

## Women's Group Meeting: 12-12-2020

### Attendees

Carol Rankin  
Marva Craig  
Deb Johnson  
Cathy Talcott  
Claudia Henning  
**Barb Wurful (host)**  
Nancy Lee Scott  
Pat Nash  
Shannon Youngquist  
Maureen Latham  
Maryanne Coelin

- The last Women's Group meeting was 3/14/2020
- Next meeting will be scheduled for 1/9/2020: 10-12 am
  - Meeting will be scheduled month to month, based on COVID restrictions

### Points of discussion:

1. Dina sold her house on Santa Fe Trail Ranch
  - a. New Treasurer roles are Nancy Lee Scott and Mary Bishop

### Treasurer report:

Nancy Lee Scott:

For checking account for the Women's Group

- Obtained an EIN number
- Obtained a state certificate for an initial cost of \$50.00 (which will be reimbursed from the SFTR Women's Group account) The maintenance cost will be \$10.00 annually, however, if paid late, it will be \$50.00
- Current Balances
  - Checking: \$4,093.60
  - Cash: \$60.00
- Noted that banking laws have gotten stricter

### QUESTION:

- Cathy Talcott bought Laura, Rapp's house and wanted to know if there are dues paid in. Barb responded that our mission statement for the Women's Group is "for the good of the rang and camaraderie" and that we do not charge "dues". We supported the new billboard by the mailboxes, we offer logo wear, we contribute to the fall dinner, and organize the ranch picnic.

Our contributions come from logo wear, the raffle (which brings in a lot of money, per Nancy Lee Scott).

### **LOGO Wear Report (Shannon Youngquist)**

- Someone removed the logo wear catalog from the MOC. Thoughts are to create a new one, and post it on the santafetrailranch.com website. Shannon is going to contact Virginia for pricing to fulfill new orders. Our old website had a form that people could download, Deb Johnson to look that up and coordinate with Shannon about updating. Deb is going to follow up with the Communications Committee regarding a Women's Group presence on our new website, however, there is currently the option to post on NextDoor.

### **New Residents: Welcome Committee**

- 16 Welcome Bags have been given out since 6/1/2020.
- Many thanks given to Stacey Alexander for all of her work over the years, as well as the smooth transition to the new Welcome Committee:
  - Millie Straabe
  - Pat Jones Nash
  - Jill Wilson
  - Claudia Henning
- Items included in the welcome bag:
  - Santa Fe Trail Ranch Tote bag
    - SFTR Cookbook
    - Pen
    - Ranch Information
    - Local Information
      - Trinidad Welcome Center is open and the group was able to get additional information
      - Waiting for the Colorado State Extension Office to open or respond to get information such as beetle kill
    - SFTR Car Stickers
- Claudia [and others?] has met with some of the new residents at the MOC
- Suggestion is to hold monthly meet and greets for new residents
  - Previous meet and greets included Cathy Talcott and Maryanne Coelin
- Claudia will start reaching out to part time residents to provide a welcome, and hear stories about what made them choose SFTR as a new home

### **OTHER NEWS**

- Barb Wurful and Carol Smith will be comparing email lists

## **SFTR Women's Group Meeting Minutes August 8, 2020,**

### **10 am - via Zoom**

Seven members were able to join via zoom for our August 1, 2020, WG Meeting, including Deb Johnson, Shannon Youngquist, Carol Smith, Mary Bishop, Nancy Scott, Claudia Henning, and Maryann Coelin. Sending regrets were Jill Wilson, Barb Wurfel, Mary Ghormley, Sharon Beaver, and Maureen Latham. While we wish we could meet in person, we are grateful Deb could get us hooked up this way to discuss items on our agenda. After discussion and input from all as well as input from emails sent to Carol from group members not in attendance, the majority vote was to cancel this year's picnic (which had been postponed already from July to Sept) We also voted to cancel the annual SFTR Fall Dinner. It was a difficult decision as we recognize both events are enjoyed and important for the ranch neighbors to meet and greet and get to know one another. We hope that once the COVID 19 restrictions are lifted we can gather for a celebration of sorts with perhaps a ranch spring get together. The raffle items collected so far will be saved until the next picnic, as long as ok with the donors. It was discussed whether an online raffle would work but all felt that saving items for in person raffle next year would be better. Deb agreed to head the raffle for next year. An idea to have an ATV social distancing ride and snack together has been proposed. If anyone would like to organize this or other possible things we could do and still be safe and smart with the restrictions in place, please contact myself so we can get this in the works. We also discussed having a questionnaire made up for whoever would like to participate, both "old" and new neighbors as a "get to know you" idea. These could be posted on the WG email and/or on the bulletin board at the MOC, in a notebook, etc for all to check out and 'meet your neighbors'. We also need a volunteer or two (or several) to work on this and come up with ideas and getting the word out. Again, contact me if you are interested. The new Welcome Committee members that have volunteered are Millie Straabe, Jill Wilson and Pat Nash. They will be contacting new full-time residents to meet and give a Logowear Welcome bag with information and other goodies. If you know a new full-time neighbor who has not yet received a welcome bag, please contact this group. If you have something which may be of interest to include in the bag, please also let them know. We are looking for local coupons, notebooks or other free local company giveaways, etc (no just business cards or brochures please). The Welcome Committee will also be assisting the POA with mailing for all new owners an updated Handbook of SFTR welcome information. These will be ready soon after the new website is running in September. The blinds for the MOC that the WG purchased are now installed and look great. Nancy Scott reported that the Women's group funds are currently \$4,738. Bob Scott will be asked about whether the Ditch Rats need any more snacks for their bins or more lunches provided. The group really appreciates the support from the Women's Group. Deb Johnson will check into the cost of temporarily setting up zoom or google for ranch usage if we want to have small group gatherings for meet and greet times, as well as to use for other meetings. What we are currently using is limited in time to 40 minutes, but it is free. Nancy Scott will ask Dennis what the Rotary uses

