

# Commemorative 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Newsletter

## Friends Celebrates 15 Years Supporting Deer Hollow Farm

Friends of Deer Hollow Farm, a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation, is celebrating 15 years of support for Deer Hollow Farm's environmental education program.



Friends was founded in 1994 to help fund this beloved and rare homestead farm, and since then has raised \$324,000 from local citizens and community organizations.

Friends decided to issue an anniversary edition of our newsletter to honor the special friends of the Farm whose heroic efforts over the years not only kept the Farm open during difficult budget times, but also supported its evolution into today's outstanding environmental education program.

The first Resident Naturalist at Deer Hollow Farm, Linda Newberry, wrote about the importance of Deer Hollow Farm in the Farm's second Newsletter in 1979:

*"The purpose of our program at Deer Hollow is to instill a sense of where humans fit in the natural cycle of things, how we might be better stewards of the land and its inhabitants, be they plants or animals."*



Perhaps the heart and soul of Deer Hollow Farm has been Mary Gilman, who served the Farm for 24 years. "The Farm has taught 100,000 local children about the source of their food, the value of protected land, and the delicate web of life that sustains us. The Farm's greatest assets are the hundreds of people who have given their hearts, energy and

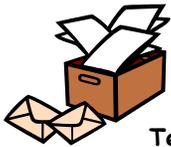
time to make it what it is today. Truly hundreds of people call the Farm 'home.' I know I do."



Since 1994, Friends has received generous donations from about 600 local citizens, companies, organizations and foundations. Current funding comes from about 120 donors.



*Original Friends of Deer Hollow Farm Board of Directors, who formed the 501(c)(3) organization to raise funds to keep Deer Hollow Farm open, are shown here in 1994. These Friends pioneers are (left to right): Jane Griffith, Donna Poulos, Joy Desai, Mimi Mourkas, Jerry Juracich.*



# What the Teachers Say

Teachers who bring their elementary school students to Deer Hollow Farm's outstanding environmental education program have sent hundreds of letters to Friends thanking donors for their contributions and endorsing the program as an excellent hands-on educational experience. The program reinforces the California State standards in history, science and social studies. Here are few of their letters.

As a new teacher, I am constantly looking for enrichment sources to underscore the curriculum. Deer Hollow classes complemented our Social Studies unit beautifully. The docents were extremely knowledgeable and patient.



*Lela Kazian-Banos, Slater School*

Deer Hollow's wonderful programs are so valuable. Our classroom instruction is limited compared to your outdoor, hands-on, exciting learning *with real live animals*. When



we get back to class, I get lots of questions and interest. Many of our children live in apartment buildings, and many parents do not own a car. They would never get to see a live animal or a farm

environment if it weren't for this program. We could never give them the lively educational experience they get from being a part of the Deer Hollow "Magic." Please don't cut your programs back. You're doing a vital job for our community.

*Laura Marshall, Castro School*

Most of our students are from low-income families and never experience things outside of their neighborhood. This trip enabled the children to walk through the woods and learn about all the amazing plants and animals that live there. With current tough economic time and the many budget cuts, field trips like these could not occur without your generosity. Thank you for helping those less fortunate to experience Deer Hollow Farm. The people involved with this organization are very special.

*Susan Avinger & Barbara Haehnel, Cureton School*

One my students wrote in his journal:

*"I see now how I can take care of the Earth, because there are ecosystems everywhere. Even when I'm playing soccer and I see a hole, I know there is an ecosystem there that we should not disturb."*

This very special contact with nature at Deer Hollow Farm has provided the children with a new way to marvel and appreciate and care for their environment.

*Maria Mathia, Castro School*

Many of my children have never visited Deer Hollow Farm, because their parents don't have cars. Almost every child in my class lives below the poverty level. Because of your generosity, these children are blessed with a truly memorable experience. Thank you to all the Friends of the Farm, especially the corporate donors, who have enriched the lives of many of our poorest children. Someday, with the help of a strong education, these children will grow up to be your 'new' work force.



