

## Santa Fe Trail Ranch Women's Group Meeting—January 13, 2018

The SFTR Women's Group met at the home of Sharon Beaver on January 13, 2018. Those attending included Sharon Beaver, Ann Kost, Lynne Parker, Nancy Scott, Carol Smith, June Stephens, Dena Wagner, and Sally Wilson. Sending regrets were Roxanne Briggs, Trina Ceplina, and Mary Ghormley. The stated purpose of the meeting was to bring together suggestions for activities or experiences (other than picnic and harvest dinner planning) which the group and any other ranch residents upon occasion might enjoy sharing. It is understood that weather will determine when some activities may be realized; some will require reservations in advance and others may be spur of the moment with notice of an invitation to anyone interested in joining in the event to be placed on the ranch website. Following is a list of the results of much conversation and sharing: ----A visit to the Maxwell National Wildlife Refuge (south of Raton, NM) in February to watch the eagles nesting as well as lots of other birds (This will be the February meeting. Watch the website for the date and time.) ----Organizing a greenhouse and/or garden tour of various sites on the ranch. ----Inviting those interested to an exchange of cuttings, starts and/or seeds in the spring. ----Organizing a tour of homes on the ranch. ----Visiting the dinosaur tracks near La Junta in early May or late September when it's not too hot. (RSVP is required and one will need a vehicle with high clearance or truck.) ---- A visit/tour of a lavender farm during the July harvest. ----A visit to a salmon/raspberry farm—possible to pick berries in June/July. ----A guided tour of Red Rock Canyon Open Space near Colorado Springs. ----A visit/lunch(?) to Rosemont Museum in June for the bridal display and/or at other events presented there during the year. ----A trip to Bent's Fort. ----A day visiting Philmont Scout Ranch and the mansion with a meal at the St. James Hotel in Cimarron NM. ----A lunch at the St. James Hotel followed/or preceded by a visit to the museum in Cimarron. ----A tour and brunch at the Vermejo Park Ranch. ----An outing to Capulin Volcano National Monument ----A visit to see the dinosaur tracks at the Clayton, NM Park. ----Visits to any number of museums in our area—including... museum at the NRA Whittington Center. ... Raton Museum (lots of mining history) ... various museums in Trinidad ----Attending plays at the SCRT, which has a new concept on the horizon this summer

In addition to the above, the group expressed concerns about how the cows will be prevented from crossing the new bridge. For tax purposes, it is very important that the ranch not lose its agricultural status! Another item discussed was the possibility of a community building. The group is in favor of such an endeavor and encourages everyone interested to think about what such a facility should include and to make some notes to that effect for consideration during the planning for the building itself as well as for how and who should maintain the structure/area once it is realized. THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL PICNIC WILL BE SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2018. There will be no formal

February meeting. Watch the website for the time and place for the March meeting.  
Respectfully Submitted Sharon Beaver

## April 2018 Women's Group Meeting

The SFTR Women's group met at the home of Carol Smith on Saturday, April 14. In attendance were Carol Smith, Nancy Scott, Mary Ghormley, Ann Kost, Jill Wilson, Pat Nash, June Stephens, Dena Wagner, Mary Bishop, Roxanne Briggs, and Karen Migdalski.

All enjoyed visiting together and meeting Pat, Karen, and Mary B. who were first timers at a WG meeting. Pat has lived here for a few years but newly retired and so we are thrilled she has more time to join us now. Both Mary and Karen are new comers to the Ranch and we welcome them!

PICNIC Discussion focused on the upcoming June 9th SFTR annual picnic that the women's group organizes and sponsors. Committees and volunteers were begun to be set up with the following decided: Cow Pie pick up has been done. Any further pickup will be done during the day before marking of tent sites. Mowing – Mary G. will contact Linda Brown to see if she would be able to mow this year as she has in some past years. If she is not able, then a request will be sent out for a volunteer. Cows – Mary G. will contact Kendra to invite them to the picnic as well as ask that the cows not be brought until after June 9th. Marking day before – Mary Ghormley and Carol Smith are volunteering themselves and their husbands to mark the sites and set up rope on Friday, June 8th. Set-Up – Carol Smith will head up the volunteers for set up, which will begin at 9am on Saturday. Steve Wagner has volunteered to help so far. Notification/Posters – Mary Ghormley will be in charge of communication and plans to send out notices of "Save the Date" once we have a volunteer contact for Raffle. Logowear – Dena Wagner will head this but needs volunteers for setup, selling at booth, and clean up. Ann Kost and Carol Smith have put their name on her list so far. Dena will invite our logowear seamstress to join us for the day as well. Raffle / Tickets – a volunteer is still needed to collect and set up raffle items. We have already been given a Morley Church Picture from June Stephens to Raffle separately from other items. Roxanne said she will give either one or two free mitigation hours from T-Rox; It was suggested to maybe have some firewood donated, and June plans to ask if Leone will donate a load of gravel... New resident to be Deb Johnson has volunteered to sell raffle tickets as has June Stephens. Welcome Table – Jill Wilson and Pat Nash will do this table. Jill says that Ron will have a table next to it to have info on weed control and fire wise for the Ranch. The Welcome table will have name tags as well as raffle tickets.