and the cost for that. Peggy Obrey donated bamboo trays and buffet warmer to the ranch MOC kitchen. Thank you. It is recommended, while we still have our old website, to check over the articles that are on there, such as the Preparedness series, Wildlife articles, and other interesting notes shared. The Preparedness series has great recommendations about what we should do to be ready for possible evacuation from fire, etc. Next meeting has not yet been determined. Submitted by Carol Smith for the WG

## **SFTR Women's Group Meeting July 6th, 2020**

### **10 am Zoom Meeting**

Several of us met via Zoom on Saturday, June 6th to discuss the annual SFTR picnic that the Women's Group sponsors/organizes. Due to the continued restrictions and the unknown as to what they may still be for early July, we decided to postpone the picnic to Labor Day weekend, Saturday, September 5th.

Another Zoom or in person meeting will be held on August 8th at 10 am to make final decisions as to whether it will still be okay to hold the picnic then, and if so, to make final plans. A note will be sent out before then as a reminder. Hope you can join us.

We normally would be having other activities as just social gatherings among ourselves, but this is such a different time of our season... We hope things will change soon to have a vaccine for the virus and get us back to a "new normal".

In the meantime, Deb Johnson is still collecting items for an eventual raffle sale. Notify her if you have any donations of new items or certificates.

Stacey Alexander has done a terrific job with the welcome bags for new full-time residents. She has decided to step down from that position so we are looking for someone else to step up. Please notify myself if you are interested. It does not have to be just one person. The task can be shared. It entails meeting new full-time residents and giving them the bag provided by the WG and answering questions about the ranch, visiting, etc. I am making up a sort of "check list" outline of things to perhaps talk about.

We also could use more items that are donated from local businesses to tuck in the bags, but right now is not a good time to ask places that have been hurting in business. If anyone knows of places or works at places that have free give a ways (magnets, notebooks, coupons off, etc.), please let me know, or collect for us. We don't want just business cards or such, though. Thanks.

As it stands, Lanae Rossi's celebration of Life was to be Sunday, July 5th at the Lutheran Church. This is looking likely that that will need to be postponed. I will let all know as the decisions are made. Regardless, the WG was going to help provide food for this, but if it is in July, the food would have to be catered due to current guidelines. Again, will let you know.

#### **NOTE:**

Lastly, if anyone knows a neighbor that has moved here full time in the past 6 months or so and has not yet received a welcome bag, please let me know. There is currently not a good way except word of neighbors as to who is new full time.

Hope all are staying healthy and feeling blessed being part of this community.  
Carol Smith