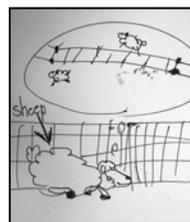
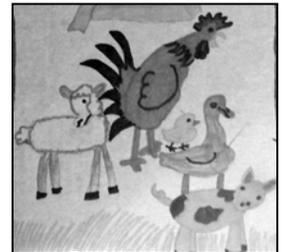
*A Kindergarten Teacher*

My class of eleven deaf and hard of hearing students had such a wonderful, peaceful time with Frank and Lee as we explored the natural environment and learned about the California Ohlone people. Ohlone Habitat was perfectly suited to our studies and our way of learning...hands-on! Frank and Lee are old pals and familiar to many of the children (since I often have students for two to five years). They are so wonderful with children, and they allow my students to just relax, observe, feel and learn. We return to school happy and appreciative.

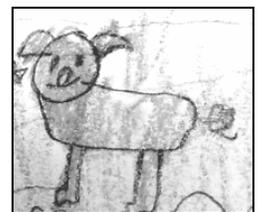
*Judy Martin, Fiesta Gardens International School*

## Letters from Students

*Hundreds of students have sent Friends thank you letters and drawings. Here's a sample.*



*"We saw the sheep asleep. They were probably counting sheep."*



*"I liked the pigs best."*



*"Poly let me pet her. She came right over to me. Thank you Poly."*



*"Deer Hollow Farm is a happy place."*



## Our Wonderful Friends



Over the years, Friends has received generous donations from about 600 local citizens, companies, service organizations, and foundations. Our top donors are listed below in alphabetical order.

The California Milk Advisory Board; The Crunchy Frog Fund; Aart de Geus & Esther John; Joy Desai; Jane & Peter Griffith; David Groll; Stan & Jackie Hall; Doris & Dewey Halligan; Mike Hammes; Intuit Foundation; Johnson & Johnson companies: ALZA Corporation, SCIOS, and LifeScan; The Junior League of Palo Alto Midpeninsula, Inc.; Jerry & Sandy Juracich; Mary Kane; Rosemarie Koch; Los Altos Rotary Club; Leanne Luna; Mary McCorison; Dianne & Regis McKenna; The Merrimac Fund (a donor advised fund of Silicon Valley Community Foundation); Mountain View Kiwanis; Mountain View Rotary Club; Mimi Mourkas; Eleanor Nemzura; The David and Lucile Packard Foundation; Donna & Darwin Poulos; The Safari Club; San Jose Rotary Club; Dorothy & Ron Schafer; The Silicon Valley Association of Realtors; Jack Smith; Lorna & Gordon Steel; Alice Stone; The Vadasz Family Foundation; The Wharton Foundation; Lee Winchell; The Women's Club of Palo Alto; Betsy & George Young.

## Friends Raised \$324,000 For Farm and Scholarships

Since its inception in 1994, Friends of Deer Hollow Farm donors have provided \$324,000 in farm support.

Fiscal Year	\$ Thousands		Total
	Farm Support	Scholarships	
1995	\$8		\$8
1996	\$13	\$2	\$15
1997	\$14	\$1	\$15
1998	\$15	\$2	\$17
1999	\$16	\$3	\$19
2000	\$16	\$3	\$19
2001	\$16	\$5	\$21
2002	\$16	\$4	\$20
2003	\$16	\$6	\$22
2004	\$16	\$7	\$23
2005	\$14	\$8	\$22
2006	\$14	\$13	\$27
2007	\$14	\$10	\$24
2008	\$14	\$11	\$25
2009	\$17	\$13	\$30
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$219</b>	<b>\$88</b>	<b>\$307</b>
Plus animal care & teaching tools			\$17
<b>GRAND TOTAL SUPPORT:</b>			<b>\$324,000</b>

Today, Friends funds half of all field trips, providing \$13,141 in tuition for 2,400 children. In 2008-2009, Friends provided \$17,000 in Farm Improvement Projects for the new cow barn, Nature Center renovation, and \$3,000 for animal care.

