

Feb 2024 Women's Group Meeting Minutes

These past few months we have had several snow storms that have often come on the weekends. Our last Women's Group was canceled in January due to a storm and this one was a snowy day with predictions of a large amount of heavy snow. While flurries began to fall, many decided not to chance it, and were missed.

Those in attendance chatted and shared while Carol showed us how to create "roses" for Valentine's Day, using Hershey kisses, floral stems, leaves and ribbons. We enjoyed the craft and the visiting as we got to know two newer members of our community - Sherry Talbot and Amandi Baker. Most of our creations were given to Amandi who is leading a 4-H project with kids, making baskets for shut ins for the upcoming Valentines Day. These "roses" will be added to the baskets, as well as some Valentine cookies and extra "kisses" we had to snack on.

Claudia shared a few ideas for possible future events, one being having a Ms. SFTR Ranch contest (and maybe Mr. as well)... The other being considered as a "Night Sky" community; however, in looking at this designation, we discovered the area would be required to be open to outsiders coming onto the ranch to view the night sky. Therefore that is not something we can do, but it is encouraged that we go out on clear nights and enjoy our dark skies and view the Milky Way.

Looking at the calendar, it was decided that the date for the SFTR Picnic will be Saturday, June 29th, as there is a lot going on in town over the July 6-7th weekend.

We may try another "garage and craft sale" this year and see how it goes.

In March we will discuss these agenda items more.

Bald eagles are now seen in their wintering habitats - some closer to us are Maxwell, NM Wildlife Refuge, and some have been spotted at Lake Pueblo. It is a good idea to call the ranger stations first for where to spot them.

Next Meeting will be March 9th at the MOC at 10am-12.

-Carol Smith

March 9, 2024 Women's Group Mtg Minutes

Attending were Sue Downs, Lynne Parker, Pat Nash, Shannon Youngquist, Shannon DeBord, Lori Clark, Mary Bishop, Claudia Henning, and Carol Smith.

Picnic plans have begun for our Saturday, June 29th Annual SFTR Picnic. It will be held 11 am - 2 pm.

Raffle items will once again be displayed and tickets sold at the picnic for lucky winners. If anyone has an item to donate for the raffle please contact Claudia Henning. Claudia is looking for someone to help her with this collection of items and coupons and set up. If you are willing, contact her.

Shannon Y. will sell logowear, and will need volunteer help for that. Lynne Parker has signed up but more help is requested. Shannon will also create the Save the Date flier which will be put out the end of April. Pat Nash will help at the Welcome table.

Further planning will take place in the next couple months.

We decided to try a craft sale/ garage sale again - calling it a Flea Market, but planning it for a different date with less conflicts than the Memorial weekend we had last year. This year it will be held Saturday, July 13th. To have a table with items for you to sell will be no cost. Women's group will plan to have hotdogs and popcorn that day for attendees. We will contact the Electronic Recycling truck to ask if they could come that day as well. So - start rummaging through your "goodies" to set aside for that day!

A newer shop in town called the Trinidad Trends has opened. It has areas inside (booths) to rent for individual owners or groups to sell items. Amanda Korth and Lori Clark will be collecting information about cost, sizes of areas, etc. to report back and see if the Women's Group would like to consider renting a space for SFTR Owners to display items for sale. This may be especially helpful when you do not wish to have buyers come to your home or have to wait for them (and they may or may not show up). We would need a couple volunteers to collect the money from sold items to give to seller, keep track of space - keeping it neat and nicely displayed, deciding when need more items or if no room for more, deciding and assess its worth, etc. Once we get more information and discuss, we will let the ranch residents know our decision.

As of now, we have an AED/CPR/First Aid class scheduled by the Community Preparedness Committee on April 27th at the MOC. We do not have any other speaker requests but if there are suggestions for a program or speaker, let Carol Smith know what and when it is requested, so it can be placed on the calendar and reserved at the MOC. Reminder we cannot have a program that would bring outsiders onto the ranch (except the speakers).

An idea about trying a movie night with popcorn and appetizers was brought up again. If anyone would like to head this up, the women's group can help - with ComCom help to set up the TV screens.

