

## SANTA FE TRAIL RANCH WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING, FEBRUARY 15, 2014

The SFTR Women's Group met February 15, 2014 at the home of Sharon Beaver. Those attending included Joan Beaumont, Sharon Beaver, Roxanne Briggs, Mary Ghormley, Leslie Modica, Lanae Rossi, Carol Rankin, Nancy Scott, Carol Smith, Dena Wagner and Barb Wurfel. Lynne Parker and June Stevens sent regrets.

The meeting began with a Happy Birthday to Dena and an introduction of and welcome to Leslie who thanked the group for the welcome bag she received.

Items discussed included the following:

- Lanae should deliver a welcome bag to Tim and Pat Nash who are now full-time residents.

- After much discussion about the ranch picnic, the consensus was that the best time for the picnic is late May or early June before the cows arrive. This year, however, presents too many scheduling conflicts of dates and too few of those who prepare for the event being able to participate. As a result, those present decided to skip the picnic for 2014 and look forward to May/June of 2015 instead. Mary will inform the ranch website of the change.

- In conjunction, June sent a beautiful quilt which she thought might be an item for raffle or auction at the picnic. Since there will be no picnic this year, those present chose to return the quilt to June to allow her to decide just how it might be used. All appreciate her dedication to the Women's Group and her generosity.

- Everyone present agreed that the focus of the SFTR Women's Group should be less on fund raising and more toward social activities. The group could organize periodic outings to include anyone on the ranch who might choose to attend. Such events might include visits to Rosemont or the Saint James Hotel and Philmont. Dena volunteered to get information about Philmont for a possible outing this summer. The goal is to help build membership and determine new fundraising activities in the next 12-24 months.

-Mary shared that she is still trying to arrange a fire-spotter session with Ed Gieske. It will be helpful for those who attend to have a necessary piece of equipment to make the event really meaningful. She also brought information about community preparedness that is available on the ranch website.

-There are still cows on the ranch. If one spots them, he/she should call Rusty Walker at 846-3788 or 719-680-1054.

-There were many kudos to the Women's Group about the Christmas party. Lanae reported that that party brought in \$808.50, which equates to 49 people at \$16.50

each. The Grille cost was \$839.98, which included the \$12.95 per meal, a tax of \$43.78 and gratuity of \$135.66. The Women's Group provided the cake at \$25.99. As of 1/31/14 the balance in the treasury is \$4,323,81.

-Carol Smith asked for permission to use some tables for her daughter's wedding. Her "charge" will be helping at the next picnic.

-Sue Downs has given money toward new flags. All appreciate her generosity and agreed that the Women's Group should reimburse Greg Beaumont when he next purchases flags for use on the ranch.

-Barb informed the group that Francie Purswell-Montoya has a custom framed Santa Fe Trail 75th Anniversary poster for sale for \$100. These posters are very difficult to find.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MARCH 8, 2014, 10:00 a.m. AT THE HOME OF LANAE ROSSI AND MAX AND OLLIE. The agenda will be coming up with ideas for Women's Group activities while fund raising efforts remain on hold.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Beaver

## SANTA FE TRAIL RANCH WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING, MARCH 15, 2014

The SFTR Women's Group met at the home of Lanae Rossi (and Max & Ollie). Those attending included Joan Beaumont, Sharon Beaver, Roxanne Briggs, Mary Ghormley, Lynne Parker, Lanae Rossi, Nancy Scott, Carol Smith, and June Stevens.

Everyone enjoyed Lanae's delicious snacks and Max and Ollie's hospitality. Mary reported that there will be a Smoke Spotters' Training session with Ed Gieske on April 26 at 10:00 a.m. at the ranch fire station. We will be able to use the facility sans charge, but we will need to be sure the cistern is filled. All agreed that the group should make a donation in appreciation and to help defray any "utility" costs as well as an honorarium to Ed for his presentation. The group will provide coffee and cookies to those who attend. June will coordinate that effort. Carol and Mary will take "reservations". Attendees should bring a sighting compass as well as the latitude and longitude (GPS) locations of the anticipated sight spot(s).