## Grassroots Effort

## Friends Community Group Helped Save the Farm

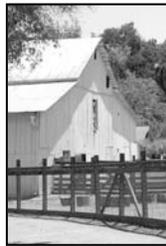
It started with a small group of volunteers in June 1993. Hearing that funding problems could shut down Deer Hollow Farm in the near future, they mobilized public support. Petitions were circulated, and signatures were collected. A visitor poll was taken at the Farm that clearly demonstrated community support. The Farm earned a stay of execution. But it was clear to this small group that a major collaborative community effort would be needed to protect, sustain and grow the Farm's environmental education program. Many meetings, discussions, and budgets later, a joint agreement was reached. **The City of Mountain View**, original supporter of the farm for many years, **the County of Santa Clara**, and **the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District** would work together.

This original group of volunteers created a non-profit organization to ensure annual community funding for the Farm. Members of that volunteer group were **Jane Griffith, Donna Poulos, Joy Desai, Mimi Mourkas, and Jerry Juracich**. Most were former school teachers and Farm docents who didn't know how to start a non-profit, but knew they could learn. They read books and consulted with other "Friends Of" organizations and learned how to form a 501(c)(3) organization. They didn't stop there. To raise community awareness and funding for the Farm's educational program, they also learned filmmaking and their "Lessons From the Land" went on to win several awards. They took a weekend class and learned how to produce a polished Newsletter that donors love. They also created and sold T-Shirts and mugs to sell. They reached out to the surrounding community for funding, and the community responded.

Jane Griffith, the founding President, said "We were the right people at the right time for the right place." Clearly the group clicked, working well together, motivated by their shared love of the Farm. Their passion carried them through the many hurdles that naturally arise in creating any organization. Today the group continues to meet socially to share their lives, and they still volunteer at the Farm. They have a quick sense of humor, a sharp intellect, and their stories weave together a great community spirit, one that has made Deer Hollow Farm what it is today.

As these original Board members retired, the following people stepped up to served as Board members: **Jack Shepherd, David Groll, Mike Hammes, Christine Welsh-Buck, Janet Roselle, Tom Lustig, and Gail Nyhan**. Volunteer Board supporters included **Nancy Tucker**, Secretary to the Board, and **Mary Beth Bischoff and Paige Grande**, Newsletter Editors. The current Board is: **Betsy Young, Sharon Bancroft, Sue Gale, Carol Jossi, Dorothy Schafer, and Carla Dorow**.

# Farm and Friends Milestones



**1975** Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD) completes acquisition of Perham Ranch adjacent to Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve and seeks farm management by local cities. Only the City of Mountain View steps up to manage the Farm. Mountain View City Recreation Superintendent Glenn Lyles names the farm *Deer Hollow Farm*.

**1976** City of Mountain View creates the Resident Naturalist position filled by Linda Newberry. Farm starts environmental education program. The first Summer Camp is held.



**1979** The Blacksmith Shed is renovated for classes and gatherings. Docent Volunteer Program is created. Farm holds 10K "Run for the Farm" fund-raiser.

**1982** City of Mountain View appoints Mary Gilman as Farm Director.



**1987** Sharon Kleinhaus and many volunteers create Phoebe Garden. Sharon crafts Ohlone tools for classes.

**1989** Keith Gutierrez joins Deer Hollow Farm as lead teacher, developing classes to parallel State educational standards and training the growing cadre of volunteer docents.



**1991** MROSD and City of Mountain View complete restoration of the Grant Foreman Cabin, oldest structure at the Farm. Later, in 1995, MROSD with help from



many volunteers restores the cabin interior to create a diorama-type exhibit, allowing visitors to view the cabin as it may have been furnished in the 1880s. A \$20,000 grant from the Santa Clara Historical Heritage Commission makes that restoration possible.

**1994** Michelle, the Farm's first cow, comes to the Farm from nearby King Ranch for Summer Camp. She stays for 12 years. Friends of Deer Hollow Farm is incorporated as 501(c)(3) organization to support Farm's environmental education program. Friends produces the award-winning video "Lessons From the Land," now shown at Spring Farm Tours. It wins three Western Access Cable Excellent Awards, and the California and Pacific Southwest Recreation and Park Award of Excellence in Media Communication.



