

The Ponderosa

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Henry W. Coe State Park



Fall 2012

The Ranch House: It's Not So Shabby Anymore

By Ranger Jen Naber



Photo by Sue Dekalb

Some may call it a miracle. Some may say it's about darn time. I just say it is proof yet again that Henry W. Coe State Park volunteers are amazing.

Back in August, I sent out an email announcing that on September 22nd Eric Griggs and I had scheduled a work day at the visitor center area. The project: to paint the ranch house, the "bunk house," and the surrounding white picket fence. In the email, I asked for volunteers who would be willing to lend a hand and help get this long overdue project completed.

I'd like to take this opportunity to express my deep thanks to everyone who despite the hot weather rolled up their sleeves, grabbed a scraper or a paint brush and helped get this project done. These wonderful individuals are: Tom Conrad, Sue Dekalb, Ed Martini, Jodie Keahey, Linda Keahey, Chere Bargar, Ted Tawshunsky, Kenny McDevitt, Ken Hulick, Paul Gillot, Paul Liebenberg, and Eric Griggs. I'd especially like to acknowledge Tom, Sue, Ed, Linda, and Jodie for coming up a few weekends beforehand to knock out some of the tedious prep work. Both Tom and Ed brought their own power washers to clean the fence and buildings while others began the long task of scraping off thirty years of paint. The results are buildings with a refreshing facelift. Next time you're up at the Coe Park visitor center, be sure to take a moment and check out the ranch house, "bunk house," and fence; it's amazing what a difference a fresh coat of paint makes.

I'd also like to give my sincere thanks to Tom, Sue, Teddy Goodrich, and Eric Griggs who spent quite a few painstaking weeks refinishing the wooden floors in the visitor center. To everyone who helped with the painting and visitor center floors, I and my fellow park staff greatly appreciate all your efforts, sweat, and tears.

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A New Beginning for the Visitor Center

By Teddy Goodrich

It all began with the long-awaited arrival of the parlor furniture from storage in Monterey. Now the “upstairs” living room (the upper level as you walk into the visitor center) has a lived-in, masculine feel: boot jack by a rustic chair, poker cards on the table, books and family photographs on the credenza. This is certainly not how the Pine Ridge ranch house was furnished in the early part of the 20th century, but is perhaps reminiscent of what the family parlor on South 11th Street in San Jose looked like when Sada Coe Robinson was a little girl.

Gone now are the 1970s polyester curtains, replaced with pull-down shades that are more appropriate for the period. The furniture is plain, simple and worn, the overall effect reflecting the activities of a family whose lives were mostly spent out of doors.

Suddenly the rest of the “upstairs” looked shabby and dirty, especially the floor, so we set out to change that. We learned a lesson the hard way; you don’t apply new stain and sealer on top of many years accumulation of other stain, sealer, wax and who knows what else. The first attempt was a disaster: sticky with footprints actually embossed into the sealer. The second attempt was even worse; so much dirt stuck to the floor people couldn’t even see there was a floor under there! Drastic measures were employed; we sanded the floor, removing all the old gunk, then it was stained and sealed. It worked!

As for the tile “downstairs” (the area you first walk into in the visitor center), it was scrubbed three times. So much dirt was hauled off in buckets of muddy water that the level of the path outside the visitor center was raised by an inch. Then a tile sealer was applied, and we think it looks wonderful.

A thorough cleaning of years of accumulated junk ensued. Drawers and cupboards were cleaned out; horizontal surfaces uncluttered, and the birds and animals cleaned of years of dust.

Those who helped: Tom Conrad, Sue Dekalb, and Lynne Starr. Thank you for all your hard work.



The new furniture being brought in from storage at the Monterey District Office.



Tom sanding the worn floor in the PRA office.

Photos by Teddy Goodrich.

Tarantula Festival and Barbecue, 2012

By Jim Wright

With balmy fall weather, persistent planning, and spirited efforts from park staff and volunteers, the 2012 Tarantula Festival and Barbecue, known as the T-fest, more than achieved its goal of providing an enjoyable and educational Henry W. Coe State Park experience for more than 300 park visitors.