Other upcoming possible events discussed were going to Rosemont in June or sometime this summer (Sue Downs will contact them for details); hiking at Fisher Peak trails; going to Philmont for tour and museum (Pat Nash will contact them for details); attending the rendezvous at Bent's Old Fort was mentioned, but may be too far - an alternate would be to find out more about the one in Raton; St. James Hotel for lunch; any other ideas are welcome, and can certainly include whoever would like to participate on the ranch - men and women - for some of these places. It would not have to be on a Saturday either.

Our newest scrapbook was passed around, as well as older ones. Maureen has been the latest to keep these ranch activities remembered in pictures, and does a wonderful job. If anyone would like to help her (or take over) she is willing to hand over the responsibility... let her know. Several did say they would try to take more pictures of ranch activities that may help. All said they do think it should be continued. When you are at the MOC sometime, take time to look at them - in the bookcase near the puzzles.

The Ranch will have cattle again this year, and since it has been several years since we have, and we also have new owners, Claudia will write an article concerning the do's and don'ts of living with the cattle. This will be put on the website. The cattle will be here May 1- mid August.

It was a fun meeting with lots of input as well as sharing. We missed those who were unable to attend and hope to see you soon!

-Carol Smith

April 6, 2024 Women's Group Meeting Minutes
MOC 10:30 - 12:00

The Women's Group met after the POA Regular Board Meeting a week earlier than usual due to conflicts in schedule for the following Saturday. In attendance were Sue Downs, Lynne Parker, Pat Nash, Mandy Baker, Sherry Talbot, Lori Clark, Joni English, Darla Tollefson, Missy Craig, Claudia Henning, Nancy Scott, and Carol Smith.

After friendly meet and greet time, we began discussions on the June 29 picnic plans. We confirmed that Claudia will be collecting raffle items and would like some help in doing so. She will meet with Darla to get names of those Trinidad and Raton businesses who donated last year, and asked if anyone has ideas of places who may wish to donate to let Claudia know. She also would like donations of items from persons on the ranch.

Ticket selling for the raffle will be at the welcome table (manned by Pat Nash plus one other volunteer) and by Sue Downs and Dennis Scott. Logowear table will be manned by Shannon and Lynne Parker, plus a couple more volunteers. We still need some volunteers for some of these as well for organizing food tables, etc. If you wish to help, contact Carol Smith. Shannon Y. has created "Save the Date" flyers which are on the bulletin board outside and inside the MOC, and on the MOC table. It is also on the SFTR website.

The Flea Market will be held July 13 at the MOC, and will be further advertised in May and June - but let your neighbors know and start collecting as you do spring cleaning! The Electronic Recycling truck will be asked to join too.

It was reminded to all that the morning of April 27th, the local dump has a free dump day until noon.

Some of our proposed outings from the last meeting were discussed.

- Rosemont Museum in Pueblo has their special bridal gown display June 11- July 31. They are open Tues-Sat 10 am - 2:30 pm. Cost is \$6 for seniors over 60 and \$8 for under 60. They would like at least 2-3 weeks notice for groups. The group has not yet set a date if we are going.
- Philmont is open 7 days a week beginning in June. The tour for the villa is for 10-12 people and must be scheduled ahead - open 8-5. It takes about 45 min. and is no cost. The museum is free and open 8-5 also. The Rayado Kit Carson Museum is open then as well, featuring period costumes and reenactment for Kit Carson days. The Chase ranch is also part of Philmont, located just out of Cimarron. The St. James Hotel for lunch if we have an outing to Philmont, is in Cimarron. A possible date of June 8th was suggested. If interested, contact Pat Nash. We would plan on car pooling. It takes about 1 ½ hour to drive there. If more than 12 are interested in the villa tour we can create several groups and rotate between the villa and the museum.
- Pat is also checking with Philmont to gain more information about the hike to a T-Rex footprint found there. More to follow.
- The group decided to wait to try a Movie night at the MOC until the fall. Suggestions are welcome.

- Another trip is to go to the local Archeology Museum located on the Trinidad College Campus, as many have never been. Carol will call for more information.
- The Comanche Grasslands Picketwire Dinosaur tour was also mentioned. It is open in May / June and September/October. Reservations are required, and you need a high clearance vehicle. It would be an all day outing.