**1995** First Farm Tours are held by Friends. Friends begins scholarship program for field trips.

**1996** Farm staff and volunteers add structures to the Ohlone Village, site of

Ohlone classes. Friends holds first Ohlone Day in the Village. Friends of Deer Hollow Farm wins Volunteer Recognition and Professional Award from the California Parks and Recreation Society. City of Mountain View hires a Volunteer Coordinator to manage the more than 50 volunteer docents. Friends "dancing children and animals" logo is designed by Keith Gutierrez and Calligrapher Sara Frank.



**1998-1999** Local artist Hardy Jones, M.D. creates and donates "Old MacDonalld" or otherwise known as "The Iron Ranger" for visitor donations. Friends creates Emergency Animal Fund to support Farm Animals.



**2004** Friends provides Garden Recycling Signs for Phoebe Garden, a Worm Box, and



Friends bulletin board.

**2006** Mary Gilman retires from the Farm after 24 years. Jessica Morgan,



former Lead Teacher, is appointed Farm Director. Jen Beckman, who worked at the Farm Summer Camp and volunteered throughout her college years, is named Animal Caretaker.



**2007** Volunteer Ulf Stauber creates hand-crafted signs for historic farm buildings. MROSD Employee Jaime Villareal and Boy Scout volunteers build new Ohlone Village structures.



**2008** Friends Board and City change the funding model so that Friends now supports specific Farm Enhancement Projects instead of general operations. The Apple Shed is renovated to be a Nature Center, and a new cow shelter is purchased, enabling the Farm to once again have a cow, Luna.



## Deer Hollow Farm Memories Create a Story-Telling Quilt

Here are memories from just a few of the friends who shaped Deer Hollow Farm into what it is today.

These people and others like them created and guided the Farm's environmental education program, gave hundreds and sometimes thousands of volunteer hours, brought in major funding, created and managed the 501(c)(3) Friends of Deer Hollow Farm, and renovated the buildings and grounds to create the treasured community asset the farm is today.

On the next few pages, we collect some of their stories and memories to stitch together a Deer Hollow Farm story-telling quilt.



Mary Gilman, Jim Ambrosi, Sharon Kleinhans, and Keith Gutierrez managed the farm for many years beginning in the late 1980s. Mary was the Farm Director, Jim the Maintenance staff, and Sharon and Keith the Teaching Staff. They are shown here at Mary's retirement party in December 2006.



**Mary Gilman, Farm Director, Camp Counselor, and Chief Cook and Bottle-Washer for 24 years.** "Yes, Mary had a little lamb and many kids, piglets, calves.... Birthing was always exciting. I remember rushing a goat in heat to meet her breeding partner in the Santa Cruz mountains and upon arrival, she refused the 'time of bliss.' Once we returned to DHF, the

earthquake struck, which explained the goats' moods. The quake did little damage to the Farm. The tremors actually straightened the White Barn."

**Keith Gutierrez, Lead Teacher for a decade, expert on Ohlone ways, featured fire-starter and archer of Ohlone Day.** "Outdoor environmental education is an excellent way to foster goodwill among all people. Deer Hollow offers awareness of the environment in a natural setting. Learning from a computer or TV can foster a feeling that 'save the earth' is just a slogan. Deer Hollow's active, hands-on teaching promotes a love of the land and animals."



**Sharon Kleinhans, Plant and garden specialist, maker of Ohlone tools and Farm's Wise Woman for 17 years.** "I have many fond memories of docent training, enrichments, parties and other adventures from muddy tule-gathering to 2-hour, 100-yard nature walks. Also special were discussions with students such as the one on human impact on the environment sparked by finding a soda bottle with a dead mouse inside."



**Jim Ambrosi, City of Mountain View Maintenance Worker, A Man of All Trades** "There was always something to do at the Farm. I had the best network of coworkers in Mary, Sharon and Keith along with devoted volunteers. It was a pleasure to facilitate the restoration of the historical cabin and all the Farm buildings. A great highlight was when the Farm finally got a new tractor! I enjoyed building the float for the annual parade and serving my 'pork entrée' at many Recognition Dinners."



**Joy Desai, Original FODHF Board Member, Newsletter Editor, Farm Poet, and Docent for 12 years.** "At a docent enrichment event about owls, we walked up Mora Road in the dark searching for owls. I alerted the crowd 'I see an owl!' and we all remained fixed in position for quite some time...*a long time passed.* Finally we realized the owl wasn't moving, that it was a pinecone. We named it the Pigmy Pinecone Owl. We never saw any owls."



