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# *Friends* News

A non-profit organization supporting  
Deer Hollow Farm and its educational programs



## Fall 2016

### Fun Events!

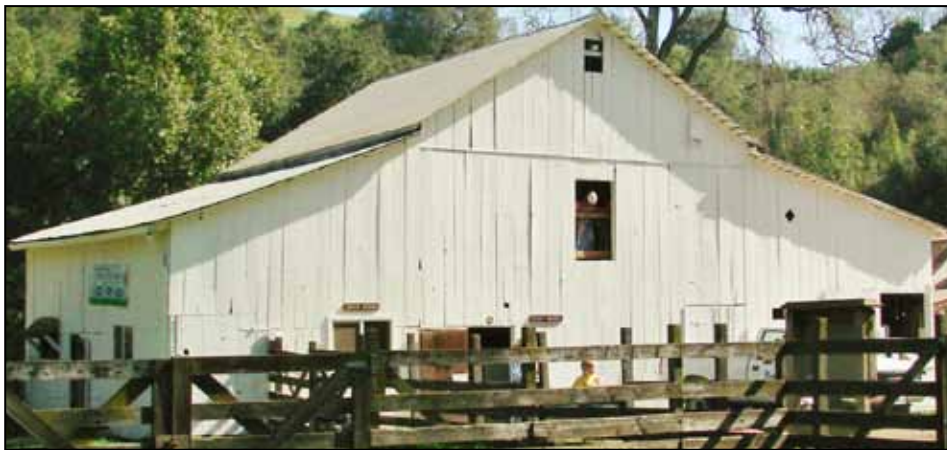
**Ohlone Day—October 1**

**Spooky Times—October 22**

**O**ctober 1 for the once-a-year chance to see the replica Native American village and learn about the early inhabitants of the Bay Area. On **October 22** the Farm is decorated for Halloween. The pens are open, and there are games, crafts, and a fun story to follow. The Farm staff is hosting these events with the assistance of Friends. Wonderful docents will be at both events to share the information they often share with students on field trips. Visit Friends' website ([www.deerhollowfarmfriends.org](http://www.deerhollowfarmfriends.org)) for details.

### In Memory

**B**eloved friend and long-time Farm volunteer, **Ulf Stauber**, passed away in July. Ulf was a Farm docent for 15 years, specializing in the Ohlone and Wilderness/Life Sciences Hike classes and teaching archery to summer campers. His wood-working skills can be seen in many of the Farm's signs and gates. Ulf loved teaching, the kids, birds, and the Farm. The Farm will plant a fruit tree in his honor this coming winter.



## Friends Receives \$140,000 from Tindall Estate

**F**riends of Deer Hollow Farm has received \$140,000 from the estate of **Walter and Suzanne Tindall**, local residents who walked the trails of Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve passing by the Farm for many years.

The couple loved the park and walked it as often as possible, according to family member **Jo Cellini**. "Sue was also passionate about animals. She was my cousin and one of the sweetest people ever. After Suzanne's death, Walt walked and hiked up until his death."

Friends would like to apply the Tindall bequest to renovate the White Barn while still preserving its historical feel. The rationale for this project is clear. Rancho San Antonio is the most visited of all Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's (MROSD) Preserves. People immediately recognize the iconic White

Barn, which needs renovation to last another 100 years. It currently doesn't have a foundation, and the upper loft and stairs need safety upgrades. In fiscal year 2013, Friends donors funded painting the White Barn, but now is a good time for a complete renovation, especially with this generous bequest.

Friends is working with MROSD, which is responsible for maintaining all Farm buildings, to determine feasibility and schedule for renovating the White Barn.

Friends would commemorate the generous Tindall gift with a plaque. Ms Cellini said, "Your kind idea regarding a plaque would make them both happy. I thank you for them both for the good work your organization is doing. Preserving something worthy of saving and helping animals is the best of priorities."