If anyone has ideas or plans to go explore or hike and wants to invite others who may be interested, contact Carol Smith with details and a contact number, and she can put the idea out to the group email. This is a great way to meet others and get to see new things. These excursions mentioned above are open for any on the ranch.

Other items discussed were the upcoming cattle grazing by rancher Justin Malespini. The contract calls for dates of May 1 - July 31, with last pickup of cattle by August 15th. He plans to bring about 40-50 units. More information can be seen in the April POA meeting minutes and on the website article that Claudia is creating. The grazing contract will be posted on the website as well under legal disclosures.

CPR/AED/First Aid class still has a few openings. It is scheduled for Sat April 27. Call Bill Latham for more info or to sign up.

Nancy wondered about the raspberry picking dates near Philmont but it is believed the recent 2022 fires have closed that at least for the time being. She also wondered if the boy scouts do flag burning. Pat will ask when she contacts them about other questions.

The next WG meeting will be May 11 at 10 am at the MOC. More details will be sent out before that date. Hope all you mothers and daughters can join us then!

-Carol Smith

May 11, 2024 Women's Group Meeting minutes

We had a special time Saturday as the women in attendance visited, had a short meeting, and followed with ice cream sundaes and cookies, and reading trivia about Mother's Day. Those in attendance were Pat Nash, Lori Clark, Barb Wurfel, Cyndi Hamilton, Carol Rankin, Carol Smith, Shannon Youngquist, Claudia Henning, Toni Moore, Bea Scoones, Missy Pinckard, Nancy Scott, Jean Busch, Patty Thomas, Sue Downs, and Maureen Latham. Those not able to be there were missed on this rainy, muddy day!

The June 29th picnic (11am-2pm) was discussed with assignments added : Cyndi will head up the food tables (supplies needed were checked as well); Toni will assist Shannon and Lynne Parker at the Logowear area. Claudia is beginning to get some items and certificates for the raffle. If you know of possible raffle items to donate or obtain, let Claudia know. Several at the meeting spoke up to volunteer to set up the bags and items before the picnic. Parking will be directed by Bill Latham, with David Moore and Dave Wurfel assisting. Tickets will be sold at the welcome table (manned by Barb Wurfel and Pat Nash) as well as Sue Downs and Denny Scott selling them among the attendees. Pot Luck is on the menu - always a treat! BYOB, with water, lemonade, and tea available.

Our Flea Market at the Ranch MOC for owners will be held July 13 9 am-1 pm. We plan to cook hotdogs and popcorn to give out, and there will be a table set aside for items anyone wants to sell with the proceeds to go to the Women's Group. Otherwise tables will be free to use while supplies last, or bring your own. No cost to participate. The Electronic Recycling truck might be able to be here as well. Lori Clark can be contacted for questions and table reserving.

June 8th, a group will be going to Philmont Boy Scout Camp to tour the mansion, see the museum and grounds, and have lunch at the St. James Hotel in Cimarron, NM. The cost is free, but they take donations. The plan is to carpool, meeting at the mailboxes at 8:30 that morning. RSVP to Pat Nash, who is taking names for reservations. Note that this outing is for anyone on the ranch who would like to go (men or women or kids)

The tour we had thought we may go to this spring to the Archaeological Museum at Trinidad College is postponed until later this year, as the museum is closed for renovations through the summer.

Tentative plans are to go to the Rosemont Museum in Pueblo on Saturday, July 27th. We will need a 2-3 week RSVP ahead. Watch for further info. That tour is during the display of wedding attire through the years. We would then have lunch together before returning.

The next Women's Group meeting, scheduled for June 8th, will be postponed or canceled if we have enough in the group going to Philmont. An email will be sent out before then.

-Carol Smith

Women's Group June 15, 2024 Minutes

In Attendance were: Barb Wurfel, Carol Smith, Pat Nash, Toni Moore, Maryanne Coelln, Shannon Youngquist, Maureen Latham, Lori Clark, Shannon DeBord, Claudia Henning, Bea Scoones, and Jean Busch

Updates on the SFTR Annual Picnic:

Picnic will be Saturday, June 29, 11-2 at the MOC.