**Mike Hammes, former FODHF Board President, and first Deer Hollow weekend docent. Volunteer for 30 years.**

"The Farm used to have a peacock that would follow me around. I had to perform some dance moves and fakes to keep the peacock from jumping at me as I talked to people. One day when I was tired of being pursued, I went into the office and closed the door. The peacock then did a great feather display outside, which attracted a crowd of people.

The peacock was given to the Oakland Zoo in 1980, and when I later visited him, he came right over to me. I think he remembered me."



**Jane Griffith, Original FODHF Board President and Docent for 20 years.** "Living near the Farm, I was often called for animal duties. One time a Momma Rabbit died, so I took the entire clutch of rabbits home to care for them in my spare bedroom complete with straw. I worried, 'How will I feed them every 2 hours?' I was relieved to learn that rabbits are prey animals, and Momma only feeds them once a day. Another animal memory is helping Sharon oil the chicken legs to prevent parasites. Sharon taught me the flying-running-fall-on-the-chicken tackle. We used to argue who would tackle and who would dip the chicken in the oil."



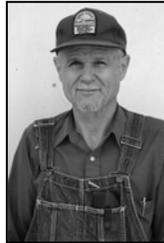


**Julie and Evan Dewey, Animal Caretakers with more than 2,000 volunteer hours.** "Our favorite animals are the goats," says Julie, whose son reads the body language of the livestock. Evan, developmentally challenged at

birth, has learned to balance a full wheelbarrow, hold the animals, and how to use the biggest shovel he can find. "If you want to experience what life is like with the wind and sun and rain, and animals with their young, collect freshly laid eggs, hold a newborn goat, and be a part of an exceptional team of professionals at the farm, come join us."

**Monty Simpson, MROSD Maintenance Worker. Commutes 3 hours every Sunday to work at the Farm.**

Monty's touch is everywhere at the Farm. He helped build the stage in the Hay Barn, the docent benches in the Village, the bench and milk viewing steps by the White Barn, and the new Blacksmith Shed display case. "I love this place. I enjoy the variety of chores and projects, and I like the people and the animals." He's partial to pigs having once spent two years as a pig farmer in Oregon with 80 pigs.



**Neil Foley, Volunteer since 1992 with 1,250 volunteer hours.** "I enjoy being outdoors, working with my hands, and visiting with the people who walk by and ask questions." Neil said one day a visitor asked him "How did you get such a cushy job?" Neil told the man it was easy. "Just walk down the road and volunteer at the Farm Office."

**Donna Poulos, Original FODHF Board Member and docent for 20 years.**

"Since I live near the Farm, Mary asked me one evening to 'pig sit' when she had to be away. It seems there were too many pigs for the sow to feed them all, so some had to be hand-fed. Mary warned me I'd need a towel, but I wasn't sure why. I biked up to the Farm at 10 pm in the dark with my towel. As I was told, I got out the pan and poured in the milk. Immediately the pigs jumped into the milk, splashing it everywhere and slurping like they were starved. We were covered in milk, and then I knew what the towel was for."



**Jack Shepherd, FODHF Board Member 1997-2003 and the docent with the most volunteer hours, more than 3,400.**

"I keep coming back to the Farm, because I like it, especially the people." You name it, Jack has worked on it: fences, buildings, structures, including the aviary screen over the duck pond. Jack's been hiking at Rancho for more than three decades.



**Tom Lustig, former FODHF Board President, Docent for 10 years.** "The Farm brings back memories of my 1950's childhood. Downstream, along the creek that ran by our house, was a farm that grew corn, string beans and tomatoes. I can still envision the farmer plowing the fields behind his faithful horse.

Orchards of apricots, prunes and cherries thrived on nearby ranches. Yes, Deer Hollow reminds me of my hometown...*Mountain View.*"

**Betsy Young, former FODHF Board President, grants writer, docent for 10 years.**

"Spending time at the Farm is a major highlight in my life. Everything about the farm is special - the staff, my fellow docents, the school kids, the animals and the general environment. It's a marvelous learning environment and just plain fun."



