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Auxiliary Committee



Shapell Homes donates bridge to FHF

Oak Creek, a small seasonal creek, meanders down the hills through Forest Home Farms on the south side of the Boone House. Once a gathering place for local Indians and later a water source for the farm, the creek bed and surrounding area now provide a natural habitat for wild creatures in the area.

The down side to the creek has been that it limited access to the Glass House from the Boone side of the farm and visitors could not easily move between the buildings. This limitation became more apparent as the Glass House nears completion.

Chris Truebridge, from Shapell Homes, offered a solution to the creek problem. A bridge!! Shapell offered to provide the materials and labor to build a bridge. Now complete, the bridge is not only attractive but period appropriate and wide enough to accommodate the farm's hay wagon!

The San Ramon Historic Foundation has voted to establish an auxiliary committee to implement special projects and support special events. The Foundation wants to give our members and the community an opportunity to be involved with improvements at Forest Home Farms and its programs by helping to raise money in a variety of ways. The committee members will be invited to be members of the Victorian Tea Committee, sell hot dogs at the Sheep Shearing, volunteer in the gift shop or participate in a long list of activities that will benefit the community, encourage new friendships and create a lot of fun.

The foundation is evolving and our reorganization responds to the growth and interest the foundation has generated. The auxiliary committee will also allow the board to focus on policy making and fund raising campaigns. Community members who would like to be involved in a future oriented board may have the opportunity as openings occur. The board is currently seeking a special person who is experienced in grant writing.

Little dog lost -- & found!

On Monday Dec. 29, Jane Jennings was guiding some visiting friends on a tour of the Farm. During their walk, they found a small dog hiding behind the Tractor Barn, cold, scared and shaking. They got a phone number off her tags and called her owners in Dublin. Little Molly had been missing since Christmas Day from the Gateway Shopping Center. The owners said they posted flyers all over the area.

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Crab Feed coming soon!

The Foundation's annual crab feed will take place on February 7, 2009. It is a fun way for friends to socialize and enjoy good food. Buy your tickets now to have the best chance of sitting with friends. Tables will fit ten guests and guests are assigned by table. The menu features salad, pasta, French bread, dessert, coffee and Lots of Crab. The festivities will be at the Dougherty Station Community Center for up to 250 hungry guests. Bibs are provided!!

The event benefits the Glass House and other Forest Home Farms projects and is one of the Foundation's major fundraising annual events. To obtain tickets, please call 828-0586.

Lost

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When they got the call, they were in tears, so happy that Molly had been found. Nancy Young, from the farm, helped Jane keep Molly contained until the owners arrived. The little dog was so scared she wouldn't let anyone near her. Jane stayed with her the whole time.

The owners offered Jane a reward, but she responded that if they wanted to give anything it should go to the Farm or the Foundation. They came in a few days later and donated \$600 to the tractor restoration fund.

Thanks to Jane and Nancy for their kindness in caring for little Molly, and to Molly's owners for their generous donation.

Members Meeting

The foundation wishes to acknowledge its growing membership and to thank each member for their support at a general membership event at FHF on May 5 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Please join the board and other members for a short general information meeting to learn more about the Foundation and its future. A social gathering will follow with a tour of FHF for interested members.

If you are not a member, but would like to join, go to our website www.SRHF.org to download a brochure or call 828-0586 to be mailed a brochure and application.

Upcoming Events

February 7 - 6:00pm - *Crab Feed*

April 18 – 10:00am-4:00pm - *Civil War Re-enactment Day
(Battle of FHF)*

April 25 – 10:00am-2:00pm - *Sheep Shearing Day*

May 2 – 9:00am – 1:00pm *Farmers Market opens for the season*

May 5 – 5:30pm-7:00pm *Membership meeting*
The Gift Shoppe at Forest Home Farms will be open for both events in April and Saturdays 9:00am to 1:00pm during Farmers Market

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