



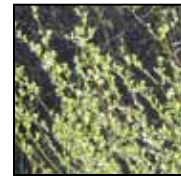
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Friends News

A non-profit organization supporting
Deer Hollow Farm's educational programs



Spice at the Farm

Have you met Cinnamon and Clove? The Farm's two new pigs were given their spicy names by the summer campers. You may have seen them last



spring because they were part of the litter of Tamworth piglets visiting from Hidden Villa.

Pigs are very intelligent; they can be trained, and they like to play. However, they grow very fast. Cinnamon and Clove were only a couple pounds when they were born in February 2013. Now they weigh well over 300 pounds and will be 400 pounds soon. It takes a lot of food to grow that much so fast. They eat pig kibble along with vegetables, fruit, and other food scraps to keep them growing. Deer Hollow Farm's pigs also enjoy some of Luna's milk.

Cinnamon and Clove will probably be bred in late spring. Come by and see how they have grown.



Spring 2014 Farm Tours

March 15

April 19

May 17



Come see what's new at the Farm during the Spring Farm Tours. The new chicken coop, pictured on page 5, was paid for by your gifts to Friends and built by Farm staff and Mid-pen workers.

Meet Penny, a new goat; she is a French Alpine X La Mancha.

Sheep and goats are pregnant, so we are all waiting to see who else is new.

Go into the pens and garden, plant a seed, or pose for a photo op.



Cost is \$7 per person, babes in arms are free. If the weather is bad, check the website for status of the tour: www.fodhf.org



There will be lots of fun for children and adults!



Since January 2010, **Claire Moore** has taken care of the Farm animals and garden. We will miss her enthusiasm, her big smile, and the way she connected

with children, with animals, and with us. She has joined her partner, who is now an associate of a healing practice in Bellingham, Washington. Claire will begin studying toward a degree as a Nurse Practitioner or Certified Nurse Midwife.

Claire said, "While I look forward to embarking on life's next adventure, I am

sad to say goodbye to Deer Hollow Farm. I will miss the farm, the animals, and this beautiful nature preserve, but most of all I will miss all of you. From day one, I felt the warm welcome of the Deer Hollow Farm community of volunteers, supporters, and staff. You are an inspiring group of people so dedicated to preserving and sharing this unique historic and cultural landmark. You have taught me the power of community and collaboration."

If you would like to become part of the community Claire was sad to leave, volunteers are always welcome. On page 8 is the Farm's contact information and a story of volunteer adventures and opportunities to learn.

Letters

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the third grade team at Trace Elementary, I'd like to thank you for your generosity in awarding us a grant to visit the Ohlone Habitat. Our students are from diverse backgrounds, many of whom have never left the city of San Jose! To visit the beautiful grounds and enjoy nature, as well as learn about the people who lived here before us is such a wonderful opportunity. Although we study the Ohlone in class, it becomes much more real for the students to see how they worked and lived! Again, thank you so very much!

Sincerely,

Trace Elementary 3rd Grade Teachers



Thank you for giving us a tour about the Ohlones. I really learned a lot. First, I learned that the sweat house had a lot of space for 40 kids. What do you think? Second was when all the kids played the hoop game. It was fun to play. I want to learn to weave baskets.
Kathy



Thank you for teaching me about the Ohlone Indians. My favorite part of the day was when we went in to sweat house and sat. I also liked when we went to the willow house. I can't wait to go to the farm again.
Anagha



Thanks for taking us around the Ohlone. I learned that the tip of an arrow was made of obsidian. It is cool that the Ohlone set their houses on fire. My favorite part was when we got to see a living deer up close. My favorite activity was when we made a dry acorn into powder. I loved learning about the Ohlone. I want to go again.
Andrew



Thank you for teaching us about the Ohlone's world. I really liked the deer hunting game. I learned important facts about the Ohlone's. First, I learned that making acorn powder was hard. Another fact is they used shiny shells to make Ulf, and thank you.
Ethan

Dear Friends of Deer Hollow Farm,

Thanks to the Friends for our award for the Ohlone Village field trip!

