

THIRD GRADERS CELEBRATE THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF LOCAL HISTORY

Save the date because this June we will again be gathering for the 3rd grade *Celebration of Local History*. Last year it was held at the Museum and more than 500 people came to view the work of 3rd graders. This year Forest Home Farms and the Town of Danville's Heritage Resource Commission have teamed up with the Museum to present the *Celebration* at the following locations:

Alamo and Danville Schools

June 3rd 4:00 - 8:00 Reception

June 4th 10:00 - 4:00

Diablo Room - Danville Library

400 Front Street, Danville

San Ramon Schools

June 6th 4:00 - 8:00 Reception

June 7th 9:00 - 1:00 (During Farmer's Market)

Forest Home Farms: Tractor Barn

19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon

Students in 3rd grade study local history, but as you might imagine there is no textbook that talks specifically about the San Ramon Valley. For the past few years the Museum has worked hard to provide a curriculum for our 3rd grade students to learn about our Valley history. To date the museum has provided:

- Binder: *Know Your Community: A Complete History of the San Ramon Valley*
- Passport: Takes students to historic and geographic sites throughout the Valley
- Timelines: Illustrated history given to 3rd and 4th grade teachers
- Book: *The San Ramon Valley*. A copy is given to every third grade teacher.
- Workshops: *Teaching Local History and Writing Across Local History*
- Fieldtrip: *Tassajara Schoolhouse*
- Tours: Cemetery and Historic Downtown tours
- DVD: *Visual History and Geography of the San Ramon Valley*. Copies will be given to 3rd grade teachers when it becomes available (Fall 2008).

The 3rd grade *Celebration of Local History* is a way for us to not only highlight our Valley history, but it is also a way for the many volunteers who have worked on all of the projects to see how their work has contributed to the students of the San Ramon Valley Unified School District.



Some of the projects from the 2007 *Celebration of Local History* included artwork depicting historic Valley scenes.

Dougherty Valley Features Valley History in New Parks

Over the past decade, the Dougherty Valley has developed homes, public facilities and commercial areas in the vast former ranch land of south east San Ramon Valley. Several new schools have opened, capped by Dougherty Valley High School, the first new high school in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District in over thirty years.

Sixteen parks will eventually be developed to serve the growing population. Several of the parks have historical themes which include some interesting designs and interpretive panels. This historical focus happened because San Ramon Community Services staffers **Jeff Eorio** and **Esther Lucas** wanted to feature San Ramon's past. Jeff and Esther sent several park designers to the Museum for historical information which then was used on the interpretive panels.

The Museum's web site (www.museumsv.org) has articles which include the stories of several parks (go to *Valley History* and then *History Articles*). Several of the Dougherty Valley park interpretive panels are on this web site as well. The new Dougherty Valley parks with historical themes are: Limerick, Fire Truck Park, Souyen Park and Picadilly Park (prehistory). Go to the city of San Ramon web site (www.ci.san-ramon.ca.us) and look up *Facilities and Parks* for locations.

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