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Friends News

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

Summer 2017



Spring Events

The Farm is alive in the spring with new life and visitors. This spring four of the goats kidded, bringing to life three billies and two does. Three of the sheep delivered five ewes. There were lots of baby animals for visitors to enjoy.

Spring Farm Tours

The Spring Farm Tour events bring the visitors into the pens and close to Farm life. The fund for the Farm animals is \$7,200 richer from the visitors' fees. March attendance of 636 set new records; in May, 372 attended. At both events visitors, volunteers, staff, and animals all had a good time.



Mountain View Spring Parade

Another yearly event for Farm staff, volunteers, and animals is the parade. Above, all are gathered around the Farm float. One volunteer is holding the baby goat she is adopting and raising as a 4-H project.



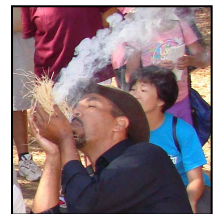
Fall Fun

Ohlone Day October 7
Spooky Times October 28

Two wonderful family events allow the public to experience the Ohlone village and see the Farm decorated for Halloween.

On **Ohlone Day, October 7**, you will

see the classroom for third- and fourth-grade students who are learning about the original peoples of the Bay Area. Bring your friends and family for a chance to see fire started from sticks, to understand how early peoples could cook acorn mush in a basket, to taste tea, play games, dance, and more.



At **Spooky Times, October 28**, you will see ghosts and pumpkins and all things Halloween in the farmyard. There will be crafts and games to play, a story to follow, and best of all visitors can go into the pens to see up close the goats, sheep, rabbits, and chickens. Wear a costume for a discount on admission.



Both events run from noon to 3:00 pm and cost \$7. Parking is limited; carpool if you can. And be prepared for a mile walk to the events. For the latest information and directions go to

www.deerhollowfarmfriends.org





I really learned a lot. The village was such an amazing surprise. My favorite thing was putting the rock in the basket. I never knew the leaves and bark could cure illness. I would really like to know how they figured it out. It was really cool to be in a sweat lodge.

Thank you for teaching the enjoyment and the fun.

Yijin/Snow Bird

Dear Dick the Fire Guy, 11/30/16

Thank you for being a teacher at the station. I learned a lot from you! Here are some things I learned from you. First, I learned that you can make toys from all kinds of things, such as cattail. I also learned that to make a fire without a match can be hard! Just looking at the volunteers and you, I noticed you and other people are working hard to get the fire going. Finally, I learned a lot of lessons from you. One was that you have to be careful around fire. I am glad that I got to go to see your presentation. Happy Christmas!

Thank you,
Stephanie (Darting Hummingbird)

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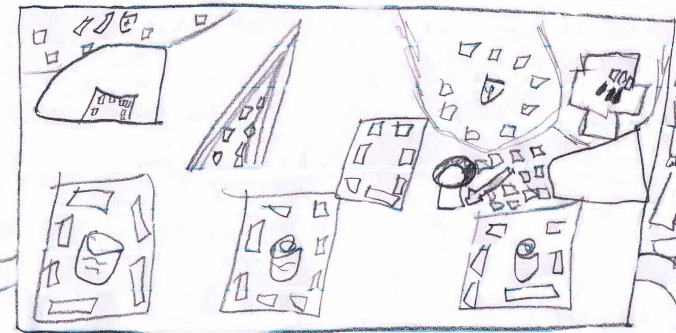
Docents who shared the Ohlone village with Lincoln School students last fall received these thank-you notes.

Thank you for making my trip to Deer Hollow amazing. I loved the way you would act out how a Native American would do something. You made it easier for me to imagine something. Also, you showed me things that I need to read about that I could not imagine. One of my favorite parts was when we were singing, playing instruments, and turning in circles. I thought that was fun. It was really cool to see all the plants and animals. I also thought that it was pretty awesome to see Dick make a real fire with sticks. Thanks for everything. Your student, Ally

Thank you for giving me an awesome tour of Deer Hollow and the Ohlone Village! It was so fun to learn about the cool plants the Ohlone's use - mint, willow, bay, and buckeye! It was also really fun to go to the awesome replica of an Ohlone Village. My favorite part of the fieldtrip was...everything. If you can please say a thanks to Dick for showing the cool toys, spearheads, and the fire. Most of all, thank you for being so nice and patient to our group and taking our questions and comments so patiently. It was so fun, especially with you. Signed Neelasha