This year's festival took several novel approaches. Meal tickets were sold at the event, not in advance, which required extra flexibility by the food preparers and parking lot attendants. Ultimately, there was food to spare, and somehow, defying the laws of physics, space was found for all cars arriving at the park that day.

Many long-standing T-fest traditions continued with their usual success. These included jug band music, provided by the Tarantulas, the ever-popular raffle, and several tarantula walks. Attendance on these walks was high, some drew more than 50 people, with many visitors taking their first Coe Park hike as they trekked the Corral Trail and Manzanita Point Road. Everyone on these hikes was treated to expert volunteer commentary on the park's terrain and ecology; some had the extra reward of seeing a tarantula walking about to greet the public (although the spiders might have had some other objective in mind).

Tom Conrad and John Thatcher staffed the first T-fest geocaching display. Their initial hike with one group of Boy Scouts was so popular that another group requested its own hike.

Back at the interpretive room in the visitor center, Denice Verhoeven, JJ, and crew kept children busily engaged in several craft activities, including making tarantula Oreo cookies. Upstairs, two volunteers from the California Academy of Sciences answered a steady stream of questions about the exotic tarantulas they brought with them. And once again the Keller family snakes were most carefully caressed by visitors, who gained a new appreciation for these handsome reptiles.

Other popular activities included tossing beautiful "horse" bean bags (embroidered by Kitty Swindle) through a hanging toilet seat. (Now why hasn't anyone thought of that before?) Although Sada Coe might say we've all gone soft since her days of lassoing, the calf-roping event did test the skills of children and adults alike. And the challenge of tossing rings over bottles drew several contestants looking to win quality wine at a fair price.



Geocaching. Photo by Tom Conrad.



Ranger Jen Naber and Jack Naber — checking that all is ready for tossing the bean bag activity. Photo by Sue Dekalb.

Additional special attractions included a Gilroy Hot Springs display and the much-appreciated Junior Ranger program. And, thanks to Cal Fire, many kids had their first opportunity to climb aboard a fire engine.

This year's meal featured a choice of tri-tip sandwiches, chicken sandwiches, hot dogs, and veggie patties, along with a green salad, corn, and watermelon. And while the use of paper plates reduced some of the demands on the dishwashing crew, there were plenty of cooking utensils to ensure that those folks still earned their pay.

Thanks to Rick Leonard and Sue Dekalb for coordinating the T-fest, to Cynthia Leeder for obtaining the necessary permits, and to all the volunteers and park staff who worked with such energy and dedication to ensure a most successful event.

New Volunteer Training

By Manny Pitta

This year's uniformed volunteer training began on September 8 with 18 trainees. The day started with a mixer hosted by Liz Brinkman that included coffee, juice, fruit, and baked goods followed by an enthusiastic welcome from John Verhoeven on behalf of California State Parks. The training then proceeded with presentations on the definition and duties of a volunteer, California State Parks, cooperating associations (Pine Ridge Association, Coe Park Preservation Fund, Gilroy Yamato Hot Springs), geography, geology, and climate. During the day, the trainees were taken on a tour of the Coe Park visitor center area and the campground. There was also a hike up to the monument that included a view of the only place in the park where granite is found. See if you can find it!

On the second training day, September 15, the trainees were again treated to refreshments before class sessions on human history, plant communities of Coe Park, animal communities of Coe Park, working with the public, emergency procedures, and communications. The day also included the Corral Trail/Springs Trail/Forest Trail Hike with lots of stops along the way for talks on the plants and animals that inhabit the park—including the rattlesnake in the huge madrone tree on the Forest Trail that Winslow Briggs so cleverly trained to rattle on queue!

A special thanks to the presenters on the first two days: Bill Frazer, Cynthia Leeder, Don Irving, John Verhoeven, Ken Howell, Ken Hulick, Libby Vincent, Manny Pitta, Paul Nam, Rick Leonard, Sue Dekalb, Teddy Goodrich, and Winslow Briggs.



Western Pacific Rattlesnake.
Photo by Manny Pitta.



The "bad camper".
Photo by Dick Rawson.