**Dewey Halligan, Farm Animal Fund supporter and frequent Farm walker.**

"I come out to the Farm several times a week to walk to the Farm and check out the animals. I like to see the leaves change, and the seasons pass. It seems they pass faster now as I get older. This is a great place to come: free parking, friendly Farm animals and people, and it's beautiful."

**Mimi Mourkas, Original FODHF Board Member, Docent.**

"In one of my classes I took the walking path next to the road as we left the bus parking lot. The kids in this class had never been outside of their neighborhoods, certainly never in a park or in a preserve. As we walked along the path, a little girl, obviously frightened, grabbed my hand and asked 'Do you know the way back?' It's so important that all children have access to the natural environment. If they don't experience the wilderness, they won't understand its importance and how to protect it."



**Carla Dorow, FODHF Board Member, Farm Tour and Ohlone Day Manager, former Lead Teacher, and docent for 10 years.**

"I grew up on a dairy farm and so feel at home at Deer Hollow. We're fortunate to have so many wonderful people who love the Farm and give so much to it." Carla, a CPA, manages Friends books and was instrumental in getting the California Milk Advisory Board to donate funding for the new cow Luna's shelter.





**Frank Kellers, Docent for 17 years, Summer Camp ice cream maker and car parking specialist.** "Making ice cream is a delicate art. You have to do it just right. There's a delicate balance of salt and ice that produces the perfect ice cream. I like to see the kids' faces when they see something

they've never seen before such as a turret spider, or a baby goat, or arrowheads."

**Sonja Marcus, Docent for 16 years. Donates her cross-stitching skills for Deer Hollow Farm sweatshirt sales to benefit the Farm.** "I really enjoy the outdoors, the children, and the other docents. I like being a part of this little community." Her cross-stitch design for the Deer Hollow sweatshirts is an adaptation of a



Norwegian knitting pattern she found in a book she brought with her when she left her native Norway in 1951.

**Ed Snively, Creator and Maintainer of the Farm's Orchard with 2,000 volunteer hours. The voice on "Lessons From the Land."** "I grew up on an orchard and later studied horticulture at UC Davis. I spent my career in another field, but am pleased to return to the trees in Deer Hollow."



Under Ed's care, the orchard produces much fruit which he sells from a fruit stand for farm funding.

**Danielle Bergan, Volunteer Animal Caretaker, now in Vet School.** "I practically grew up at Deer Hollow Farm. I went to all the Farm classes and 15 Summer Camps. I was a Summer Camp intern and counselor. The Farm definitely influenced my decision to be a vet."



**Claude DeBuhr and Kermit Skromme, Farm supporters and docents for 30 years. Claude:**

"I remember the joyous celebration we had in the Blacksmith Shed when Mary



returned to the Farm after her injury." **Kermit:** "I remember hiking with the children and finding what I thought were old Indian relics in the dirt. I shouted for everyone to come quickly and look at my find, but alas, one of the kids pointed they were simply sunflower seed shells in the dirt. When I first came to the farm I was a city-slicker, but I learned."

**Jerry Juracich, Original FODHF Board Member, Weekend Docent** When I think back about the founding of Friends, the best memory is being part of a magical time when we wanted to do something, and the powers at the farm, the City of Mountain View and Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District wanted us to do it. We agreed on so many things, found support, and made those things happen. We agreed that we needed to form a 501(c)(3) organization and that Friends Board members not only should receive no compensation, but



would be required to donate. We agreed to present 'Ohlone Day,' no small feat because it involved farm resources, many volunteers, and approval from MROSD and later Santa Clara County, since we used their parking lot. We accomplished so much because of the support and encouragement we got from Mary, Sharon, and Keith, from Paula Bettencourt and Jack Smith with the City of Mountain View City, and from MROSD. It was truly a cooperative, grassroots community effort."

**Sue Gale, Current FODHF Board President, Newsletter editor, and docent with 1,000 hours.** "There's a magical feeling at Deer Hollow Farm. You can see it in the faces of the children, the visiting public, and the volunteers who give so much. People feel at home here. There's a feeling of community and desire to care for and protect this place."