Thank you so much for taking us to the different places at Deer Hollow and for teaching us. I learned about the tools for hunting, music, food, and medicine. I liked the part when we smelled the bay leaf. It was really cool. It smelled strong.
From, Eshika



Thank you for being my docent. I really enjoyed coming to the Ohlone Village replica. My favorite part was when I got to use the two sticks to pick up rocks from one basket and put them into another basket containing acorn mush. I learned a lot especially about the different kinds of plants and trees that can help you. I thought that the willow tree was really useful because it gave the reeds to make baskets and its branches are really bendy. I hope one day I'll come back and say hello to you!
Thank you a lot! Tanvi

Ask the Nature Lover

Monkeys and mules and hounds and more can be seen at Rancho San Antonio Preserve.

Sticky Monkey Flower, Mules Ears, and Hounds Tongue are among the prolific number of wildflowers at the preserve in the spring after the good rains.



Monkey Flower (*Mimulus gluttatus*) has a yellow flower that looks like a little monkey

face. It is very common, but varies in size and form. The leaves and stems ooze a white sticky juice.



In sunny meadows, lots of sunflower-

Monkeys and Mules and Hounds, Oh My!

like Mules Ears (*Wyethia*) grow. The flower is named for Capt. Nathaniel J. Wyeth, who described the plants in 1834. The large, erect leaves do look like upright mule's ears, on the plant that can grow two feet tall.



Hounds Tongue (*Cynoglossum*) are pretty little blue flowers, which remind one

of Forget-me-nots. The leaves are large, pointy, and earn the plant its name. It likes shady, moist areas. Hiking the Wildcat Loop Trail, in mid-March, these flowers are easily spotted.

In shady woodland glens the early Trillium (*Trillium Chloropitulum*) can be found. Ravensbury Trail, near the Mora Trail fork, is one good place to seek

by Donna Aronson



Trillium with its three deep purple-green petal flowers and three broad leaves. Uniquely beautiful.

One other very easy flower to identify can be seen along the fences, near the road to Deer Hollow Farm. It is Fiddleneck (*Amsinckia*). Fiddleneck have small bright yellow/orange flowers that coil at the top just like the end of a violin or fiddle!



There is a good wildflower chart behind the door in the Nature Center to help you learn names of California wildflowers.

I used *Spring Wildflowers of the San Francisco Bay Area* by Helen K. Sharsmith as my resource.

Animals at the Farm

Deer Hollow Farm has two adult Nubian does as well as a varying number of Nubian mix kids, depending on the time of year. The Nubian is a breed that originated about 200 years ago with mixed European, Indian, Middle Eastern, and North African roots.

Its large lops ears and rounded Roman nose give the breed a distinctive look. The coat can be of different colors or mottled and marbled. The Nubian goat is generally large in size. These intelligent animals are sociable, outgoing, and curious.

Nubians are considered a dairy breed of goat. The females can produce large volumes of milk that is high in butterfat, flavorful, and ideal for cheese making. Dairy goats require less space than other hoofed animals, making them well-suited for Deer Hollow Farm. The goats are fed a diet consisting largely of alfalfa hay and grass hay, with a small quantity of grain.

The Nubian goat is a good breeder and mother. After a gestation period of five months a doe will usually give birth to