## **SFTR Women's Group Meeting March 14th, 2020**

### **10 am MOC building**

SFTR The March Meeting of the SFTR Women's Group was held at the MOC. In attendance were Mary Ghormley, Mary Bishop, Cindi Hamilton, Deb Johnson, Claudia Henning, Shannon Youngquist, Maureen Latham, and Carol Smith. Sending regrets were Dena Wagner, Barb Wurfel, Nancy Scott, and Sharon Beaver. The treasurer report as of 3/14/2020, shows \$119.75 in cash box; \$4,987.43 in checking account. This reflects the check payment for the recent pieces of furniture obtained so far for the MOC "reading corner" - a tall and short bookcase, end table, loveseat and chair - all bought by Carol Smith, Susan Edholm and Maureen Latham thru the Noah's Ark sale for only \$60! At least one more bookcase will be needed at this time. The SFTR scrapbooks are on display now and other items are encouraged to be brought such as puzzles, games, as well as books for a "bring one, take one" type system of sharing. It was emphasized we do not have the room for a big library of books, so please just share favorites that others may also enjoy. This Saturday, March 21, is to be the talk by Bob Holder on "Living with Bears and other Wildlife". Discussion about whether or not it should be held or postponed ensued. It was voted to have the timely meeting unless the COVID-19 situation in Las Animas County area changed. Bob Holder is fine with whatever we decide. (POST NOTE: This meeting is postponed due to CDC saying there should be no meetings larger than 10 persons in an organization of high-risk persons. It will be rescheduled later) The rugs obtained by the Metro and POA are in place and help with the acoustics in the Metro building. Fred V donated a better sound system as well. Fred also suggested we have curtains in windows and perhaps quilts hanging over areas of metal walls. The WG was asked to possibly provide these items. Deb Johnson will get pricing of window blinds she has used that let in light but help with sound, and look nice. She passed around a picture, and all agreed that we want to check that out. Maureen Latham will ask her quilting group about their thoughts on the hanging quilts. Beginning to think of the summer picnic, Deb Johnson has agreed to head up the raffle this year. Claudia Henning and Cindi Hamilton agreed to assist her. One quilt that has been donated already by Jerry and Elda Harbour was given to her. Shannon will do the Save the Date and poster advertising for the picnic this year. Mary G has done a wonderful job with this in the past but is "passing the torch". Thank you, Mary. The foods needed for Lanae Rossi's Celebration of Life discussion was tabled as it is unknown if the date for that will be changed. (It has been postponed until at least May) Both the Ditch Rats and the Mitigation Crew have expressed thanks for the snacks we provided from February WG meeting. Thank you to all who helped provide the variety of non-perishable items! The Ditch rats have especially said they feel well supported by our group and it is appreciated. We certainly appreciate them and all who donate their time and effort to our ranch! It was discussed and decided to buy 2 large containers for the

Metro to be used for iced tea or lemonade or other cold drinks during meetings. Carol will look into this. Mary Bishop will be helping Nancy Scott with the treasurer position. Thank you, Nancy and Mary! And thank you Dena for all your volunteerism you have done for the us as treasurer and logowear positions! It was noted that Roxanne Briggs is in the hospital in Walsenburg due to sepsis. Wishes are sent for her full recovery soon. She is in room 123 as of a few days ago. The sheet over the logo wear was removed so anyone using the MOC can see product samples. Reminder that you can check on the list of items to buy at any time. See Shannon Y for questions. The large WG tent that has been used in the past picnics over the food table, has been donated to the Fort Wooten Veterans. It will be taken there today. There has been a proposal made to update the name of the Women's Group to something more current and inclusive, so men may feel welcomed to be involved. Next meeting in May the subject will be addressed with pros and cons and discussion to follow. There will be no April Meeting, and the planned possible tour of the Fox Theater is postponed.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Smith



## SANTA FE TRAIL RANCH WOMENS' GROUP MEETING

FEBRUARY 8, 2020

The SFTR Women's group met February 8, 2020 at the MOC. Those attending included Sharon Beaver, Missy Craig, Mary Ghormley, Cyndi Hamilton, Elsie Harris, Claudia Herring, Deb Johnson, Maureen Latham, Pat Nash, Lynne Parker, Nancy Scott, and Carol Smith. Mary Bishop sent regrets. The following items were discussed: —Those who had attended the recent tour of the Fox Theatre shared interesting information about the progress being made and the future of the Fox. Carol may attempt to organize another tour in April. FYI: The Denver Symphony Orchestra will perform at the Fox on September 27, 2020. It will be first-come-first-served and require a \$10 donation. — Thursday, February 13, those expecting to visit the Maxwell, NM Wildlife Refuge to view the eagles should meet at the mail boxes at 9:00 a.m. There will be opportunity to carpool and to enjoy lunch together at a destination TBD. — The Celebration of Life for Lanae Rossi is scheduled for noon on April 4, 2020 at The Lutheran Church in Trinidad. The Women's Group will help to provide finger food items. —Because of the celebration, the Living with Bears and Other Wildlife program with DOW Bob Holder will need to be rescheduled. Carol will contact Bob for a possible March 21 date or a backup of March 28. —Deb is handling snacks for the mitigation volunteers this spring, she stated that there will be a Pot Luck Lunch for all volunteers on April 18, 2020 at the MOC 11:30-1:30. —Bob Scott thanked the Women's Group for their support for the Ditch Rats and other volunteer efforts. He expressed that it means a lot to those volunteers. These presents assured him that they really appreciate all our volunteers do for the good of all on SFTR. —Carol shared the need for a treasurer because of Lanae's passing. Nancy generously volunteered to serve as an interim until a permanent replacement comes forward. —In the spirit of generosity, Maureen volunteered to take over the scrapbook project. Anything that pertains to any ranch-wide activity is welcome to be included. One can contact Maureen to share any pictures that might be of interest to members. Individual pictures of wildlife, sunsets, sunrises, etc. will be included only with the permission of the contributor. —Deb shared that much progress has been made toward transferring all ranch website information from the current site to Next Door. She assured that Next Door will be quicker and much more user-friendly. —Mary brought CD's from Joyce Wolfe that document the early history of this ranch. She hopes that someone might be able to catalog the contents so that others might be able to access the information if desired. Mary also donated a coffee pot for the kitchen area. —There was much discussion about providing some sort of lending/borrowing library at the MOC for ranch members. Members should be able to share books, CD's, VCR's, or games. The area would also house the scrapbooks for all to enjoy. Claudia and Maureen will do some research for shelves/cabinets— and perhaps a small table and comfortable chairs— for the area. By consensus the group agreed that if they find appropriate items, they may purchase anything within a range of

