

Summer 2021

FriendsNews



Friends of Deer Hollow Farm is a non-profit organization supporting Deer Hollow Farm and its educational programs.

What A Year

by Nancy Stuhr

2020 started out fairly normal, with new lambs and kids needing bottle feeding, but things quickly changed as we all know...

While it was determined that Rancho San Antonio Park would stay open during Covid-19, the Farm had to close to the public. Because so many people walking by the Farm were congregating at the fence line to see the goats, the park staff encased the fences in black garden cloth. This gave the goat pen an eerie feeling. Farm staff stepped in to lighten the mood with encouraging signs for the public, like “Hay- You”, “Keep Mooving” and “you Goat this”. These signs brought a smile to many hikers as they passed by.

Thankfully, the restoration of the White Barn was able to proceed despite Covid-19. Because of the ongoing construction, several changes had to be made. The entire contents of the barn had to be moved elsewhere. Two shipping containers were brought in to store the hay and animal feed.

The goats were moved from the White Barn into the empty pig barn, much to their disappointment. Since they were in a new and smaller space, Lisa, the Farm Manager, decided not to breed the goats this year. However, Mint and Bowie, two of our sheep, both had two lambs each this spring. All four can be seen zooming around the Farm and are frequently zooming on Facebook too.

In spring, the Farm said good-bye to our cow friends, Luna and her daughter Roxy. There is a new mini Jersey cow named Jelly Bean in residence, along with Henrietta’s calf, a beautiful heifer who has quickly become a favorite of folks passing by.

Our 2020 fundraising events – the Spring Tours and Spooky Times were cancelled. The 2021 Spring Tours were also cancelled. Jessica, the city Recreation Coordinator, pivoted and put together virtual events. Many people logged on to see the farm friends that they were missing. The in-person fundraiser events have been missed by animals, staff, and volunteers.

For many years it has been our pleasure to open the Farm to the public for a hands-on experience with the animals. The feed

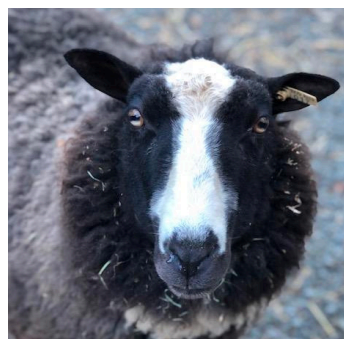
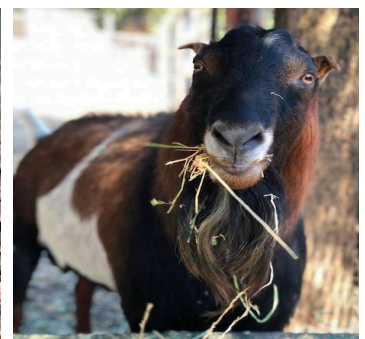
and care of the animals, as well as maintenance for the Farm, are all paid for through donations. Because the Farm has been closed, proceeds from the fundraising events and donations have been down. Now is a good time to make a donation. Just go to www.deerhollowfarmfriends.org. The “donate” tab is easily found.

School field trips were also virtual this year, which kept farm staff very busy in new ways. Thank goodness for their creativity and versatility!

Former board members Sue Gale and Deb Maniar also stayed busy keeping the farm “accessible” to its many fans through the Friends of the Farm Facebook page and Instagram feeds. They have done an excellent job! Their efforts are featured on page 3 of this newsletter.

We hope to see you at the farm later this summer. Please visit www.facebook.com/FriendsOfDeerHollowFarm, the website of the Farm and the City of Mountain View for updates and re-opening information.

Here are some of our favorite photos taken over the past year:



White Barn Renovation Completed

by *Lauren Merriman*

Years later, global pandemic or not, the final steps of the White Barn renovation are complete and we can state with confidence that the White Barn will stand for another hundred years! This multi-organizational, multi-year project started in 2016 with a generous \$166,000 bequest from the Tindall Family Trust to our FoDHF non-profit organization. The FoDHF Board President in 2016, Sue Gale approached Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District staff to explore the idea of renovating the iconic White Barn. Up to that point, the barn was serving its purpose, housing goats, storage of feed for the rest of the farm animals, but the age of the building was starting to become obvious, roof repairs, rodent infestations, and general safety were the driving factors. MROSD agreed to take on the large project and after five years of planning, engineering, environmental and structural analysis and reports, permitting, more reviews and finally construction, we are thrilled with the results. The cities of Mountain View and Cupertino contributed to the project funding along with MROSD and the FoDHF.

the Farm's hay, straw, alfalfa and other feed for the residents of DHF.

The current Board wishes to deeply thank Sue Gale and the 2016 FoDHF Board of Directors for their vision of this multi-organizational funding project as well as MROSD for their massive efforts in a project of this magnitude, the City of Mountain View for their support programmatically and financially and finally the City of Cupertino for their generous Community Grant Funding contributions over a span of two years. Last, but certainly not least, none of this would have been possible without the generous bequest from the Tindall Family Trust. Mr. and Mrs. Tindall loved to walk at Rancho San Antonio near the Farm and we believe they would be delighted to know that because of their generosity and the collaboration of so many other agencies, the iconic White Barn will continue to be a welcoming site for other families for the foreseeable future.