Nubian Goats

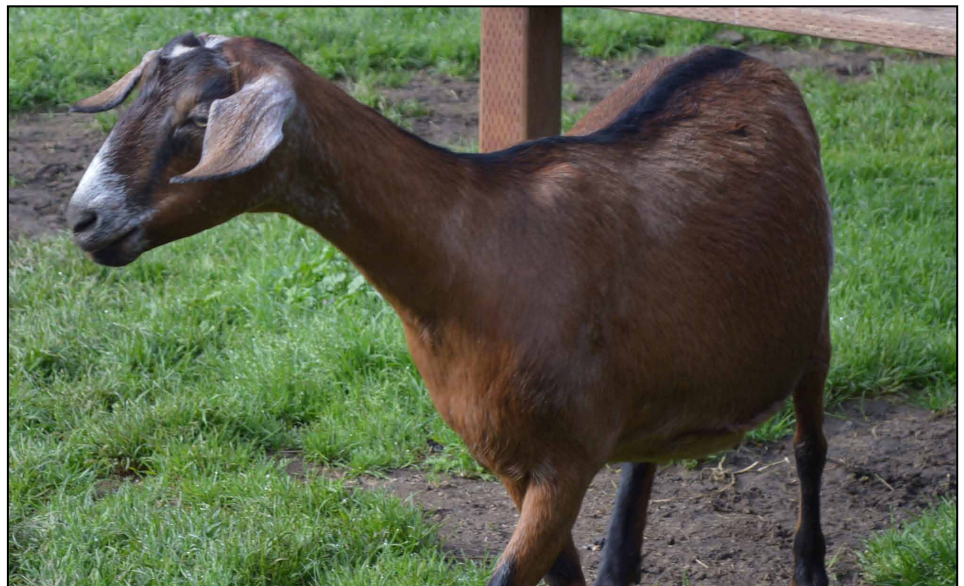
by Pamela Baird

up to three kids. **Nancy Stuhr**, a FODHF board member and livestock volunteer, notes that most of the time the kids are born with the long ears "rolled up" and they unwind over several days after their birth.

This versatile breed is one of the most common dairy breeds in the United States.

The sturdy Nubian goat can adapt to a variety of climates, making it a popular breed in many countries. Throughout much of the world, goat's milk is more popular than cow's milk.

The next time you visit the Farm stop by the goat enclosure and look for Trudy. She will be interested in meeting you as well!



FamiliarFace at the Farm

Sue Gale

by Nina Wong-Dobkin

If you happen to come to Deer Hollow Farm on a weekday morning, you might see Sue Gale, walking backwards, while she shares with students her knowledge of the plants and trees the Ohlone used for food, medicine, entertainment, and building materials. Once a week, she leads students to the Village for their field trip.



Sue first discovered Deer Hollow Farm in the early 1980s when she ran in a Mountain View “Run for the Farm” 10K race to benefit the Farm. She then started hiking the PG&E trail to get in shape for an Annapurna base camp trek in the Himalayas in 1982. When she retired in 2002, she noticed a “Volunteer Wanted” ad and became a field-trip docent.

Teaching in an outdoor classroom combines her love of nature, children, and education. “The kids enjoy being out in nature and usually have one moment of awe during their field trips, be it for the wild turkeys or the deer, a clucking hen, a lizard, or the stuffed mountain



lion in the Farm’s Nature Center,” Sue said. Her favorite story which illustrates the importance of Deer Hollow Farm in educating our children was in a kindergarten class. “A docent stopped in front of the cow pen and asked, ‘Where do your hamburgers come from?’ And a student quickly shouted ‘McDonalds!’” Sue has taught different field trip classes, but in recent years she has focused on the Ohlone classes for 3rd and 4th grade students.

Sue wanted to do more for the Farm she loved, so in 2004 she joined the Friends of Deer Hollow Farm Board of Directors, bringing her MBA training and management expertise as a Risk and Opportunities Manager at Lockheed Martin. Friends was a small organization then, with five directors and a budget of about \$30,000. Sue served two consecutive three-year terms, during which she was secretary and then president.

Sue has much respect for the Friends board, created by community members in 1994 when a funding crisis threatened the Farm’s closure. “These inspirational people rallied the community, and the Farm survived,” said Sue. In 2010, the Farm faced another funding crisis, and under Sue’s leadership, Friends sprang into action, raising

more than \$150,000 in emergency funding to help save the Farm.

In January 2012, the board was struggling to maintain the minimum five directors required by its by-laws, so Sue returned to the Board to serve as president. She immediately focused on recruiting board members and changing the board by-laws to increase the size of the board to 13, with the goal of always having a robust board. “We were fortunate to add to the board so many talented directors with key business, technology, marketing, and financial skills,” says Sue. Today’s Board has 12 members with a budget of \$165,000. It boasts a beautiful new website with a blog and videos, an active Facebook page, and new grant strategies and fund-raising techniques.



Sue also reorganized how the board works, making it more efficient. “I wanted to ensure that the precious volunteer time of the directors was not wasted in too many meetings with slow decision-making,” she said. The work is now done in key committees such as grants, donor relations, marketing, and finance. Each committee has management and budget control and reports back results to the entire board.