Many of our students have not had the opportunity to get out into nature. They don't appreciate what we have or understand that we have responsibility of preserving California's parks and open spaces. After the field trip, they have a much better understanding of the different ecosystems and how in nature, flora and fauna depend upon one other, part of our science standards.

The Ohlone Village program helps make the history of the early California people, like the Ohlone, come alive. The dedicated and knowledgeable docents help the students make a connection with the past and also help them to better understand what they have read in their social studies text.

Your organization helps make a difference in the lives of our students. We look forward to our field trip.

Sincerely,

4th Grade Teachers, San Miguel Elementary School

Friendly Inquiries

by Tom Lustig



Shanel,
Santa Clara

I first came to the farm in 1999. I came up here to hike. The more times I came, the farther out I would go. I like seeing the animals and also like that the Farm is preserving the animals here for everyone to enjoy. I especially like the cows and the sheep.

Kiran,
Cupertino

We used to hike in the area quite often, and when we had kids we began coming to the Farm. We like having the kids out in nature and becoming familiar with the animals. We do a full circle of seeing all of the animals.



Bill,
Los Altos



When I first came here in the 1970s, the farm was hardly a farm. The buildings were here, but no animals. The farm was not in operation. Later, we visited the farm with our children. There were some years that they rode on the Deer Hollow Farm float at the Mountain View Parade. Nowadays, I visit to check out the goats because some have been supplied by my daughter who now has her own farm. She raises Boer goats.



Eilo,
Santa Clara

We originally came to hike, but now we come more often to bring the children to the Farm. We like to see the animals, especially the cows and pigs.

Muhammad,
Santa Clara

We like to walk here and see everything. We are interested in having our daughter attend Summer Camp. We are picking up a brochure.



Ruby,
San Jose

The nice signs that say what we get from each animal are very educational. I'm from Pakistan. My grandfather had a farm in India. He raised chickens, cows, goats, and sheep. The milking was all done by hand. Here a machine is used, and you can see the milk coming out—wow! I like the manure pile; on my grandfather's farm, they had a process of taking the methane gas from the manure pile and using it in the house as fuel.

Seed Library

Mountain View Public Library is now home to one of a half dozen seed libraries that have been established in Santa Clara County. Librarian Emily Weak explained that while looking for more ways to serve the community, she and her boss looked at the seed library at San Francisco's Potrero Hill Library. Seeing the possibilities, they added a seed library in April of 2013. In the first nine months they distributed 837 seed packets in over 100 varieties. Most of these seeds were donated by local gardeners. Emily noted, "A seed library echoes the library's mission to preserve, store, and share. It also allows gardeners to share local knowledge."



Resources abound for learning how to do your own seed harvesting and saving. You will learn that plants that are self-pollinating, said to have *perfect flowers*, are easiest to save. They pollinate before the flower opens so isolation distance is not an issue for producing seeds that are true to type. Peas, beans, and tomatoes are examples.

Squash, melons, and cucumbers are in the other family, those that cross-pollinate. To get true-to-type seeds from these *imperfect flowers*, isolation is critical. It is suggested that if you want to harvest seeds from your zucchini and yellow squash, you should plant them on different sides of your house, and find out what your neighbors are growing.

There is a lot to learn about when and how to harvest. You will want to keep good records including variety, characteristics, year of harvest, and planting instructions. Visit www.mvplibrary.org/seedlibrary. Then visit the library and "check out" and plant some seeds for your spring garden. Emily Weak will always be happy to answer your questions and get you involved in the Mountain View Library seed library.