The trainees, along with participating volunteers, enjoyed the two-day ridealong event on October 13 and 14. With Mike Meyer taking care of all the initial event planning, John Thatcher managing the day, and Ken Howell taking care of the activities at Pacheco Camp, a great time was had by all. One of the highlights of the weekend was the Oscar-worthy performance by "bad camper" Christine Amber at China Hole, complete with Ranger John having to handcuff the scofflaw. Thanks to drivers Don Holmes, Don Savant, Brian Deutscher, Lynne Starr, Chris Weske, Jim Wong, Ed Martini, and Paul Liebenberg for providing safe transportation on Coe Park's adventurous roads. Thanks to all the volunteers giving demonstrations and talks, and to everyone supporting operations at Pacheco Camp, in particular Dan Benefiel and his crew (delicious, amazing dinner) and Liz Brinkman (appetizers, desserts, and breakfast.) Those meals contributed enormously to the enjoyment of a great weekend.

Many of the new trainees, along with current uniformed volunteers, attended CoeEd Day on October 27. Thanks to Greg Scott for the morning mixer before the start of the day's festivities. Classes were presented in the visitor center interpretive room, upstairs in the visitor center, and outdoors. The classes were enjoyed by all and included: introduction to GPS and map reading, trail building and springs maintenance, grasses and wildflowers, birds of Coe Park, animal tracking, cats and dogs (mountain lions and coyotes), Coe family / Native American / ranch history, and how to lead a wildflower walk. Thanks to instructors Bill Frazer, Rob Glover, Dick Rawson, Steve McHenry, Joe Belli, Dan McCranie, Carolyn Straub, and Ken Howell.

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New Volunteer Training continued....

Three of the trainees have already completed the mounted assistance unit training on October 20 and signups are now going on for the visitor center, foot patrol, trails/springs maintenance, and mountain bike patrol training days that are scheduled between November 10 and December 2. Some of the trainees will also be getting in visitor center practice during December, so be on the lookout for some new faces behind the counter staffing the registers!

We're looking forward to new volunteer graduations at the PRA annual meeting on February 2, 2013 for all those who complete this year's training. We are also excited to report that volunteer applications have continued to come in for next year's uniformed volunteer training! In the meantime, we will be encouraging the new applicants to participate in some of the activities described on the Coe Park web site under Support Coe / Lend a Hand and in Programs & Events / PRA Events. For anyone interested, applications can be submitted online at www.coe-park.org and navigating to Support Coe / Uniformed Volunteer Program. The page has a description of the program and a link to the form.

Thanks again to all the volunteers who make this program possible. And a special thank you to Bill Frazer for being the guiding light for the volunteer training program.



New Volunteer Class of 2013, at Los Cruceros on day 2 of the ridealong.
Photo by Jim Wright.

Time to Run for the PRA Board

The Pine Ridge Association will hold its annual election for the board directors in December. The terms of **two** directors expire at the end of this year. Now is the time to prepare your candidacy statement and send it to Steve McHenry, 439 Chateau LaSalle Drive, San Jose, CA 95111 or email, stephen.l.mchenry@gmail.com.

Any association member may run for the board. A member may also nominate another PRA member. To do this, send Steve a short statement explaining why you believe the person would be a good board member, and he will contact your nominee to ask the person to consider running.

The most important qualification for a board member is a willingness to attend board meetings and to participate in carrying out tasks for the association. Meetings typically take place every other month on weeknights. The term of office is three years. If a board member is also a uniformed Coe Park volunteer, meetings and board-related activities count toward volunteer hours.

We use the special nonprofit bulk-rate mailing permit for sending out association-related materials. However, this means that some members might not receive their newsletters or other materials for a couple of weeks after they are mailed. So that the ballots can be distributed (and received by all members) in a timely fashion, it is important that all candidacy statements be postmarked on or before **Friday, November 30th**. Please send your statements to Steve at the address above. (If you plan to nominate someone else, please do so at least two weeks earlier.) Your statement might be a few paragraphs long and might contain information such as how long you have been a PRA member, why you became interested in Coe Park, ways that you have served the park or other volunteer activities in which you have benefited the public, any special qualifications or experience that you have, and specific plans that you have for improving the park as a board member.

If you have any questions about what it would be like to be a board member or if you would like additional guidance on putting together a candidacy statement, please call Steve McHenry 408-286-8858.