There are a few obvious changes to the exterior of the building – an ADA ramp to access the facility, a new water fountain, exterior paint, new roof and gutters – to name a few. Many of the additional improvements took place on the interior of the building where the walls, interior beams and loft area were reinforced; finally concrete flooring was added which will make a world of difference for staff and volunteers. Not to worry,

the building will continue to house the Farm's goat population and the milk processing room, along with the returning to store



Faces Behind Our Facebook and Instagram

by Pamela Baird

Two long time volunteers and former Board members **Deb Maniar and Sue Gale**, are the “faces” behind the Facebook and Instagram postings for Deer Hollow Farm Friends. The duo are responsible for the almost daily postings on Facebook (which are also automatically placed on the FoDHF website) and Instagram.

Except for holiday postings, the two don’t have any preset plans for what they want to cover. Holiday themes of Easter baskets, St. Patrick’s Day shamrocks, Fourth of July patriotic flags, Halloween costumes and winter scarves provide inspiration for the photo shoots. Henrietta, the Jersey cow, has shown off her Easter bonnet and the goats have sported rabbit ears, a leprechaun hat and other colorful garb. Lee Winchell, long-time Farm docent, has helped with her treasure trove of props.

For day-to-day coverage Deb and Nancy Stuhr, another long time volunteer and Board member, take photos of the various animals eating, napping, playing and exploring their surroundings. Sue Gale will then do research about an animal, like what feed a particular animal eats or its appearance. She will explain how the food and supplies are provided by donations to FoDHF and provide a link for readers to donate to our group.

Recent popular posts on facebook include the adventures of Georgia, the rogue chicken, feeding time for the goats and snuggles for the rabbits. Over 2,500 followers on facebook enjoy learning about the farm and its inhabitants. There are over 500 followers on Instagram.

The renovation of the White Barn has been documented in a number of posts. Some recent unexpected events that have been covered are wild turkeys spending time in the animal pens showing off their flaring tail displays and ravens hanging out in the nearby trees.

Sue Gale served as President of the Friends of Deer Hollow Farm for two terms. During that time, the Board’s donations and grants increased nearly tenfold. This increased funding allowed for new and renovated barns, a new chicken coop and duck pond, reinforced fencing and the creation of a Nature Center. She still volunteers at the Farm as a docent, which she has done for 18 years.

Deb Maniar has been a volunteer for over a decade and a board member for 6 years. She currently is a livestock feeder and cleaner as well as helping Sue with social media for FoDHF.

The two look forward to covering the reopening of Deer Hollow Farm and the arrival of new lambs and baby chicks in spring. You can find the facebook postings at <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfDeerHollowFarm>.



Deb Maniar (left), Sue Gale (right)

Stayed Tuned!

The Farm is scheduled to reopen in August/September

Check here for updates:

www.mountainview.gov/deerhollowfarm

Friends Board News

by Lauren Merriman

I am used to providing an update about our amazing spring farm tours, writing about the excitement of farm babies and upcoming summer camp, but this will be yet another slightly different year. Despite the unusual times, we continue to have many things to celebrate. The Farm continues to welcome spring babies to the Farm, lambs and eventually piglets! With the construction of the White Barn moving the goats to a different area of the Farm, staff felt it wise to hold off with breeding the goats for this year. Summer Camp will take place in 2021 with restrictions and smaller groups, but it will be wonderful to welcome children back to the Farm to benefit from the awesome outdoor curriculum. It's exciting that the Farm will once again welcome visitors, even though there will likely be a reservation process in place to limit the number of people at the Farm at one time.

As for the Board, we continue to look for funding sources and writing grants to support the animals and school-year program. In November/December 2020 we embarked on a new fundraiser and sold a variety of FoDHF t-shirts to benefit the animals. Huge thanks to our supporters who ordered! We had items purchased and sent all the way to Maine and we look forward to doing something again this winter, keep an eye out in late fall. We are confident that as the schools start to get back to a routine and learn how to operate safely, educational field trips to the Farm will return as well. And even though we can't welcome our "Friends" to the Farm right now, we look forward to a time when we can safely gather there again.

The biggest change since our last newsletter is the completion of the White Barn renovation. This huge undertaking was lead by Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District staff, with major funding coming from the Friends of Deer Hollow Farm via a bequest of the Tindall Trust, grants from the City of Cupertino and sizable contributions from the City of Mountain View and of course MROSD themselves. Other less visible enhancements are the fence-line in the Ohlone Village and the completion of the pig enclosure just in time for spring/summer piglets.

The Friends said goodbye to long-time board member David Fung, who assisted with numerous grant applications and community events and Kate Rainwater, who you would regularly see in the merchandise booth helping find the right size t-shirt at our events. Both Kate (3 year member) and David (6 year member) departed the Board in September 2020 after many years of service to the FODHF. We wish them the best!