Mary also shared beautiful samples of woodcut prints. Her daughter will conduct a woodcut printing workshop at her home on April 6, 2014. Anyone interested should contact Mary for further information.

Dena Wagner sent basic information about visits to Philmont. Philmont is open seven days a week and tours go every half hour with a limit of twenty-four per group through the mansion. There is a charge of \$5 per person and reservations should be made. There is no limit for those wishing to tour the museum. The consensus was that late July or early August might be a good time to consider an outing to Philmont combined with a lunch (or dinner) at the Saint James Hotel nearby.

A visit to the Rosemont when there are wedding gowns are on display is another possible activity or scheduling a "thematic" lunch gathering for one meeting.

Carol shared her delightful plans/projects for her daughter's June wedding at her home.

June informed the group that she had donated her quilt to the Rocky Mountain Physical Therapy facility in Raton. NM.

Everyone enjoyed interesting and varied conversation and camaraderie while gaining some knowledge of some of the “history” of the ranch from those who have been here the longest. Great fun!!

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT THE HOME OF CAROL SMITH ON  
APRIL 12 AT 10:00 A.M. (33140 Vista West Drive)

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Beaver

## Women's Group Meeting April 12, 2014

Present were Carol Smith, Mary Ghormley, June Stephens, Joan Beaumont, Nancy Scott, Karla Gorrell. Dena was out sick with allergies, Roxanne was recovering from a fall, Sharon was taking Monte to the doctor and Barb was out of town.

We finalized plans for the Smoke Spotter Training. June announced that Dena would be a back up for her at the refreshment table if needed. Carol Smith and Karla Gorrell volunteered to help clean up the fire station a couple of days before the training. Nancy Scott volunteered to stay after the training and help clean up. Mary showed a couple of compasses and volunteered to order the metal one for anyone interested. The group agreed to send a thank you note and a donation of \$25 to the fire department in appreciation for use of the station and to help cover any expenses incurred because of our using it. We also agreed to send a note and Amazon gift card to Ed Gieske in the same amount in appreciation for his time in preparing for and presenting the training session. Mary will order the gift card. It was agreed that we should invite Trinidad Lake, the development to the northwest of us to the training. Mary will contact Dan Berry.

Discussions about Philmont and Rosemont were deferred until the next meeting.

We chose May 17th for the next meeting. We will meet at the home of Roxanne Briggs, 33361 Mountain View (lot C41) at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ghormley

## Women's Group Meeting Minutes May 17, 2014

The SFTR Women's Group met May 17th at the beautiful home of Roxanne Briggs. In attendance were: Jody Mitchell, Nancy Scott, Joan Beaumont, Violetta Alexandrowics, Lynne Parker, Roxanne Briggs, June Stephens, Ann Kost, and Mary Ghormley. We welcomed our three first time attendees and began by introducing ourselves and getting acquainted.

At one point discussion turned to deer-resistant plants and Nancy Scott provided this website, <http://www.highcountrygardens.com/> where plants are identified as deer-resistant, rabbit-resistant, etc.

Mary read an email from Harriet Vaugeois about the discount vouchers that are available to local residents for the SCRT summer professional season. She pass out copies of the flyer and the schedule of SCRT performances.

Our upcoming trips to Philmont and Rosemount were discussed, but we didn't have sufficient information to make more definite plans. Roxanne tried to call Philmont, but the office was closed on Saturday. She will try again the first of the week. The women are anxious to get one of these trips on the calendar.

The next meeting date was set for June 14th. The location will be announced.

Respectively submitted, Mary Ghormley

## SFTR WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING JUNE 14, 2104

The SFTR Women's Group met June 14, 2014 at the home of Barb Wurfel. Those attending included Joan Beaumont, Sharon Beaver, Roxanne Briggs, Sylvia Crisler, Mary Ghormley, newcomer Lanett Jones, Ann Kost, Leslie Modica, Lynn Parker, Carol Rankin, Lanae Rossi, Dena Wagner, and Barb Wurfel. Nancy Scott, Carol Smith and June Stephens sent regrets.