Set up will begin at 10:00 am on Friday June 28

Set up day of picnic will begin at 9:30

Welcome table: Barb Wurfel and Pat Nash

Food table organizer: Cyndi Hamilton (also getting supplies needed this week at Costco)

Raffle: Claudia Henning (contact her for any items to donate (720-560-3586)

Set up help will be Friday at 10 am

Donation items were reviewed and we have some great items!!!

Tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5

Besides selling tickets at the welcome table, Sue Downs and Dennis Scott will walk around to sell as well.

Logo Wear: Shannon Y - helpers will be Toni M and Lynne Parker

Parking and flags: Bill Latham and Dave Wurfel and maybe a helper

Drinks: BYOB. We will have water and Iced tea (Carol Smith)

Games: Carol will set up Corn hole and perhaps a few others

Announcer: Carol Smith/ Barb Wurfel

Prior to raffle: John Gerald and Claudia talking about website change (about 1:00)

Raffle Announcer: Claudia Henning (start after the website info)

Prayer before eating: TBD (Carol will get)

SFTR Flea Market and Electronic Recycling:

Will be held Saturday, July 13th from 10:00 am - 1:00 or so

Lori Clark is the contact person (817-455-4529) if you would like to use one of the tables from the MOC for displaying your items. Tables will be available until all are spoken for. You can bring your own as well. There is no cost to have items to sell or use a table.

There will be a table for items you do not want the proceeds from where you can put things, and the proceeds will go to the WG. This will be manned by Carol S.

Advertisement will be done by Lori and Claudia.

The Women's Group will grill hot dogs and have popcorn - free of charge (as supplies last) (we need someone to man the grill, or else take Carol's place at the WG table so she can) We also need someone to be in charge of the popcorn machine.

The Truck for Electronic Recycling will be here from 10-1 in the MOC parking lot the same day as the Flea Market. They take donations of items that use plugs. (Think: computers, appliances, tools, etc. they will also take lithium batteries. Items do not need to be working.) A full list of items they will take will be posted on the website flier in the coming days.

Rosemont Tour and Lunch in Pueblo will be on Saturday, July 27th. Those wishing to go need to RSVP by July 6th to Lori Clark so we can let them know how many we have coming,(they ask for 3 week notice for groups) .The plan is to meet at the mailboxes at 8:30 that morning and we will carpool from there. Cost for the tour is \$6 for 60 y/o and over or \$8 for under 60. This Victorian mansion was built in 1893, and nearly all the furnishings are original. A special exhibit of bride dresses through the years will also be on display this day. Place for lunch is TBD - perhaps along the Riverwalk. This outing is for anyone interested.

SFTR Annual Fall Dinner will be held Saturday, November 2.

This year's theme will be "Luau". More information will be provided as we discuss at upcoming meetings, but put it on your calendars. Some possible decorations and foods were suggested and all are encouraged to keep those thinking caps on for discussing at our August 10th WG Meeting.

Other announcements:

- The Philmont Outing on June 8th was attended by 18 persons and received rave reviews by all. Thanks go to Pat Nash for planning.
- Festive Fridays are beginning for the summer, with the first one to be held at Bill and Maureen Latham's home on Friday, June 21. On July 12th, it will be hosted by Shannon DeBord and Gabe. Contact Maureen if you would like to host one this summer. If attending, BYOB and an appetizer or other dish to share. Starts at 4:30.
- Anyone interested in doing some hikes in the local and nearby areas are encouraged to check out the "Trinidad Senior Trekking" Facebook page. Click on events to see what they have done and plan to do. Several of us have joined and it is a great group of people to hike with. They plan a hike for most every Friday morning.

Next meeting will be August 10, 10 am - 12 noon at the MOC.

We will not have a meeting in July.

Hope to see you at the picnic - Rosemont - Next meeting - and around the Ranch!

- Carol Smith

Women's Group Meeting

August 10, 2024

Attending the meeting were Pat Nash, Lori Clark, Toni Moore, Sue Downs, Nancy Scott, Jean Busch, Patty Thomas, Claudia Henning, Mary Bishop, Stormy Pierce and Barb Wurfel.