Last, but not least, the FODHF want to thank our incredible donors for continuing to contribute to the Farm during this trying time. As you know, cows, goats, rabbits, ducks, chickens and sheep need to eat, have preventative vaccinations and their occasional vet visit, even if we can't see them! Huge thanks

goes out to the staff at the Farm for all they have done to safely continue to keep the Farm thriving with minimal help from a normally large volunteer base. We hope this newsletter finds all our readers healthy, happy and eager to get back to the Farm when it's safe to do so!

Our New Board Member



Friends of Deer Hollow Farm, an all volunteer 501 (c)(3) nonprofit corporation, has welcomed a new face and helping hand to raise funds for Deer Hollow Farm. New Board member **IdaRose Sylvester** joined the Friends of Deer Hollow Farm Board in March 2021. IdaRose, a 20+ year resident of Mountain View, is committed to civic engagement and sits on several commission boards to give back to the community. She joins the

FoDHF to assist with grant writing and outreach. She loves the outdoors, gardening and traveling.

FoDHF Board Members



Pictured left to right top: Pamela Baird, Tara Sreekrishnan, center: Jack Kay and Nancy Stuhler (*Secretary*), bottom: Lauren Merriman (*President*) and Barbara Cole (*Accountant*). Members not present: Wai Mo, IdaRose Sylvester, Katie Stern (*Treasurer*), and Dick Walker.

2021 Summer Camp Update

by Jessica Morgan

Deer Hollow Farm staff are thrilled to be offering in-person, hands-on programming this summer! We are excited to welcome campers back to the Farm and to start making those treasured summer camp moments come to life. Registration for camp began in March 2021 and has mostly filled with a total of 160 campers, 8-14 years old. Waitlists are still available, visit mountainview.gov/recreation for more information. After a long hiatus to the Farm's volunteer program, Farm staff were able to recruit 15 high-school aged Summer Camp Interns this spring. The Interns will be joining camp to assist staff with leading camp activities, develop leadership skills and gain volunteer experience.

Camp staff are committed to making the Farm a healthy and safe environment for campers and will be adhering to updates of State and County safety protocols. Many changes have been made to camp to meet the new protocols, the most noticeable difference is that staff is unable to provide a camp bus to transport campers to Deer Hollow Farm. Campers will be meeting in the Rancho San Antonio County parking lot and walking a minimum of 2-miles each day on the round trip walk to the Farm and back. Other noticeable adjustments are in the length of each camp session (now two weeks long) and smaller group sizes.

We are looking forward to bringing back our favorite summer camp highlights! Summer campers will be the first program participants to meet the livestock in over a year, explore the replica Ohlone Village, try archery, take nature hikes in the Preserve, have a sensory experience in the garden and get creative making arts & craft projects.

Virtual Field Trip Thank You Letters from Ponderosa Elementary 3rd Grade

Dear Friends at Deer Hollow,

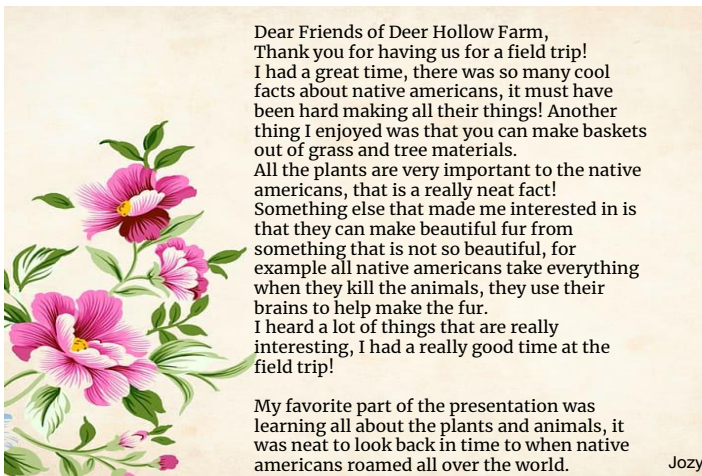
We really enjoyed the virtual field trip you presented to us. It was almost as good as being there. The videos were very detailed. They showed us how the Ohlone people lived and thrived for over 10,000 years.

As a teacher, I appreciated your attention to details and showing us the different parts of the real field trip.

I especially wanted to thank Jessica Morgan for her enthusiasm and knowledge, not only of the information, but knowing how kids think. She tied in their prior knowledge to help explain ideas.

Thank you again for your efforts.

Lynn Hayes



Dear friends at the deer hollow,

Thanks for the taking the time and telling me all about the Ohlone people , trees and nature.

While the trip was virtual you made me feel as if I was there! It also helped me be more sensitive to the nature and others around me.

In this country most of us come as immigrants. It is very important we learn how to peacefully coexist with nature, people already here and the people who will come in after us.

Joseph Alex
Grade 3
Ms Hayes Class
April 8

Wonderful Friends

We gratefully acknowledge these generous friends and community organizations who contributed to Friends of Deer Hollow Farm between November 1, 2020, and April 30, 2021.

Grants

Santa Clara County (\$2,100)
Mountain View Kiwanis
Foundation (\$2,000)

Donations

Red-Tailed Hawk (\$1,000 to \$12,000)

Lori Manfroy
Donna Segal
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Jessica Morgan

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