Record 2013 Accomplishments

Friends Looks Ahead to 20th Anniversary Year



Friends of Deer Hollow Farm Board of Directors: Standing L to R: Timothy Wood, Zulah Eckert, Liz Montgomery, Jenise Henrikson, Nina Wong-Dobkin, Judith Stewart, Kevin Henrikson. Seated L to R: Joan Lewis, Secretary; Carla Dorow, Treasurer; Sue Gale, President; Park Chamberlain, Deb Maniar

Mission Statement

Friends of Deer Hollow Farm is a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to:

- Preserve Deer Hollow Farm, an historical area and working farm.
- Support Deer Hollow Farm's environmental education program for the benefit of schools and the community by raising funds through donations, grants, and public events.

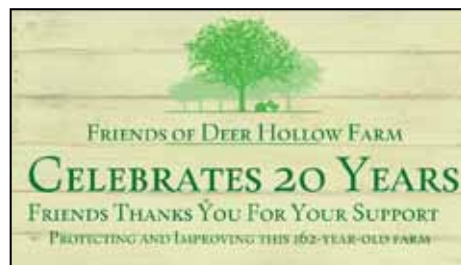
Friends of Deer Hollow Farm, an all-volunteer, non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization supporting the Farm, raised a record \$105,000 for the Farm in 2013. Since its founding 20 years ago, Friends has raised more than \$850,000 for the Farm.

The Board itself doubled in size in 2013 from six members to twelve. "By voting to change the Board's maximum size from 9 to 13 in its bylaws, the Board recognized that more hands were needed to do its increased workload," said Board President **Sue Gale**.

"Friends' budget has increased tenfold since its founding in 1994, when its bylaws were written. The Board has taken on significant new work, including Farm improvement projects, animal care, and Farm operations support," said Sue. "With our new members, we enter 2014 with a stronger Board. We now have the requisite management, financial, and creative skills and commitment to fulfill our mission: raising money for the Farm."

In 2013 Friends provided record Farm funding:

- \$28,520 for Farm improvement projects
- \$12,248 for field trip scholarships
- \$8,700 for animal care
- \$36,500 toward general Farm operations



How We Raise Money for the Farm

Friends has a diversified fund-raising program: writing grant requests, holding Farm fund-raising events, offering Farm-related merchandise for sale, and soliciting public donations.

The majority of Friends funding, \$51,500, comes from grants from government and private organizations, clubs, foundations, and trust funds.

Friends thanks the following for their generous support:

- The David and Lucile Packard Foundation
- The Brin Wojcicki Foundation
- Mountain View Rotary
- Mountain View Kiwanis
- Los Altos Community Foundation
- The Town of Los Altos Hills
- City of Cupertino
- Morgan Family Foundation
- The McKenna Family Foundation
- The Merrimac Fund



Friends 2013 public fund-raisers were well-attended by the community. More than 1,000 people turned out during the three Spring Farm Tours, raising \$7,000.



The Fall Ohlone Day attracted 384 visitors and raised \$2,400.



Tom Lustig and Mike Hammes and the Friends booth at Spring Tours

Friends also sold about \$2,500 in Farm-related merchandise at the public events and in the Nature Center. Many volunteers helped Friends by making the merchandise and staffing for public events and the Nature Center.



The Farm's 126,000 annual visitors used the "Iron Ranger" donation center to donate \$2,275 in 2013.

We also thank our more than 180 generous individual donors, who gave more than \$39,200 to the Farm in 2013. See the Wonderful Friends on page 8 for those who donated from November 2013 through January 2014.

Where Friends Donations Go

Friends donors designate where they want their funds to go: Farm improvement projects, field-trip scholarships, animal care, Farm operations, or for general funds, which includes all these categories. Friends' administrative costs are less than 5% of our budget. Primary administrative costs include insurance for volunteers at fundraisers and outreach to the community in the form of this newsletter and our website: www.fodhf.org.

In 2013, Friends provided \$28,520 for Farm improvement projects proposed and implemented by Farm and Midpeninsula Regional Open Space staff. This year

Friends provided funding for a new Ohlone community sweat house in the replica Ohlone Village.



Jaime Villarreal working on the new village sweat house



In addition, we provided funding for the Village restroom servicing and for renovation of the chicken coop.