Flea Market/Electronic Recycling Review – Lori reviewed the feedback she received and said most sellers were satisfied with the results. Some of the sellers attending for the first time were expecting a larger turnout. It was suggested that we have it one more year to see if the word spreads. It was also suggested that we try paper shredding services next time instead of recycling. Perhaps having the event at a central location would draw a larger crowd. Nancy and Sue will get information on availability of the fire station at the next Auxiliary meeting. It was mentioned that the hot dogs were a great treat for the people that attended.

Picnic Review – We had approximately 100 people at the picnic with many of them being new residents. We need to find more tables to put outside next year or stress that people bring their own. By placing the amplifier higher than it was, the sound should carry farther when making announcements and calling the raffle. It was also suggested that we have “placards” so that each food dish will have the name of the person as well as the name of the dish. Perhaps it will lead a cookbook in the future.

Recent Outings Review – Pat said the Philmont trip was well received by everyone. The trip to Rosemount Museum was also well received. There were 11 people that went and most enjoyed a lunch together afterward.

Future Outings

- Highway 12 when the elk are bugling. Have a lunch at Dog Bar, Yacht Club or the new restaurant near Valdez. It is believed the restaurant at Monument Lake will already be closed for the season.
- Rosemount Museum to see the Christmas display.
- Trinidad Trolley Christmas Lights tour if we could reserve a trolley.
- Bent's Fort to see a reenactment
- Aviation Museum in Pueblo
- Farm stands and restaurant on Highway 50 east of Pueblo. Not sure of any details.
- Hike in one of the local state parks. It was thought that trails at Trinidad Lake would appeal to various skill levels vs. Fisher's Peak

Upcoming events – The group will supply cookies for Meet the Nominees on Sept 7 as well as the By-Laws review sessions on Sept 14 and 21 and the annual POA meeting on Oct 5. The following agreed to provide cookies/treats for Sept 7: Pat Nash, Jean Busch, Mary Bishop, Toni Moore, Stormy Pierce and Barb Wurfel. If you would like to prepare something for the Sept 7 event let Barb know. We will determine if additional cookies/treats are needed for the events happening after Sept 7 and ask for volunteers. Patty Thomas will provide food for the annual POA but will not be available for Sept 7. Please note the Women’s Group meeting is in the morning on Sept 14 and the By-Laws review starts at 1:00.

Fall Dinner Luau –We reviewed Carol’s notes on what she already has available including napkins, leis, prizes, decorations and photo op cardboard. Jean volunteered to work with other artists in the group to paint the photo op cardboard. It was suggested that she ask Maureen to help. Lori has a silk palm tree we can borrow to give the room a tropical touch. Others have artificial trees and plants that may be used if space allows. Beach balls were suggested as another decoration.

The group strongly favored having food catered rather group volunteers doing the cooking. We discussed the various meats, vegetables, fruits, etc. that would be Hawaiian. Lori and Pat will contact various restaurants and caterers to get ideas and pricing. They will also talk with Cyndi Hamilton to ask if she is willing to provide catering for the dessert portion only. Sue and Mary will ask for names of suggested caterers at their Welcome Center volunteers meeting this week. We prefer to have appetizers as the centerpiece of each table. It was mentioned that Deb Johnson has made some beautiful trays. Barb volunteered to talk to her and ask if she is willing to prepare something for us. At the next meeting we can determine pricing and any needed subsidy by the Women’s Group. We can also decide about placemats and tablecloths after we decide on the appetizers.

It was decided that the limit should be 72 attendees so as to not overcrowd the room. Claudia will put a Save the Date notice on the SFTR Facebook page as well as the website. Barb will talk to Shannon Youngquist or John Gerald about creating the flyer. John will create a Hawaii slide show to loop on the tv monitors.

What started as an idea in jest suddenly took on some real interest. Next year’s theme could be breakfast for dinner.

Cleaning the MOC – It was suggested that we have Katie clean the carpet after the Fall Dinner. It was also requested that we have her clean the MOC once per month.

Bank Account Access –Mary suggested we get another authorized signature at the bank to make deposits and write checks. Jean volunteered to be an authorized signer but does not want any accounting responsibilities. Mary and Jean will work together to get the paperwork completed.

Our next meeting will be September 14 at 10:00 at the MOC.