Clean Up – It was decided that we have so many help who are there for tis that a committee chair was not needed to be named

Food tables – Sharon Beaver and Lynne Parker have faithfully done this in past picnics and will be asked if they would be willing to head it again. If not, a notice looking for volunteers will be sent out. Porta-Potties – Dena will contact Little Stinkers about this and will invite them to join us as well.

THANK YOU CARDS Dena read several notes sent to the women's Group in regards to the food and monetary assistance as well as prayer support given to the family of J and Charlotte Aufderheide. J will certainly be missed and we continue to hold Charlotte up in thought and prayer.

OUTINGS Carol shared about the outing several shared to the Maxwell Wildlife Refuge to view bald eagles and how nice that was. There were several who had not been able to go and possibly it is something that can be done again next Feb or March. The outing to Raton Museum was cancelled but hope to reschedule at a later date. June shared information on the planned outing on May 4th, a Friday, to tour the Phillips mansion on the Boy Scout Ranch in Cimmaron, NM. Lunch at the St. James Hotel will follow the 10:30 am tour. A notice will be posted on the web to contact June for reservations. Interest was discussed in going to Pueblo in June to view the Rosemont Museum's bridal display and then enjoying lunch. More info will be brought to the May meeting.

OTHER DISCUSSION Other discussion focused on the proposed Metro storage building, the Exit 2 gate, and general sharing.

May 12th Women's Meeting will be held at 10 am at the home of Nancy Scott.

## SANTA FE TRAIL RANCH WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING—MAY 12, 2018

The SFTR Women's group met at the home of Nancy Scott on May 12, 2018. Those attending included Sharon Beaver, Mary Bishop, Roxanne Briggs, Kathy Duffy, Mary Ghormley, Ann Kost, Nancy Scott, Carol Smith, June Stephens, Dena Wagner, and Sally Wilson.

Everyone enjoyed Nancy's usual delicious, creative feast with additional contributions from June, Dena and Kathy.

The bulk of the business centered upon picnic updates and additions from last month's meeting as follows: -----Dena showed the cups to be offered along with the logo wear. --  
---Sally will help with the logo wear and Dena will send out a schedule for helpers soon.  
-----Mary G. shared a very informative poster she has prepared to invite and inform others to the picnic. -----Linda Brown will mow the week before the picnic. -----There was consensus that the footprint for the tent positions be closer to the food and logo-wear tents so that there will be less distance between all tents in order to encourage better interaction and mingling among attendees. -----Jill Wilson will manage the welcome table. Sharon will provide the table and nametags and raffle tickets. -----Near the welcome table, Ron Wilson will set up a table for fire-wise and weed prevention information. -----Little Stinker will again provide port-a-potties at no charge to the group. They have been invited to attend if their schedule will allow it. -----Kendra will not bring cows until after the picnic and she has been invited to attend as well. -----There will be 8 food tables, 4 logo-wear tables, and 2 raffle tables. Carol and June will bring extra tables to be used if needed.

June is managing the raffle. She, Maureen Latham and Deb Johnson will sell tickets. June will also ask Sue Downs to sell as well. To date, the following donations to the raffle include: -----Free massage from Shannon Youngquist -----SCRT Summer Season Tickets from Harriet Vaugeois -----Two 1-hour mitigation work from T-Rox (Roxanne Briggs) -----Homemade cards from Mary Bishop -----Original homemade necklace made by Ann Kost -----Butterflies Baked Goods from Julie Louden -----Bakery Basket of Baked Good donated by Kathy Duffy -----Pallet wine rack from Carol Smith -----Load of road base (delivered) from Leone's Sand and Gravel (value \$195) -----Floral arrangement from Teri's Hallmark -----One-half whiskey barrel (\$40 value) from Ace Hardware in Raton

-----John Deere birdhouse from Ace Hardware in Raton -----Original homemade purse from Sheila Chatling There is also the chance to win the beautifully framed Morley print donated by June and Tom Stephens.