Everyone mostly enjoyed a relaxing group visit while devouring the delicious snack variety which Dena provided. Barb began the "formal" part of the meeting by informing the group that Al Tucker is battling cancer of the esophagus and suggesting that some might like to help by providing an occasional meal. Currently he's on liquids and no spices. She advised that one should call before taking anything to be sure he is home. His number is 846-1415. The main topics of discussion centered upon the group's "sponsoring" trips to tour Rosemount and Philmont. The consensus was that a tour to Rosemount should take place on Tuesday July 15 (first choice) or 22 and that a trip to Philmont should be tentatively on September 16 or 23. Both trips will be open to any on the Ranch who wish to attend. Barb will contact both venues to get additional information and will include the information in the cover email for the minutes. The cost to tour the Rosemount Mansion is \$6, \$5 for seniors or \$4.50 for groups of ten or more, the latter of which would require an RSVP to obtain the lower cost. The theme for June and July is wedding attire of "old," but those who have visited assure that the woodwork alone in the mansion is worth the trip. Lunch would be on one's own and the Carriage House is a good place for that. Mary will create a note for the web to inform and invite others about the opportunity to join us for the trip. Barb and Sharon will be the contacts for people to RSVP so that we can have a good idea about the number who might attend. Carol R insists that she will not attend the Philmont trip if the T-Rex dinosaur track is not on the agenda. Other suggested future activities included visits to Grassland and hula hoop (and more) lessons –hula hoop included—at \$10 each. Barb asked those present to think about our selling out what logo wear we have and whether

or not the group might consider future fund raising options. We discussed setting up our logo wear tables at the annual POA meeting as we have done in the past.

Lanae reported a treasury balance of \$4218.81 and also asked that all help her to know who's moved permanently to the Ranch so that she can deliver a Welcome Kit.

The NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON JULY 12 AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE HOME OF SHARON BEAVER (B-3—33330 Cottonwood Canyon Drive).

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Beaver



## SFTR WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING JULY 12, 2014

The SFTR Women's Group met July 12, 2014 at the home of Sharon Beaver. In attendance were Sharon Beaver, Roxanne Briggs, Mary Ghormley, Ann Kost, Leslie Modica, Lynne Parker, Carol Smith, June Stephens, first-timer Sally Wilson and Barb Wurfel. Lanae Rossi and Dena Wagner sent regrets.

Barb began the meeting with an update on the Rosemont visit. There was limited interest but enough for a small group who will meet at the mailboxes at 8:00 a.m. on July 15. The group also decided to schedule a visit to Philmont for Wednesday, September 10. One must sign up for the actual dinosaur track visit, and it is a strenuous mile trek. Mary will post the anticipated date as an FYI for any who might like to join in the visit. More specific information will follow late August.

The consensus is that we sell out the logo wear at current prices. It is available from Barb and we will need volunteers to manage the tables at the annual POA meeting. In conjunction Carol suggested that perhaps the group could offer the canopies and tables to others on the ranch as a fundraiser. (She presented a donation for what she borrowed for the two recent weddings of her children.) After discussion, all agreed that it is a good will gesture to fellow ranch owners and the items could be used on "an event" basis for a donation. The offer will be a word-of-mouth effort and first made public at the POA meeting and then at the Christmas party. We will need to create a sign-out sheet which includes instructions like bringing the tables back clean and always packing the canopies dry. Only a Women's Group person can check out the items and oversee the return of same. Sharon and Lynne agreed to be the contact for anyone wishing to borrow items.

The group settled on a Sunday December 7 date for the annual evening Christmas party. Carol will contact The Clubhouse Grille to lock in the date.

Barb reminded everyone to be sure to let Lanae know when new residents arrive so that she can deliver a Welcome Bag.

Other matters of interest shared included the following:

□ Attending a Triggers' game as a group next summer might be an entertaining activity. □ The Art Trek takes place the last Friday of every month this summer. It begins at 5:30 p.m. and is a lot of fun according to those who have attended. □ Carol shared that she and several others on the ranch volunteer at the Good Samaritan Clinic the first and third Tuesdays each month. Anyone can help and the clinic is free to any who need the help. The clinic is open 8:30 -4:00 and is located at the corner of Frost and Linden. □ Those attending brought easy-to-prepare canned goods for Al Tucker as he continues with chemo treatments.