\$750 without further group approval. They will report at the next meeting. —There was also much discussion about the possibility of finding someone who might like to write a history for this area—especially that of the ranch development. It was suggested that such a project might be something a university student might pursue as class project or toward graduation credit. Once the above business concluded, all there packed up MANY snack bags to be stored in marked storage tubs for the “nourishment” of the Ditch Rats and Mitigation volunteers. Thanks to all who provided the wide variety of snack items!! THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE MOC ON MARCH 14, 2020 AT 10:00 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Beaver

## **SANTA FE TRAIL RANCH WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING JANUARY 11, 2020**

The SFTR Women's Group met January 11, 2020 at the MOC. Attending included Sharon Beaver, Mary Bishop, Maryanne Coelln, Missy Craig, Mary Dye, Stasia Fehring, Theresa Garland, Cyndi Hamilton, Claudia Henning, Deb Johnson, Maureen Latham, Pat Nash, Lynne Parker, Carol Smith, June Stephens, Jill Wilson, and Barb Wurfel. Sending regrets were Mary Ghormley and Dena Wagner.

The following items were discussed:

- Those who had attended the Fall Harvest dinner agreed that generally it was a successful event for the first time at the MOC venue. The only real complaint was that the acoustics are problematic. Carol shared that Fred Vaugeois and R.C. Ghormley are exploring ways to alleviate the sound issues.
- Pat Nash is hosting a group session to create items to help with Australian wildlife recovery. Watch for a second session announcement. Contact Pat for more information about how to help or to contribute money for shipping.
- After discussion, the annual picnic date was set for July 5, 2020 from noon to 4:00 pm. Lunch will begin at 1:00 p.m. Raffle at 3:00.
- There are still many things to be settled about the uses for the MOC. At this point, use is limited for ranch only activities. Nancy Allred is the person coordinating the interaction between the Metro District and the POA committees which are working to determine limitations and "rules" for use of the facility. Any questions about MOC schedules should be directed to Nancy.
- Carol will ask about whether or not there is funding for bookshelves for a lending library possibility or a refrigerator in the kitchen area. Deb has donated a microwave oven for the area. Thanks, Deb.
- Carol will ask about the possibility that there could be an outdoor area cleared for games and/or playground space for events held at the MOC. She will ask also about the potential for some outdoor picnic tables. The Women's Group is willing to consider purchasing some items for use at the MOC if needed.
- The mirrors for the restrooms will be installed according to government regulations soon. Thank you, Stasia, for these beautiful creations.
- April 4 is a scheduled POA meeting at 9:00 a.m. DOW officer Bob Holder will be sharing about living with bears and other wildlife after the meeting. The Women's Group is willing to provide finger-food snacks for any who choose to attend the session.
- The bulk of the discussion centered around activities which the Women's Group might offer to all residents who might like to participate. The following activities/events were suggested:
  - \*\*Making goodie bags of nonperishable foods for "fueling" those who work on mitigation or Ditch Rat projects
  - \*\*Organizing a session for those interested in learning about smoke spotting

\*\*Visiting Maxwell, NM to view the bald eagles in January or February. Carol will contact the ranger for dates.

\*\*Touring the renovation of the Fox Theater in Trinidad

\*\*Visiting the Philmont Mansion in May before the Boy Scouts arrive for the summer

\*\*Visiting Rosemont in Pueblo in June to see the bridal displays

\*\*Visiting Bent's Old Fort or the dinosaur tracks during cooler months

\*\*Attending the Crane Festival and craft show in Monte Vista and eating at the Mexican restaurant there

\*\*Visiting the WW II aviation museum in Colorado Springs

\*\*Organizing some sort of "progressive" UTV tour of the ranch

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE FEBRUARY 15 AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE MOC. Bring nonperishable items for the goodie bags to be assembled. Deb Johnson is donating heavy-duty plastic containers for storing the bags so that they can be ready, available and portable for those working on various volunteer work projects. Thank you again, Deb!

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Beaver