Stacey Alexander is currently updating the information sheet which is included in the welcome bags. She expects to highlight any business with a ranch connection. She also asks that anyone who knows of a business which would like to be represented in the bags in some meaningful way—not just a brochure--- to please let her (or Mary Ghormley) know so that she can expand the helpful information about our community.

Carol informed the group that there is potential for people interested to join a tour of the dinosaur tracks near La Junta on May 26. ( The tour is an 8-hour tour.) Other possible outings include a visit to Rosemont in Pueblo. There are tours every half hour Tuesday-Saturday from 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. The bridal display begins June 12. She also reminded the group that a visit to a lavender farm is possible in early July. Anyone interested in any such activity should keep an eye on the website for times and dates.

The June meeting will be the picnic on June 9 from 11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. There will be no meeting during July.

The August meeting will be at the home of June Stephens at 10:00 a.m. on August 11, 2018. June lives at 33028 Cedar Way.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Beaver

## SANTA FE TRAIL RANCH WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING---AUGUST 8, 2018

The SFTR Women's Group met at the home of June Stephens on August 8, 2018. Those attending included Stacey Alexander, Sharon Beaver, Mary Bishop, Sue Downs, Janis Forch, Deb Johnson, Ann Kost, Maureen Latham, Pat Nash, Lynne Parker, June Stephens, Dena Wagner, and Barb Wurfel. Sending regrets were Mary Ghormley, Lanae Rossi, Nancy Scott, Carol Smith and Jill Wilson.

Everyone enjoyed June's tasty snacks and a period of reconnecting before the following items were discussed: -----Stacey had been really busy and updated the group about welcome bags. She has made a number of new contacts and has several new offers/discounts/services from local businesses to be included in future bags. She will now put the red SFTR stickers for owners' vehicles in each bag. Mary G. is updating the vendor lists to be included as well. (Thank you, Stacey for all your hard work!) -----Dena reported that the treasury balance is in excess of \$5000. -----Barb informed the group of what Carol Smith, she and Mary B. had discovered about possible venues for the fall dinner to be held on November 3, 2018. Most of the local venues are well over any desired price per person. Many want large fees just for the room and then add other fees in addition to the actual meal costs. La Plaza in Walsenburg was a possibility, but the consensus was that most prefer to support a local business and weather is always a question with any distance to be traveled. After much discussion, the group decided to go to Tequila's. Barb will contact Tequila's and choose three entrée choices and work to keep the total cost at \$20 per person. -----Carol Smith sent a suggestion that the group explore the possibility of being able to place a display case of samples of ranch logo wear in the Metro Operations Center/Community Center once it is built. Deb Johnson volunteered to research the style and cost for such a case. The group would also prefer to hold its meetings there as well as have a storage area for tents and tables. -----In conjunction with Carol's suggestion, Sue Downs suggested that the women explore the possibility of organizing fund-raising efforts to help furnish a good kitchen area in the proposed community center. One such event might be a progressive dinner or a house and garden tour of ranch homes. -----In a review of the picnic, all agreed that bringing the tents closer together made for a better experience for all attending. Also, it was agreed that in the future, the tents should be set even closer. June also shared that she had purchased a 10' x 10' pop-up tent for the event. The consensus of those present was that June should be reimbursed the \$85.64 because there is always a need for an extra tent. June also stated that her newly formed quilting group will be creating a quilt for the picnic raffle next year. -----Barb expressed thanks to June for organizing an outing to the Philmont mansion and encouraged anyone interested in such outings to take the lead and invite others to join in. Some suggestions for future outings included a play at the SCRT, a trip to Bent's Old Fort in the fall, a visit to the Farmers' Market some Saturday, a Triggers game, etc.

-----Sue shared that the Trinidad Youth Club will soon be opening a take and bake carry-out pizza place. (This is similar to a Papa Murphy's, but there will be no phone orders.) All proceeds will go to the TYC. TYC Pizza is located at 829 Arizona Ave. in Trinidad. The information-only phone number is 719-422-8462. This endeavor is meant to help the youth learn business skills, discipline and responsibility as well as enjoying teamwork and community with one another. -----The Annual POA meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2018 at the Trinidad Community Center. Carol will need help setting up tables and chairs the evening of October 5. Watch the web for the set-up time. -----The Women's Group will provide cookies and drinks for the meeting. The center has a large coffeepot. Dena has two larger drink containers. Sharon will check what plates, cups, etc. the group has on hand. In conjunction, June and Sue will contact the fire department to determine what paper products purchased long ago by the Women's Group might still be stored at that facility.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT THE HOME OF DENA WAGNER ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2018 AT 10:00 A.M. (Dena lives at 33051 Mountain Meadow Overlook.)