Since Sue discovered the Farm, it has been literally transformed. Buildings have been renovated, and new structures added. There’s a new duck pond, chicken coop, pig enclosure, a demonstration milking stand, an amphitheater in the Ohlone Village,



a new underground sweathouse, signage, fencing, and more. “The transformation is directly due to the wonderful collaborative partnership with Friends of Deer Hollow Farm’s fund-raising, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District’s labor, and Mountain View’s management,” said Sue. Most of these enhancement projects were done while she served as Friends’ president.

Recently retired from Friends of Deer Hollow Farm Board (January 2017), Sue is now working in organizations that defend our civil liberties and democracy: *Indivisible* and *Swing Left*. She has also joined a gym so she can keep up with her husband, who is quite the hiker and mountaineer. Sue continues to garden and attend a book club with friends she made while volunteering at the Farm.

Sue and her husband, Bill, love to camp and hike. They have trekked to the base camp of Everest together. They also enjoy white-water rafting and have rafted more than 2,000 miles of wild and scenic rivers, including many trips down the Colorado in the Grand Canyon, the Snake, the



Middle Fork of the Salmon, the Salmon, the Kern, and the Rogue. They have a very lively (and very spoiled) Vizsla dog who tags along on hikes and camping trips. Together Sue and Bill have more than 20 nieces and nephews who keep them on their toes.

Sue continues to teach Ohlone field trips and bring Native American history alive for students. She is also the face behind Friends’ Facebook page, which features lots of her photography at the Farm. “The Farm is a magical place. It attracts folks who love the outdoors and animals. These people simply make our world more enjoyable.” She will always be one of these people who loves to share her knowledge of the outdoors and animals with others, making our world a more enjoyable place.

Impossible Shoes to Fill

by Lauren Merriman

In January 2017, former Friends president Sue Gale adjourned her last meeting, took her routine picture of the current board and walked out of the Mountain View Senior Center potentially for the last time. The Board slowly dispersed while the idea that Sue won’t be at our next meeting started to settle in. As the newly elected president, this reality hit me hard—what the heck will we do without Sue!

I joined the Board in September and while I have years of history with the FODHF, I haven’t sat on the Board for very long. Prior to joining the Board, I sat in on FODHF Board meetings as a City of Mountain View staff person, providing updates about summer camp registration, the school year program, and enhancement projects funded by the Friends. After leaving the City of Mountain View I jumped at the chance to continue with this amazing group of volunteers, because Deer Hollow Farm is such a unique and special place.

The wonderful part is that while Sue might not be at our next meetings, Sue will always be part of the Friends of Deer Hollow Farm. So much of what has been accomplished by the Friends in the past 12 plus years has Sue all over it. Along with the other hardworking board members past and present, Deer Hollow Farm’s funding has been enhanced, and funding assistance has been provided to the City of

Mountain View toward operations of the Farm. Farm life goes on, and thankfully Sue continues to pay it forward as a docent at the Farm. You’ll find her witty and educational voice through the Friends of Deer Hollow Farm Facebook posts and photos.

Looking at the years ahead, FODHF will continue to push forward, explore new funding, seek assistance from neighboring cities, and continue to communicate about the regional asset that is Deer Hollow Farm. A major project in the works at the Farm is the White Barn. This wonderful landmark will be evaluated and an historical and structural assessment completed. Once this process is complete Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD), City of Mountain View, and FODHF will have a better idea of the scope of this project and funds needed to complete the massive task.

On behalf of the current FODHF Board we wish to thank each and every person who is reading this newsletter; because of you, the Friends mission continues, and with every “like” or “share” on Facebook, with every mention of our cause, you help us continue to move FODHF forward. You are all Friends of Deer Hollow Farm and we thank you for your support past, present, and future.

Our biggest thanks goes to Sue for her incredible leadership and organization! Sue leaves impossible shoes to fill, but we’ll do our best!