Nominations Sought for the Volunteer of the Year Annual Award

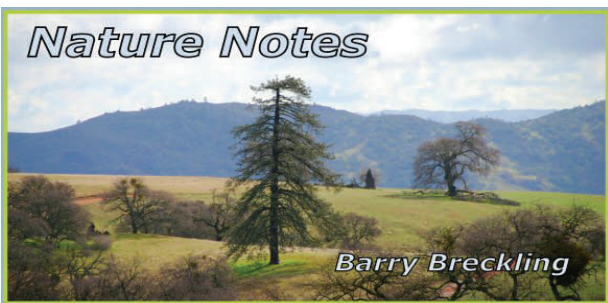
Each year at the PRA annual meeting held in February, an award is presented to an individual (or individuals) whose efforts have preserved and enriched Henry W. Coe State Park. It is not necessary that the recipient be a member of the Pine Ridge Association or be a uniformed volunteer in the park. The recipient receives an engraved plaque, and the person's name is added to the large plaque that is displayed at the visitor center.

Two unofficial sets of criteria have been used to guide the selection process:

- Leadership: scope, motivation, and initiative
- Involvement: scope, altruism, and time contribution
- Asset growth: recruiting, fund-raising, and contributions
- Ideas/projects: creative, innovative, follow-through with personal implementation
- Performance: past, sustained, future expectations
- Measurable accomplishments: visible results

- Has had a beneficial effect on the park's resources and activities
- Has sought responsibility and has acted as a leader
- Has leveraged efforts into multiplicative effects by organizing the activities of others

We are asking PRA members to supply nominations for this award by the end of November. If there is someone you would like to nominate, please write a short paragraph of reasons why that person should be considered and send it to the PRA President, Paul Nam, 29863 Portal Plaza, Cupertino, CA 95014 or email at vocinam@yahoo.com. A committee of the PRA board of directors will collect additional information about the activities of your nominee and will make a selection.



Fall is the best time to see sunsets and Coe Park is a great place to enjoy them. The following is from one of my From Under My Brim articles in the Ponderosa from many years ago.

Sunsets

Last night I sat outside and watched a beautiful sunset. To the southeast thunderclouds were building up over the mountains east of Hollister. There were clouds of various heights to the west and the sun shone crimson orange through the smoke of the Santa Lucia fires. Yet, this was only a B- sunset.

We Earth inhabitants are blessed with four special visual treats: wildflowers, rainbows, butterflies, and sunsets. The variety of beauty in these special treats is seemingly endless, but wildflowers, rainbows, and butterflies have finite designs—not so sunsets. There are as many endlessly beautiful sunsets as there are sand grains in the sea.

I like to think of myself as a connoisseur of sunsets. I rate them from A+ to C-. There are no D's and F's in the realm of sunsets. When you have seen a few very special sunsets, you become jaded, and what others might call a spectacular sunset, you rate as a B or B-. Nonetheless, you should never miss even a C- sunset. So what makes up a very special sunset? There is no telling. Each one is so different, and who knows what special set of circumstances will come to make an even more special sunset than the best one you have seen so far.

The most typical type of special sunset sets up this way. It's October or November and a weak storm front is going through. Likely it's one of those La Niña years with some fall-time southern-influence weather building over the mountains behind you and often to the south. The clouds to the west, toward the setting sun, are a combination of two types. First there are the somewhat thick mid-level clouds with a band of clear below them along the horizon toward the sea. Secondly, there is a mix of mare's tails, herringbone clouds, patchy puffs and other high level clouds. Ironically, for prime conditions, there should be a moderate

amount of smog floating above the southern Santa Clara Valley, or maybe a recent wildfire has filled the air to the west with thinning smoke. As the sun sets, a stillness starts to come over your outdoor cinema seat. The sun becomes blocked out by the mid-level clouds, but the thunderheads to the east begin to glow pink—not just pink, but a pink that has a purplish tinge. This is the color you almost always see in the clouds to the south and north as a sunset progresses.