If you would like to consider a legacy gift to Friends of Deer Hollow Farm, here is a link to our webpage with helpful information. [deerhollowfarmfriends.org/donate/](http://deerhollowfarmfriends.org/donate/)

# Letters to Carla, featured Familiar Face



Dear Carla,  
Thanks for teaching us about plants and about the Ohlone Village. I learned a lot more about plants. The best part about going on the field trip is I got to play a game where you throw the spear in the hoop. I had a lot of turns. Thanks for teaching us so many things. I hope you can teach me more about the Ohlones and more about plants.  
Sincerely, Nathan



Dear Carla,  
Thank you for being a great docent. I appreciate your hard work and advice. My favorite part of the field trip was when we made fire. I learned what the Ohlones used for medicine, food, and weapons. I still remember, Willow tree. I also remember Elderberry tree. The bay leaf helps a clogged nose. Thank you.  
Sincerely, Nitima



Dear Carla,  
Thank you for taking me around Deer Hollow Farm. I learned about how to make fire from scratch. You rub two sticks together. One more thing is they used a game to hunt. Another thing is the music. I really liked the Shaman's instrument. The weird sound they make is really cool and weird at the same time. I liked the cooking but when we got to eat the acorn mush food tasted plain. I also liked when we mashed the acorns into tiny pieces. Sincerely, Rahul



Dear Carla,  
Thank you for bringing us to the Ohlone Village. I liked when the person made fire. He made it very fun. He was letting us try and make fire with him. When I volunteered I felt very scared and I wanted to change my mind. He was very cool and funny. You are a good docent. I want to come back with you again next year.  
Desiree



Dear Carla,  
I liked the fire which Dick made and I liked throwing the spear through the hole. I hope we will meet again sometime. I like the leaf which the Ohlones used like an insect free lotion which was cool. Inside the sweat lodge it was big and it felt good. I liked the weapons which they made and the music. It was fun doing the song. It felt cool.  
Sincerely, Pranav





# FamiliarFace at the Farm

## Carla Dorow

by Nina Wong-Dobkin

excited about something I've showed them about nature. For all the sophistication of Silicon Valley and its gadgets, the kids here still love watching wild turkeys and deer, as well as seeing how acorns were pounded and how spears were made by the Native Americans."



**C**arla Dorow's first connection with farms came from growing up at her family's dairy farm in northeast Wisconsin. Her volunteer spirit was nurtured by her parents, who always found time to volunteer while working on their own dairy farm and raising seven children. Carla was raised to always think about ways she can give back to her community and the world.

When she became a semi-retired CPA in 1999, Carla started walking to Deer Hollow Farm regularly. On one of these walks, she noticed a volunteer recruitment sign on the bulletin board. **Mary Gilman**, the Farm coordinator at the time, invited Carla to check out the volunteer program the following week. That was the beginning of Carla's long volunteer tenure at Deer Hollow Farm, 17 years and counting!

Over the years, Carla has taught every class offered, but lately she has been teaching primarily the Ohlone and Life Sciences classes for school-year field trips. She particularly enjoys the sophisticated ques-



Carla has also put her expertise in finance and accounting to excellent use as a member of the Friends of Deer Hollow Farm Board, serving as treasurer and chairs for the grants and events committees. Friends of Deer Hollow Farm Board is the non-profit organization that raises funds for field trip scholarships, Farm improvements, and animal feed and care. As treasurer, she produces invaluable financial reports to help the board make data-driven decisions, and she guides committee chairpersons in the annual budgeting process.

Carla has played key roles in many improvements to both Friends and Farm programs, such as implementing the Animal Fund and Farm Enhancements Program. As events committee chair, she organized our Friends fund-raising events. She continues to volunteer for Spring Farm Tours, Ohlone Day, and Spooky Times, bringing her husband, **Henry Pastorelli**, to help set up and manage registration. Carla has made tremendous contributions to the Board and is eager to return for a third term. Even during her years not on the Friends Board, she continued to help by managing accounting and tax records. Her hundreds of hours of work for the Board are in addition to her more than 1,500 Farm volunteer hours as a teaching docent.

Through her years of involvement with Deer Hollow Farm, Carla has seen many changes, from capital improvement projects, changes to educational curriculum, turnover of animals, to staff changes at the Farm, and membership changes on the Board. The heart of the Farm has remained the same, lovingly supported by dedicated staff and volunteers, who all go above and beyond. Carla finds Deer Hollow Farm a wonderful community of staff and volunteers, all sharing the same passion for preserving this special piece of history for future generations. Carla urges, "Everyone who cares about the environment in our area and would like to see the next generation care about it as well should consider volunteering at Deer Hollow Farm as a teacher. For every child who realizes it's a good idea to have these places instead of buildings and parking lots, it's a big win."