Friends Board: Front row (L to R) Nina Wong-Dobkin, vice president, Lauren Merriman, president, Carla Dorow, treasurer, Nancy Stuhr, secretary, Back row (L to R) Kevin Henrikson, Pamela Baird, David Fung, Dick Walker, Jenise Uehara Henrikson, Park Chamberlain, Wai Mo

Wonderful Friends

Bequest

Tindall Family Trust
(\$8,750)

Grants

Santa Clara County
(\$25,000)
Los Altos Rotary
Endowment Fund (\$2,000)
Mountain View Kiwanis
Foundation (\$2,000)
Silicon Valley Realtors
Charitable Foundation
(\$1,000)

Donations

Hawk (\$5,000 to \$8,000)

John and Brenda Robbins, in
memory of Tom and Karyl Robbins

California Thresher (\$2,000 to \$4,999)

Connett Ahart and
Clint Severson
Shannon Hegg, with Apple
match
Aart De Geus and
Esther John
Dewey and Doris Halligan
Stellar Jay (\$1,000 to \$1,999)
Timothy Dylan Wood
David and Karen Jessen, in
memory of Gary Dymond
Caroline Pitner
Joy Desai
Thomas Han, with Apple match
California Quail (\$500 to \$999)
Carol Ryall, with Applied
Materials match
Cindy Castillo

California Quail (\$500 to \$999) continued

Michael and Susan Murphy,
in honor of
Timothy Wood and family
Ava Lee and David Bellshaw
Joan Anderson, in memory of
Mary Kane
Park Chamberlain
Roman and Wendy Scheiter,
in honor of Sadie Scheiter
Ruth Kaempf
Anonymous (2)

Acorn Woodpecker (\$250 to \$499)

George Bunting and
Barbara Titel
Mike Hammes
Betsy and George Young, in
memory of Ulf Stauber
Katrina Johnson Secoy,
for Roxie
Kristin Forster, with Apple
match in honor of
Judy Webster
Amazon Smile Foundation
Chris and Bill Green
Darwin and Donna Poulos
Dennis Haas
Jane and Peter Griffith, in
honor of Sawyer Reese Griffith
Lee Winchell, in honor of
Mr. and Mrs. J Winchell
Mr. and Mrs. J. Jordan
Marianne Gregersen
Kathleen Winchell
Stacie Williams
Katherine Miller Wasilenko,
in honor of
George and Eleanor Miller
Lauren Merriman
Daniel and Nina Dobkin
Dee Wood, in memory of
Chris Wood on his birthday

Acorn Woodpecker (\$250 to \$499) continued

Monica Delzeit
Nancy Stuhr
Pamela Baird
Tim and Gail Sullivan,
in memory of Bob Gale
Vaswani Family Fund
Anonymous
Phoebe (\$100 to \$249)
Brett Degner and Nora
Singer, with match from Apple
Christine Goritschnigg, with
HP match
Coleman and Betsy
Youngdahl
Edward Reed and
Johanna Schmid
Helene Hills
Jason Guerra, with HP match
Jerry and Sandy Juracich
John Atwood, in memory of
Kim Weden
Neil and Ruth Foley
Sandra Bergan
Patricia Campbell, in honor of
Diana Cook Pearl
Raymond and Elsa Heald
Tim and Julia O'Keefe
Hilary Bartels, in
honor of Stan Hall
Ashley Hu
Dwain and Susan Aidala
Gary Schlueter
Joan Lewis
Richard and Mary Baugh
Robert Wohlgemuth and
Cynthia Lee, with Google match
Susan Casner-Kay and
Jack Kay, in memory of Claire Kay

We gratefully acknowledge these generous friends and community organizations who contributed to Friends of Deer Hollow Farm between November 1, 2016 and April 30, 2017.

Phoebe (\$100 to \$249) continued

Maria Tirabassi, in honor of Leo Mankin
Laneview Elementary School
Andy Lott, in honor of Kiki
Arthur Robertson, in memory of Anne Robertson
Beckman Family, in memory of Fred Beckman
Catherine Mack
Christel Fliss
Christine Bate
Claude and Gudrun DeBuhr, in memory of Kermit Skromme
David and Jo Ann Shannon
Don Weden
Elizabeth Trahan Berry
Ellie and Dick Mansfield, "Warm regards to your kitty cats"
Eugene and Clare Cordero
Glenn Davis
Ivan Gendzel
James and Andrea Sandstrom
James Morales
Leanne Luna
Linda Thomason
Marge Haley, in memory of my father, Boyd Haley
Mary Malgoire
Merry Astor
Priscilla Sarinas and Kim Wong
Rob Colwell
Robert Hauge, in memory of Virginia Grant Murphy
Susan Purcell, in honor of Lee Winchell
Catherine Kastner, in honor of Mary M. Mourkas
Anonymous (2)