**Christine James, Helped create and maintain Phoebe Garden, Volunteered more than 2,000 hours since 1983.**

"I love planting and caring for vegetables. I spend a few hours each Saturday with my hands in the dirt, watching the seasons pass and the vegetables grow."



**Paul and Carol Jossi. Artist Paul painted this famous White Barn watercolor in 1993. Lucky docents with 1,000 hours are gifted with a copy. Paul gave thousands of hours and his wife Carol now serves as a**

**weekend docent and on the Friends Board.** "Paul loved the Farm, spending many happy hours there, especially working on the Grant cabin restoration. I began as a weekend docent at the Farm after his death in 2004, and have come to love the Farm, its animals and people. I feel Paul's presence there."

**Aart de Geus and Esther John, Farm Neighbors and supporters for 15 years.** "Adjacent to Silicon Valley, the world's high tech innovation center, Deer Hollow Farm and its serene surroundings give us and our children the precious complement of nature and wildlife. Congratulations on 15 years of being the destination of many great picnics, fun animal encounters, and above all, moments of peace and balance!"

**Lee Winchell, Docent with more than 1,000 volunteer hours** "I brought my students to Deer Hollow classes for many years, and when I retired, I signed up to be a teaching and weekend docent. My daughter Kathleen grew up at this Farm, went to Summer Camps. So my family has many wonderful memories of the place."



**Stan Hall, Docent for 16 years.** "I like that the kids get to see first-hand where fruit, vegetables, meat, eggs and wool come from. Many city kids have never been to a farm or even a garden. It's important for them to understand where their food comes from."

# Friends of Deer Hollow Farm



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## To Our Friends

**2009 Liz Kniss, Supervisor, Santa Clara County Board, 5<sup>th</sup> District.**

"One by one, Deer Hollow has touched the lives of over 100,000 children in its 34 years. It is an essential resource for our community."



**1995 Pete Siemens, President, Board of Directors, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space.**

"Deer Hollow Farm is an incredible resource for the entire community, one that would be very difficult to replace. It's a unique and fun place where families can enjoy seeing a working farm and learning how people lived at the turn of the century. Community support is needed if this historic treasure is to continue operation, and the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District urges the public to take an active role in realizing that goal."



**2009 Curt Riffle, Board of Directors, Ward 4, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District.**

"Deer Hollow Farm is vital to our community as one of the valley's last working homestead farms. The educational program is top-notch, serving 5,000 children a year in classes and thousands of community visitors. It provides a unique opportunity for children and families to get outdoors in a fun learning environment. Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District is pleased to support Deer Hollow Farm. We appreciate the hard work and gifts of all the people who continue to give so much to preserve this Farm."

### Through the years

## Local Government Partners With Friends and Community

The City of Mountain View manages Deer Hollow Farm with support from the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, Santa Clara County, and Friends of Deer Hollow Farm. Here are their words about the Farm past and present.

**1980 Linda Newberry, Mountain View Recreation Department's Farm Resident Naturalist.**

"Funding at Deer Hollow Farm has always been a problem. We have all been working hard to keep the program going and our hopes for the future are high. Volunteers are becoming a large part of our programs and work force. Many Thank-You's for all your hard work and enthusiastic response."



**2009 Jessica Morgan, Mountain View Recreation Department's Farm Director.**

"Deer Hollow Farm is such an exciting place for our children and community members to learn and play. We're proud to offer such an outstanding environmental education program to the community. We are grateful to the

hundreds of Friends who have given so much over the years to make Deer Hollow such an important learning center."

**1994 Dianne McKenna, Former Supervisor, Santa Clara County Board, 5<sup>th</sup> District.**

"Deer Hollow Farm is a natural treasure. Its excellent Environmental Education Program reaches thousands of students annually and deserves our continued support."



### We'll mark your support

## Come Join Your Friends In Preserving Deer Hollow Farm

Come join your Friends in preserving this rare and beloved homestead farm. Community support is always needed to preserve this historic treasure, especially in challenging economic times.

Please use the enclosed envelope to help Deer Hollow Farm continue serving the community. We'll send you a special Friends 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Bookmark to mark your support of the Farm.