Friends of Deer Hollow Farm and the Los Altos Community Foundation recognized Carla with the prestigious 2016 John Gardner Award. This award celebrates outstanding volunteers at local non-profit organizations. Carla was honored for her instrumental leadership in preserving and enhancing Deer Hollow Farm.



tions and participation of the students in these classes. When Carla first started volunteering as a teaching docent, she thought that she would enjoy getting up close with the animals the most. However, she shares, "I soon realized that the greatest joy in teaching is watching a child get wide-eyed and



# Friends Board Is Recruiting

## New Volunteer Member

**T**he Friends Board of Directors is changing several membership seats.

We welcome **Dick Walker** to the



Board. Dick has served as a field trip docent for the past three years. His passion for the Farm and interest in writing

grants will be put to good use on the Board. He brings valuable marketing, sales, and planning skills to our Board.

Dick, a fifth generation Californian, grew up in Los Gatos. As a youngster, he helped harvest the fruit of “the Valley of Heart’s Delight.” While earning his MBA at San Jose State University he met Jane, his wife of 48 years. He has worked in marketing and as an electronics distribution regional manager for several semiconductor companies. In 2005, he formed his own sales representative company. Dick retired in 2012 and enjoys his seven grandchildren, traveling with his wife and close friends, playing golf and tennis, and teaching children at the Farm.

“Over the years I’ve brought my sons and grandchildren up to Deer Hollow to hike and see the animals. I want this tradition to continue for their families. Deer Hollow represents a farm experience and wildlife encounter that needs to continue for our children and their children.”

“This is my third year as a docent. Each year I’ve gained a better understanding of how the Farm operates and the importance of fund raising to support the Farm. I want to help raise the visibility of Deer Hollow Farm in our community and reach out to people who have not experienced the Farm first hand.”

Dick has run the trails of Rancho San Antonio for decades and is currently an avid Bay Area sports fan, playing in a fantasy football pool with friends for over 30 years.

Over the next year, the Friends Board will have more open seats as members term out. Members can serve for two consecutive three-year terms and then must leave the Board for at least a year.

## Members Leaving

Liz Montgomery has served two terms and will be leaving in September. Liz has served as co-manager on the Farm events Friends has sponsored. She has also managed event print media PR and has volunteered in the Saturday Nature Center openings. We thank Liz for her many contributions.



Deb Maniar will be stepping down in January 2017, having served two terms. Deb served as chair of the events and merchandise committees. She not only planned and organized our events and volunteers, she managed the Nature Center staff and our merchandise including the annual summer camp T-shirt campaign. She also created our Farm bulletin boards and banners. Deb will be leaving many roles to fill on the Board.



## Seeking New Volunteers

Now is a good time to consider joining Friends Board. If you love Deer Hollow Farm and have a few hours a month, you can help ensure that the Farm stays strong for decades to come. We need your passion for the Farm, your helping hands, and your writing and business skills. Particularly important are skills in writing for social media (our webpage and Facebook) and researching and writing grant requests. We also need members to staff

our booths in community events, raising community awareness about this wonderful environmental education center.

Friends is critical to the preservation and enhancement of Deer Hollow Farm. We’ve raised \$1.3 million for the Farm since our founding in 1994, paying for animal care and feed, vet bills, field trip tuition and busing, Farm operations, and improvements large and small to the Farm.

We’ve funded more than \$125,000 in capital improvements to the Farm. Recently we received a \$75,000 grant from the County of Santa Clara to pay for tuition and busing for more than 2,500 student field trips for last year and the next two years. FODHF was also named a recipient of an \$11,000 award as part of Sereno Real Estate’s 1% For Good Program. Our Spring Farm Tour drew visitors from 27 different Bay Area cities and raised more than \$6,000 for the animals.

In the past seven years, FODHF annual fund-raising has increased fivefold to more than \$180,000. We’re writing more grants, managing online fund-raising campaigns, and doing more outreach to the community. We need a constant flow of new ideas. Business skills are always important as well.

Mountain View has recognized FODHF as a very effective nonprofit in a recent City proclamation. New Board members are needed to help it get even better.



Deer Hollow Farm is a unique institution in Silicon Valley. FODHF helps keep it that way. For more information, please visit our website: [www.deerhollowfarmfriends.org](http://www.deerhollowfarmfriends.org) or send your questions to [sue@deerhollowfarmfriends.org](mailto:sue@deerhollowfarmfriends.org)



# Friendly Inquiries

by Tom Lustig



**Carolyn—Mountain View:** I previously was a docent. Now I help at fundraisers. I came as a walker about 30 years ago and continue to enjoy the walk. My grandchildren like the bunnies, and I especially like the goats.