Junco (\$50 to \$99)

Kevin and Grace Witt
Leigh Durlacher
Daniel and Anne Marie Pruzan, "Love all the wonderful things you do at Deer Hollow Farm!"
Mary Ellen Chafey
Rachel Heffner, with Intuit match
Sue Jacobus
Susan Kahn and David Kaskowitz
Renate Dietz, in memory of Cardiff
Al and Ineke Ligtenberg
Annie Hart
Barbara Goodwin
Carl Baeuerlen and Jim Hulseman
Carol Howard
Carol Peters
Drew Dara-Abrams, in honor of Elizabeth Phillips
Fred Offenbach
Inge Roberts
Krish Ellath and Anita Krishnan
Margaret Lanphier
Marianne Gregersen, in honor of Lee Winchell for Christmas
Martin and Roberta Schwartz
Michael and Susan Plass
Nancy Delbrueck, in honor of Mimi Mourkas
Neal and Sonja Locke
Olga Bruce
Paul Kostka
Robert and Judith Dahl
Roberta Jorgensen

Junco (\$50 to \$99) continued

Walter Keutgens
William "Buzz" and Georgie McClain
Robert Friedman, IBM match
Stephen Salveter, IBM match
Anonymous (2)
Hummingbird (up to \$49)
Madeline Rafanan, in honor of Carol and Paul Jossi
Shannon Malcolm
Joan and Greg Loney
John and Jane Kesselring
Joseph and Jean Brandon
Katherine Chew, in memory of Evelyn Chew
Sam and Anne Ng
Peggy Bunker
Thomas MacDonald
Kathy Harris, in honor of Kyle Welch
Anonymous (2)

Thank you also to the Farm visitors who donated a total of **\$877** during their visits.



Among our wonderful friends are the students of **Laneview Elementary School**, who thanked the Friends for their field trip scholarship with a sizable donation of money they had earned.

Thank You!

Friendly Inquiries

by Dan Fillin



Richa and Shreyas
Ketan and Shruti

San Jose

with volunteer Sandy
and goat

"We read to our children often, and we like to come here to see real animals. We tell them we're going to Old MacDonald's Farm. Shreyas likes the grumpy old rabbit and Shruti likes the goats."



Pamela and
Mariano

San Jose

"Today is the first time we've brought them on a weekend adventure to the Farm. Mariano likes that goats have horns. Pamela likes the goat's fur."



Lucy and
Kai

Cupertino

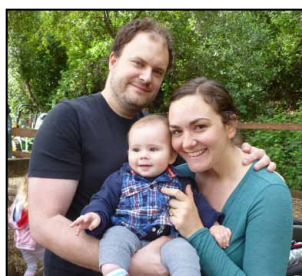
"We love to watch the baby animals. My wife brings Lucy here often to pet the cow. After visiting the animals we often stop to play in the river."

Rachel
Stanford



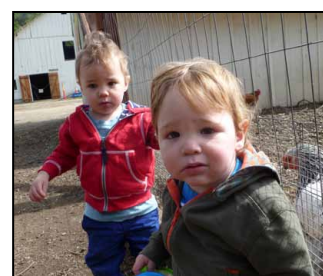
"I discovered the Farm while on a trail run. I study at Stanford Law School, but I've studied farming systems, as well. It's nice to see there is open space for the animals. I'm glad this place still exists now surrounded by the tech industry."

Kor,
Devon,
Heather
Sunnyvale



"We came to see the Easter Bunny and to take a nice walk. Devon loves seeing the animals and learning the animal sounds. His favorite animals are the cows and bunnies."

Finn and
Hayes
Los Altos



Mom Jenna and grandma Joan brought these 16-month-old twins to the Farm for their first visit. "The twins love being outside and they are interested in the animals."



Eugene
and
Loh

Cupertino

Eugene: "Loh likes to take walks in the morning. I join her on the weekends for the exercise and the fresh air." Loh: "I like to watch the chickens and see the plants. I used to raise both chickens and plants back in China."



Maria, Jorge,
Francisco, and
Daniel

San Jose

"We like looking at the animals and the buildings. The Farm looks really antique and authentic. We came here to meet up with a church group, but couldn't find parking, so we ended up visiting the Farm. We walked in to see the goats and now we're looking at the cow."

Deer Hollow Farm is a ten-acre working farm in 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.



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