For the 2013–2014 school year, the Farm is hosting 5,022 elementary school students from 13 Silicon Valley cities on 211 field trips from 45 elementary schools. FODHF is providing scholarships for 2,247 of these students.

Over \$8,700 went to animal food and care.



2014 Board Plans

In its 20th anniversary year, the Friends Board will host four public events: three Spring Farm Tours on March 15, April 19, and May 17 and Ohlone Day on October 11. Friends will also assist the Farm staff for Spooky Times at Deer Hollow Farm on October 25.

Besides funding the new chicken coop at the Farm, Friends will fund other Farm improvement projects, such as resurfacing the duck pond including new drainage; an outdoor kitchen area near the Ohlone Village for summer campers and events; and new Farm signs. Friends donors will also continue to fund animal feed and care and assist with Farm operations support.



Throughout 2014 Friends will organize volunteers to staff the Farm's Nature Center on the third Saturday of each month so the public has a chance to see the exhibits. If you would like to volunteer, please let us know at info@fodhf.org.

Keep up with Friends and Farm news through the year by following Friends of Deer Hollow Farm on Facebook and our webpage: www.fodhf.org.

Board Welcomes New Members

Friends Board of Directors welcomed three new members in January. The new members have already attended their first Board meeting, volunteered on committees, begun work on writing grant requests, helped with tracking merchandise, and are planning to redesign our website www.fodhf.org to make it more readable and accessible.

There is still one more slot open on Friends of Deer Hollow Farm's Board of Directors. Visit our website to learn about the requirements for Board members: www.fodhf.org.



Kevin Henrikson grew up on a family farm that he says taught him a good work ethic, animal husbandry, and most importantly, a grounded perspective on life. Kevin's family farm was one of Northern California's largest family pig farms.

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"I've been in software development my whole career and am co-founder of Acomplii, a venture-backed enterprise mobile app startup company located in San Francisco," says Kevin. I look forward to working with the Board on fundraising campaigns." Kevin believes a strong stable funding model is important for the continuation of the Farm.



Timothy Wood has served the Farm as an animal care volunteer for seven years, giving more than 600 hours to the Farm.

He has assisted the Board of Trustees for his children's school, Mulberry School, to craft its strategic plans. "I look forward to helping the Friends Board strengthen its fundraising, especially in the area of grant writing," said Timothy. "I have seen the Farm, its staff, and Friends Board confront worrisome financial situations in the past,

and I have lent my support in the ways I can as a volunteer and contributor."

Timothy is also a manager at Apple and believes his work there can directly help the Friends Board. "I've learned how to approach big projects by parsing them into doable pieces." Timothy says the Farm has been a source of fun and learning for his family. His wife and three children help him with Farm chores each Saturday. "We really appreciate the opportunity to see where our food comes from, to learn how to care for larger animals, and to partake in the Farm's offerings of eggs, milk and occasionally meat. I like being able to share this knowledge with the visitors to the Farm, many of whom have never seen a functioning farm in person."



Jenise Henrikson has visited the Farm over the years with her family. "Deer Hollow Farm has a unique charm that is beautifully vintage and in a gorgeous setting. It's

a little surreal that a place like this exists in the middle of Silicon Valley."

"The Farm helps educate my four-year-old daughter on how life works. My husband and I want her to experience how carrots grow and to realize that milk comes from cows, not the store. Deer Hollow Farm enriches her life in ways that a computer or dance classes can't. I want to help ensure that Deer Hollow Farm continues to enrich the community."

Jenise brings publishing, blogging, and community management skills to the Board. She and her husband own Alpha Brand Media, a company specializing in online web media publishing. Jenise has spent many years in a wide range of business entities from family shops to startups to public companies.

She grew up in Southern California and has lived on the Peninsula for 15 years, spending 10 years in business operations. She transitioned into online publishing six years ago.

Ask the Nature Lover About Willow

by Donna Aronson

There are over 400 species of willow in the world! When you walk near the creeks at Rancho San Antonio Preserve, look for willow trees/shrubs. Willows like to grow near water.