**Mark—Los Altos:** Yesterday I came to Rancho San Antonio for a hike. I passed by the Farm. I didn't even know it existed. Today I've come to take a look at it. I think it's pretty neat that it is being preserved. I can see that it offers a special experience for young people.



**Daniel and Malcolm—Cupertino:** I first came to the Farm when I was very young, about my son Malcolm's age. This is a place where Malcolm can explore and see things that he wouldn't see anywhere else. I appreciate the preservation of something that's been around a long time and has value.



**Dana—Los Altos:** I was a docent about 20 years ago. Mary and Keith were running the program. When did all this change happen, the chicken coop and the rabbit pen? Plus, the new walkway by the ducks and cows? I rode my bike up today. I like to check out the goats; they are my favorite. If I could have goats at my home, I would. My husband doesn't like that idea too much. What a treasure it is to have this place.



**Sarah—San Jose:** I come here regularly to have my children exposed to this fantastic place. We were here right after the triplet goats were born. It's such a good memory for my kids. My older child has helped milking the cow and the goat. We always have amazing experiences here. Coming here reminds me of my childhood experiences growing up on a farm in China. My children need to know where milk comes from, not from Safeway.



**Daniel and Sarah—San Jose:** We came to the Farm about 6 years ago. We were on a hike, and we discovered the Farm. We come here now because of our child, who we can tell appreciates it. We like all the animals, but especially the goats. This is a nice way to get away from the craziness of the valley.

# Wonderful Friends **W**e gratefully acknowledge these generous friends and community organizations who contributed to Friends of Deer Hollow Farm between February 1, 2016 and July 31, 2016. \*SVGives participant

**W**e're pleased to announce that we raised an amazing \$29,251 in our second annual Silicon Valley Gives Day! SVGives is an online Day of Giving that benefits hundreds of local non-profits. Our heartfelt thanks go out to the Henrikson Family Foundation and Merrimac Fund that provided \$13,000 in matching grants. We also thank Silver Spring Networks and The Skoll Foundation for additional prizes totaling \$1,636. Most of all, thank YOU for your outstanding support of the Farm!

**David Fung and Wai Mo**  
SVGives 2016 Co-Chairs

## **Bequest**

Tindall Family Trust  
\$140,000

## **Grants**

Henrickson Family Foundation  
\$10,000, SVGives match  
Merrimac Fund \$3,000,  
SVGives match  
Intero Foundation \$2,000  
Los Altos Rotary  
Endowment Fund \$1,000  
Pine Cone Lumber \$250

## **Donations**

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who contributed \$1427 during  
their Farm visit or at the  
Friends booth at Thursday  
Night Live in Mountain View

### **Board Members at Work**

**T**he sight of excited toddlers and  
young children waiting to touch  
a rabbit was an endearing sight at  
the Friends of Deer Hollow Farm booth  
during Thursday Night Live (TNL) in  
Mountain View. **Timothy Wood** is



the patient Board member who shows  
chickens, rabbits, and a goat during the  
three-hour event on Castro Street. TNL,  
which features a live band, farmer's market,  
a car show, and other activities is held on  
four Thursday nights in June and July.  
Board member **Pamela Baird** managed  
the TNL events with the help of **Nina  
Wong-Dobkin, David Fung, and Park  
Chamberlain.**







**D**eer 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 22500 Cristo Rey Drive, Los Altos, 94024. For Deer Hollow Farm information, call 650.903.6430.



**F**ind the latest news about the Farm at [www.deerhollowfarmfriends.org](http://www.deerhollowfarmfriends.org)  
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## Farm Volunteers Honored at Recognition Event

The 37th Annual Deer Hollow Farm Volunteer Recognition Event honored the Farm's 106 volunteers with music, lunch, and an awards program held in the Hay Barn in May. These volunteers gave a record total of 8,340 hours to the Farm this year as docents, animal caretakers, gardeners, orchardists, maintenance workers, and summer camp guides. That is more than four fulltime staff.



Congratulating the volunteers was Mountain View's Vice Mayor Ken Rosenberg, Farm and Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District staff, and Friends of Deer Hollow Farm President Sue Gale. "We couldn't run this Farm without you," was the message all the speakers delivered.



Volunteers received certificates from Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian's office and flashlights from the City of Mountain View.



The volunteers and their families were treated to lunch and music by The Gallowglasses, a local Celtic folk band.



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