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Beaver



## SANTA FE TRAIL WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING—SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

The Santa Fe Trail Women's Group met at the home of Dena Wagner on September 15, 2018. Those attending included Stacey Alexander, Sharon Beaver, Mary Bishop, Sue Downs, Mary Ghormley, Claudia Henning, Nancy Scott, Carol Smith, June Stephens, Dena Wagner, and Barb Wurfel. Sending regrets were Margaret Carone, Deb Johnson, Karen Migdalski, and Lanae Rossi.

It was difficult for those attending to pull away from the absolute feast Dena had prepared, but once everyone was settled, the following items were discussed: -----The Women's Group will provide refreshments for the Annual POA meeting on October 6, 2018. The meeting will take place at the Trinidad Community Center. Any who can are to bring cookies or brownies. Set up will begin at 9:00 a.m. Carol will set up chairs/tables the evening before. (She will send notice of the time so that any who can help will know when.) Sharon has nametags, plates, cups and napkins for the event. Dena will bring drink dispensers and Carol will bring the drinks. Dena will be spokeswoman at the meeting and will briefly inform everyone of what the group's activities entail. -----Dena suggested that since the logo-wear aprons are not selling so well, a bonus of two potholders she makes could be included with an apron. All agreed but also were concerned that Dena not be expected to cover the cost of the yarn needed. The consensus was that she be reimbursed for whatever materials she uses to make the potholders. -----Dena reported a treasury balance of \$5424.02. -----Stacey brought welcome bags for others to deliver and reported that there have been twenty delivered this year so far. She expressed the need for more bags and hats. After discussion all agreed that Dena should order fifteen more of each ASAP. In conjunction, Stacey will purchase more ranch maps as well. THANK YOU, STACEY, FOR BEING SUCH AN ENTHUSIASTIC, POSITIVE "AMBASSADOR" TO THE TRINIDAD COMMUNITY FOR BOTH THE WOMEN'S GROUP AND THE RANCH!

-----The Fall Harvest Dinner will be held at Tequila's on November 3, 2018. Happy hour will begin at 5:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. Mary G. will prepare the flyer with the anticipation that it will be ready to pass out at the POA meeting. -----Sharon and Claudia will take RSVP'S, the deadline for which is Thursday October 25. RSVP's must include the pre-pay of \$20 per person and the entrée choice per person. The cost includes chips and salsa, entrée, non-alcoholic beverage, dessert, tax and gratuity. Checks are to be made out to SFTR Women's Group. Entrée choices include Tequila's Shredded-Beef Enchiladas with rice and beans (whole or refried), Mexican Shrimp Salad (gluten free), Carnitas de Pollo (chicken), or Guiso Ranchero (vegetarian). Barb will check about a children's menu option. -----Stacey and Sharon will create a "mixer questionnaire" to encourage more mingling among those attending. -----Carol

expressed a need for a small portable microphone for such events. After discussion, the consensus was for Stacey to check first with Ike's Music about the

availability of a good microphone and to purchase one if the cost is no greater than \$200. She can look elsewhere if need be. -----Carol reported that Deb Johnson has seen 48"-74" lockable floor display cases on Craig's List for possible location in the upcoming Metro Center. She will suggest to the POA Board that a committee be formed for the purpose of sorting out/organizing what will go into the Center. She also asked that everyone think about what the Women's Group should do with the largest tent once the Center is completed and in full operation. -----June and Sue will meet with the fire chief to empty out whatever remains stored in the fire station from the former women's auxiliary. They may get rid any and all of it as they see fit. -----Sue suggested that a list of updated phone contacts and e-mails be created since so many now have only cell-phone contacts and so many newcomers have arrived. Carol volunteered to contact people to determine what information they might choose to have included— phone number(s), e-mail and/or home addresses.

There will be no formal meetings for October through December. Mary B will contact La Plaza in Walsenburg to reserve a luncheon outing on December 8. Some also suggested including a trip to the Rosemont Mansion as well. Watch to web site for further details.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Beaver