Jean Ohman at Foundation Board meeting.

Jean Ohman, President of the San Ramon Historic Foundation, was selected by the San Ramon Chamber of Commerce to be the 2007 Citizen of the Year. The award was announced while Jean was traveling, and Carol Lopez, SRHF board member and former Citizen of the Year, accepted the award for Jean at the Chamber dinner on January 17.

Later, at the Foundation's monthly board meeting, Jean expressed her gratitude for the Chamber's recognition and the awareness the award has brought to the Foundation.

Pat Boom, board member and another former Citizen of the Year, presented the stylized glass award to Jean at our board meeting, where more congratulations were expressed. All the board members appreciate Jean's devotion to the development of Forest Home Farms and her commitment to the betterment of San Ramon.

Education Program Resumes

Once again eager third grade students, parent volunteers and teachers are spending a half-day at Forest Homes Farms to learn about daily life on a farm. The program includes a docent led tour of the property featuring a large tractor display. Additional docents teach children to make butter and orange juice, darn socks, and participate in a canning demonstration. There is also time in our garden for children to learn about planting and caring for fruits and vegetables.

The program runs 4 days a week from February until June. Over 90 third grade classes from the San Ramon Valley attend this popular program. Dedicated volunteer docents are a very important part of this program. If you would like to be an education docent, please notify Kim Guiliano at (925) 973-3281.

Gift Shoppe to Open at Forest Home Farms

The grand opening of the Foundation's newest fund raising project is scheduled for April 26. The new gift shop will share a building with the welcome/information center. The building is the newly restored Foreman's house to the left as you enter Forest Home Farms.

The new shop officially named *The Gift Shoppe at Forest Home Farms* will be open during the Saturday morning Farmer's Market and other city sponsored events. Included in the ever changing inventory will be Victorian tea hats, DVD's featuring an interview with Ruth Boone, local honey from the farm, sketches of the Boone and Glass houses, and a variety of gifts for children and adults.

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Sheep Shearing Day

Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Forest Home Farms

Come celebrate spring at Forest Home Farm's Sheep Shearing Day. Watch the sheep get their spring 'haircuts' by professional sheep shearer, Russ Duguid. Join in the festivities with wool spinners, wood turners, woodcarvers, quilters and more. Enjoy the entertainment, a kids craft area, old fashioned games and tours of the farm.

There will be a special performance of 'Just Kidding Music' at 1:00 p.m. Entertainers, Lynn and Jill encourage an awareness of American folk music through the use of play party games, old-time fiddle tunes, stories, songs and parody. The audience is encouraged to participate by playing along with a variety of folk instruments.

The activity number for registration is #52071.
Admission is \$3 in advance and \$5 at the gate.

Crab Feed Sells Out

Two hundred and fifty happy crab eaters gathered at the Dougherty Station Community Center to enjoy a feast of fresh crab, hot pasta, salad, bread and dessert. The sold out event was the result of the hard work of Carol Lopez and Dee Tuohy.

One resourceful husband hosted two tables for a special surprise 40th birthday party. The family decorated the tables and chairs to add a festive flair to the evening, and everyone in the room sang "happy birthday to you."

Students from St. Raymond Catholic School were well-rehearsed and thoughtful servers. The Foundation thanks them and Carol Rowley for making the evening run so smoothly.

Gift Shoppe *(from pg. 1)*

The grand opening coincides with Sheep Shearing Day and the Foundation invites everyone to step into the new building, appreciate the first major completed renovation at the Farm, and browse through the new gift shop.

NEWS FLASH

VERY GOOD NEWS! Last week the San Ramon City Council approved funding for the last phase of the interior restoration of the David Glass House at Forest Home Farms. We are hopeful that the project will be completed by the end of this calendar year.

Also, through matching funds from the City and the San Ramon Historic Foundation, a consultant was hired to develop a furnishing plan for the house. That has been completed and we now have a room by room list of furniture needed. We already have some pieces and others will be acquired through purchases or donations. The furniture displayed will fit our period of interpretation 1877 -1931. When open, the house will have tours led by period costumed docents.

We have long awaited the opening of this beautiful Victorian house, and before the grand opening those of you who have bought "Pieces of the Glass House" will be invited to an empty house party. The glass pieces you purchased will be placed in garden stones that will line the edge of the Victorian Rose Garden. We are looking for volunteers to help plan the party and help with the design of the garden stones. If you have any ideas or wish to volunteer, please call Pat Boom, (925) 837-1048.

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