After the "business" was completed, several shared their wedding pictures and stories. It was great fun to have our very own wedding attire presentations.

Leslie Modica (33005 Tall Timber Trace) will host the next meeting on August 9, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Sharon Beaver

SFTR WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING—AUGUST 9. 2014

The SFTR Women's Group met at the lovely home of Leslie Modica on August 9, 2014. Those attending included Joan Beaumont, Sharon Beaver, Roxanne Briggs, Mary Ghormley, Leslie Modica, Carmen Richards, and Nancy Scott. Lynne Parker and Carol Smith sent regrets.

The group enjoyed the delicious snacks Leslie provided and much of the meeting centered on sharing and learning about a bit of Trinidad history and future hopes and possibilities for a revitalization of the Trinidad area.

Items of business included the following: -----Roxanne and the Alberts are coordinating the memorial service to be held on August 11, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. for Al Tucker. Anyone who wishes to help provide food for after the service should contact Roxanne for pick up or bring it to the Fisher's Peak Community Church prior to the service. -----Carol Smith sent a \$20

donation and thank you for the use of two canopy tents for her children's weddings in June. -----Nancy brought volunteer forms for anyone who may wish to volunteer at the SCRT for any reason. She shared that the summer programs are performed by professional and are well worth attendance. ----

-Nancy also mentioned that the Auxiliary group for the fire department which serves the ranch will be holding a bake sale on October 11, 2014. Any donations an individual wishes to make are welcome and she and Dennis are volunteering to meet donors at the mailboxes at a time TBA and then deliver to the proper location TBA. -----Leslie reminded the group that the final Art Trek will be Friday August 29 and that it is worth attending. ----

-Mary suggested that the group consider tabling or postponing a Philmont visit until a more opportune time for adequate preparation since so many usually involved are out of area. All concurred, agreeing that some time next year might be better. -----Mary announced that the annual POA meeting will be held October 4, 2014. There was discussion about whether or not the Women's Group would or should provide some refreshments. That matter will be addressed at the September meeting. In conjunction, the group was reminded that it will sell logo wear at the meeting and that Barb will need help. -----Roxanne suggested that since the Autocade would be held September 12-14 and since the Saturday parade for the event is always such fun, the group might meet at the Art Gallery prior to the parade for its September meeting. Everyone agreed that it is a great idea. Roxanne is scheduled for "duty" at the Art Gallery on Saturday September 13 and volunteered to host the Women's Group there at 10:00 a.m. Parking will be a bit tricky since the streets will be blocked off for the parade, but a little walking shouldn't be too much of a problem.

Respectfully Submitted, Sharon Beaver

## Santa Fe Trail Ranch Women's Group Meeting

September 13, 2104

The meeting was hosted by Roxanne Briggs at the Corazon Gallery where she exhibits her lovely artwork. In attendance were Carol Smith, Roxanne Briggs, Mary Ghormley, Joan Beaumont, Carmen Richards, Violetta Alexandrowicz and Barb Wurfel. Lanae Rossi and Sharon Beaver sent their regrets.

Carol contacted TSJC for the pricing on coffee, tea and cookies for the annual POA meeting. We will ask them to provide 7 dozen cookies, coffee and tea as needed but not to exceed 8 gallons and water. The cookies are \$9.50/dozen and coffee and tea is \$12.50/gallon. Cost should not exceed \$170.00. Based on the minutes from the last two annual POA meetings attendance is approximately 70 people. We will have the donation jar by the refreshments. Barb will seek volunteers to help set up and sell logo wear. Volunteers so far include Mary Ghormley, Carol Smith, Sharon Beaver and Barb Wurfel. Barb will comment at the POA meeting about the Christmas Dinner on December 7 and that the group has tables and shade canopies to loan for a donation. The contacts for the loaners will be Sharon, Carol and Lynne as they have keys to the guard shack where the equipment is stored. Carol will develop some rules on use. The group will again provide name tags to POA meeting attendees. Carol will ask Jeff to contact the college about the placement of tables needed for logo wear and refreshments. If time permits Mary will make a "Save the Date" flyer to distribute at the meeting regarding the Christmas Dinner.

