

FALL ANTIQUES AND ART FAIRE

Railroad Avenue merchants, with the Discover Danville Association, will again host an Antiques and Art Faire along Railroad Avenue north from the Museum. Slated for Monday, September 1st, it gives those who stay home for Labor Day a great opportunity to do something interesting. For its part, the Museum will host professional antique appraisers to assist you in determining the value of those heirlooms in your home. So plan to dust them off and bring them down to the Museum between 10 am and 2 pm to find out how valuable they are. A donation of \$10 will be requested as a fundraiser for the Museum. When the Antique Faire first ran last February a number of people were pleasantly surprised at the worth of their antiques. Also, in February some visitors simply wanted to see how an appraisal is conducted. This is your chance to check out the process. For a \$10 donation you might learn something very special.

San Ramon's Silver Anniversary in 2008

Twenty-five years ago San Ramon voters overwhelmingly approved incorporation for their community by a vote of 3,825 to 1,254. Dublin had incorporated in 1981 and Danville in 1982. There were 22,356 people in San Ramon in 1980 and much of the land was still in orchards, although the area had been growing rapidly with Contra Costa County providing the planning, police, parks and public works.

Portents of change had begun in the sixties. The 1960 census had no separate designation for San Ramon and many people still recall the *San Ramon, Population 100* sign. By 1970, there were 4,084 people listed in *San Ramon Village* which represented homes and a golf course built in South San Ramon by Volk-McLain during that decade. In 1966 the freeway extended from Danville to Dublin and in 1969 Western Electric purchased the entire 1,770-acre Bishop Ranch in the center of San Ramon.

On July 1, 1983, the new city was inaugurated, headed by Mayor Diane Schinnerer and Council members Wayne Bennett, Jerry Ajlouny, Mary Lou Oliver and Rick Harmon.

Beverly Lane



Do Not Miss the Big June Sale at the Museum Store

Saving fuel is a priority these days so shopping close to home is a must. Searching for bargains is as close as the Museum Store. Do not miss our June sale! Gifts for all interests and all ages are available.

Join the Museum and save even more. Robert Louis Stevenson said "A friend is a present you give yourself." Come join your Museum friends for fascinating exhibits, interesting tours, and the real highlight: the big June Museum Store Sale.



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**The
Branch Line**

The Museum of the San Ramon Valley in the Depot