In early spring, one can see fascinating and pretty catkins on willow branches. The catkins are the yet unopened flowers. They appear as multiple, small, smooth, furry, grey "pussy willows." One almost wants to pet them.



Sometimes willow branches with pussy buds are sold for display or used in florist offerings.

Did you know willow has been used as a medicine for centuries? Native Americans used the bark for aches, fever, and pain relief. The extract found in the bark, called *salicin*, is a precursor of aspirin.

Willow branches are pliable and can be bent without breaking. Ohlone people used the willow to make fish traps, baskets, cordage, and to support the reed-like tule used to construct huts.

Willow trees are prevalent in folklore, myths, and literature. Hans Christain Anderson wrote *Under the Willow Tree* in 1853. JRR Tolkien has Old Man Willow appear in *The Lord of the Rings*. *Wisdom of the Willows* is a Native American story in which a boy asks questions of the willow, calling the tree "Grandfather."

Next time you are near a willow, take a good look. In March be sure to observe the branches for the sweet pussy willows.



Wonderful Friends

We gratefully acknowledge these generous friends and community organizations who donated to Friends between November 1, 2013 and January 31, 2014.

Red-Tailed Hawk (\$25,000)

Brin Wojcicki Foundation

California Thresher (\$2000 to \$5000)

McKenna Family Foundation
Mountain View Kiwanis Foundation
Joan Ferguson

Stellar's Jay (\$1000 to \$1999)

Lorraine Alleman
Silicon Valley Realtors Charitable
Foundation
Dewey and Doris Halligan, via Fidelity
Charitable Fund

California Quail (\$500 to \$999)

Alice Kawash
Park Chamberlain
Lee Winchell, in honor of Marianne
Gregersen, Jack and Bev Winchell,
Stacie Williams, and Sue Shaffer
Fen Choi
Aart De Geus and Esther John
Catherine Gordon
Kevin and Jenise Henrikson
Gordon and Lauri Steel
Anonymous

Acorn Woodpecker (\$250 to \$499)

Mimi Mourkas
Tom and Barbara Lustig
Connett Ahart and Clint Severson
Daniel and Nina Dobkin
Sue Gale
Chris Halvorsen
Ron and Dorothy Schafer
Timothy Dylan Wood
Betsy and George Young
Sandra Bergan
Carla Dorow
Chris and Bill Green, in honor of
Elise and Justin Stubbe
Mary Kane
Darwin and Donna Poulos
Don Weden
Kathryn Sparkman
Pareesh and Debra Maniar
Tim and Gail Sullivan, in memory of
Bob Gale
Carl Maltzahn

Phoebe (\$100 to \$249)

Neil and Ruth Foley
Gail Nyhan, via Silicon Valley Community
Foundation
Richard and Sarah True
Marge Haley, in memory of her father,
Boyd Haley
Ruth Kaempf, in memory of
Ulrich Kaempf
James Morales
Everett and Rebecca Palmer
Brooke Groves-Anderson
Richard and Mary Baugh
Christine Burns
Patricia Campbell, in memory of
Diana Cook Pearl
Eugene and Clare Cordero
Marianne Gregersen, in honor of
Lee Winchell
Carol Howard
Andy Lott
Migdal family
Kevin and Sue Purcell, in honor of
Lee Winchell
John and Pat Sheehan
Ulf and Marcella Stauber
Kim Wong and Priscilla Sarinas
Stanley and Barbara Wong
Irene Abrams, via Jewish Community
Federation and Endowment Fund
Merry Astor, in honor of
Seymour Alpert
Christopher and Deborah Crouse
John and Mary Jane Edwards
Shirley Leisses
Joan and Greg Loney
Katherine Miller Wasilenko, in honor
of George and Eleanor Miller
Arthur Robertson, in memory of
Anne Robertson
Stephen Salveter, in memory of
Elizabeth Salveter
Kevin and Grace Witt
Coleman and Betsy Youngdahl
Christine Goritschnigg
Ted Kitayama
Steve and Tracy Matthews, in
memory of Don Sanders
Anonymous (2)