The Clubhouse Grill is reserved for the December 7 Christmas Dinner. Carol Smith and a small committee will meet with Dave in October to set the menu and price. There will be cocktails at 5:00 and buffet at 6:00. At the October Women's Group Meeting we will discuss more details and determine who will handle the RSVPs.

We discussed the recent concern about needle drop posted on the website. The group thought sometime in the future that we could host a Q&A session for people on the ranch with C.K. Morley. Mary suggested we coordinate with the Forest Health Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for 10:00 am on October 11 at the home of Carol Smith.

Respectfully Submitted by Barb Wurfel

## SFTR WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING—OCTOBER 11,2014

The SFTR Women's Group met October 11, 2014 at the home of Carol Smith. Those attending included Viola Alexandtrowicz, Sharon Beaver, Roxanne Briggs, Nancy Scott, and Carol Smith. Sending regrets were Joan Beaumont, Mary Ghormley, and Barb Wurfel.

Everyone enjoyed the delicious spread of goodies Carol provided and, of course, each other's company. The main item of business centered upon planning for the annual Christmas party to be held on December 7, 2014 at last year's venue. After a good discussion the following menu and price were determined: entrees of roasted beef and honey-glazed chicken breast, oven-roasted potatoes, green beans, and garden salad, with drinks of coffee, tea, and water. Any other drink choices will be on one's own. The Women's Group will provide the dessert of white cake with raspberry filling from Safeway as in years past. The cost will be \$18 per person and that will include tax and gratuity. Any cost in excess will be absorbed by the Women's Group.

Carol will notify Dave of the choices desired. The deadline for reservations must be made by November 25, 2014 to Lanae Rossi at 719-859-1050 or at [lanae1000@gmail.com](mailto:lanae1000@gmail.com) . Payment should be made to Lanae prior to the event. Checks should be made out to SFTR Women's Group. Lanae will inform Dave of the totals five days before the party and will order the cake, which Sharon will pick up and deliver to the party. Mary will create a poster for the ranch bulletin board and put the information on the appropriate website. Sharon will make nametags and Carol will create some fun trivia for the tables and will bring ideas for decorations to the November meeting.

Lanae reported a treasury balance of \$4743 minus whatever the cost for the refreshments the Group provided at the recent Annual POA Meeting.

Once plans were completed, everyone enjoyed sharing “stories” about the pack rats, scorpions, and snakes.

The next meeting will be on NOVEMBER 8, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Sharon Beaver (33330 Cottonwood Canyon Drive B-3)).

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Beaver

SANTA FE TRAIL RANCH WOMEN’S GROUP—MINUTES, NOVEMBER 8, 2014

The SFTR Women’s Group met at the home of Sharon Beaver on November 8, 2014. Those attending included Joan Beaumont, Sharon Beaver, Roxanne Briggs, Mary Ghormley, Lanette Jones, Ann Kost, Lanae Rossi, and Carol Smith. Babr Wurfel and Nancy Scott sent regrets,

The items of business centered on clarification about the Christmas party on December 7, 2014. Mary will not note the 35 reservations needed for the current price at this time. If the deadline approaches and it appears that there may not be that number reached, she will put a reminder of that deadline on the web page. Mary encouraged members to be purposeful about inviting fellow ranchers to attend the party.

Carol has a blue and white theme for the decorations and has trivia ready for the tables.

Ann offered thanks to Mary for her helpful posting of recycling information on the website. All echoed that thanks and an interesting discussion about recycling followed.

Again the bulk of the time was spent sharing and visiting. Everyone really enjoyed the update of Lanae's saga with the pack rats—twenty kills so far-- , mice and a chipmunk as well as the mystery emission from one section of a wall.

Ann offered new insight into spiders and scorpions.

It is great fun to just “be” and enjoy each other's company.

The next gathering will be at the the Christmas party and the next meeting is TBA.. Most agree that February would be the best time to meet and the hostess can be decided later

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Beaver.