Junco (\$26 to \$99)

Doug Cox
Al and Ineke Ligtenberg
Cynthia Lee
Margaret Lanphier
William and Olga Bruce
Renate Dietz, in memory of
George Chin
Dwain and Susan Aidala
Naomi and Seymour Alpert
Ross and Joane Anderson
Christel Fliss
Barbara Goodwin
Mary Malgoire and Bea Birman
Dixie Storkman
Fred and Nancy Witteborn
Christine Bate
Walter Keutgens
Nancy Lutzow, in memory of
Janet Roselle
Michael and Susan Plass
Sylvia Weiser
Gary and Mary Tietz
Daniel Wendlandt
Esin Salter
Paul Kostka
Helene Pier, in honor of Betsy Young
Lori Tuttle
Anonymous (2)

Hummingbird (up to \$25)

John and Jane Kesselring
Chet and Marlene Zimmerman
Joseph and Jean Brandon
David Kaskowitz and Susan Kahn
Michael and Barbara Korn
Neal and Sonja Locke
Thomas MacDonald
Sam and Anne Ng
Jean Gilsing
Elizabeth Trahan Berry
Anonymous

Thank you to visitors who
donated \$669 at the Iron
Ranger between November 1, 2013
and January 31, 2014.

Familiar Face at the Farm

by Jaime Villarreal



In 2013, Monroe (Monty) Simpson celebrated 15 years of service with Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD). He is well known to visitors who frequent the Farm on Sundays, as he is responsible for Farm operations that day. His duties include repairs, projects, complementing the work of volunteers, meeting and greeting people, and ensuring farm guidelines and Preserve ordinances are observed.

Prior to working at the Farm, Monty worked for Hewlett Packard (HP), but eventually left and relocated to Oregon, where he began raising pigs, starting with two gilts (young female pigs) and one boar

(adult male pig). He says, “All of the sudden, I started birthing pigs, ending up with 80.”

In 1975, he moved back to the Los Altos area to care for his parents and returned to working at HP. After a total of 32 years with HP, he retired in 1997 and went to work for MROSD in 1998.

He enjoys landscaping, camping, and spending time with his family. He says he “likes it at the Farm and plans to stay for a while” because it gives him “a chance to get out of the house.” He enjoys interacting with the farmyard docents and the volunteer and visitor “regulars.” He also appreciates the upgrades that have been done in the last few years.

Thank you, Monty, you are a valued member of the Farm team!



Deer Hollow Farm is a ten-acre working farm in the Los Altos foothills. The Farm is part of the 3800-acre Rancho San Antonio County Park and Open Space Preserve at: 22500 Cristo Rey Drive, Los Altos. For Deer Hollow Farm information, call 650.903.6430.



FriendsNews

This newsletter is published for the community of over 400 people and organizations who want to preserve and improve the outstanding environmental-education program of Deer Hollow Farm, one of the last working homestead farms in California. To contribute to the newsletter or request notification of the posting of the color **FriendsNews** at www.fodhf.org contact: info@fodhf.org by mail: P.O. Box 4282,

Mountain View, CA 94040

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These happy Farm volunteers are standing with their left foot on the North American Plate and their right foot on the Pacific Plate. On a hike in Los Trancos Preserve with Open Space Preserve docent Keith Johnsgard, they saw the results of the land shift that took place in 1989 as the North American Plate moved westward and the Pacific Plate slipped north and under it. Dr. Johnsgard also came to the Farm and told stories of human/puma encounters. The lesson was—in mountain lion territory, don’t walk alone or get separated from your group, be especially aware near ambush sites, and do not bend or squat.

This spring, volunteers will have the opportunity to learn more about Ohlone people and to visit in the home of a woman who grows and uses natural dyes.

Volunteer Activities