Finally, the sun peaks under the dark mid-level clouds, and the landscapes around you light up with an orange Maxfield Parrish glow. This glow seems especially made to magnify the beauty of oak trees. As the sun begins to set, the under side of the mid-level clouds begins to glow, and the high clouds begin to take on a variety of colors that intensifies the intricacies of their forms. Puffs of clouds will be bright white with gray shadowy areas that are almost black. Don't forget to look over your shoulder because the clouds to the east will be putting on a show that is worthy of a good grade all by themselves.

Mixed in the myriad of reds and oranges and purple and pinks you will see small streaks or even flecks of burning phosphorus white, and shooting beyond the tops of the clouds will be straight streak halos of light all radiating from some location below the horizon, from the very sun itself.

As the sun progress toward its destiny of being someone else's sunset, the high ice-crystal clouds will change from brightly colored wisps and patches to pastel washes. Before all the colors are gone, a special part of the sunset emerges. As you look overhead, the clouds and sky become a slowly changing veil of steely grays and blues. Your enjoyment of these subtle colors brings a close to the sunset as your sight is taken over by your hearing and you find yourself surrounded by only the sound of hundreds of crickets.

Just when you think you have seen the best sunset and know all the details that make it wonderful, you can be standing at the park entrance and be surrounded by clouds that are moving in and out, and up and down and all around about. And through the breaks in the clouds the sun shines brighter than you have ever seen it. It is not a sunset of colors but rather a sunset of grays and pure light. Your feet don't seem to be touching the earth and in fact, you might as well be in heaven.

Like peering into wildflower faces or watching butterflies or rainbows, spending time watching sunsets will fill you with peace and rejuvenate your spirit. Take time to watch a sunset, even if it's only a B-.

Mounted Assistance Unit Happenings

By Chere Bargar and Sue Dekalb

New volunteer ridealong, October 13-14

By Chere Bargar

Mounted assistance unit volunteers Sue Dekalb, Kevin McDevitt, Pat Scharfe, Kitty Swindle, Bev VanderWeide, and their trusty steeds braved the early morning cold and rode out of Hunting Hollow at 7:00am on Sunday to meet ridealong participants at Willson Camp. They enjoyed sharing information about the functions and activities of the mounted assistance unit and how people should interact with horses on the trail.



Ready to meet the new volunteers on the ridealong at Willson Camp.

Photo by Dick Rawson.

Annual Mounted Assistance Unit overnight, October 20-21

By Sue Dekalb

This year, a few members headed up to Coit Camp on Friday to set up camp and get ready for the next day's activities. The Friday night crew went out for a two-hour ride to do some pruning on Coit Spring Trail and Cattle Duster Trail. We enjoyed a great soup dinner and several competitive hands of Crazy Eights.

Saturday is always a day for checking out new horses and new volunteers who would like to be part of the mounted assistance unit. Once all the gear and horses had been checked out, we all headed out to Cross Canyon Trail to prune back the brush, stopping to enjoy lunch. At this point, we broke into smaller groups and headed out in different directions. Some volunteers stayed on Cross Canyon Trail to do more pruning and the rest of us headed out to Coit Lake and then Kelly Lake, pruning the trails as we went.

We had a great potluck dinner Saturday night and another potluck breakfast on Sunday morning. Those of us who got up early enough were even able to see a few meteors streaking overhead. After breakfast we headed out to Domino Pond, Jackson, Elderberry Spring, and then back to Cattle Duster Trail. We did a lot more pruning as we rode the trails. When we returned to Coit Camp we packed up all our gear and left the area as we had found it.

You couldn't ask for a better weekend. Good people, good horses, great food, and a great park to enjoy it all in.



Checking out Reggie and offering water in a makeshift bucket at Kelly Lake.

Photos by Sue Dekalb.

Coe Park Events and Information

Mark your calendars—important dates and other announcements

Also see Coe Activity Calendar at <http://www.coepark.org/calendar.html>

Thanksgiving Potluck

Saturday, November 24, 1012. Thanksgiving potluck for all friends of Coe Park, 3.00pm at the white barn near the visitor center. For more information and to sign up with a food delight, contact Rosemary and Bruce Rideout at 408-847-5729 or rideout@garlic.com.

PRA Annual Meeting

Saturday, February 2, 2013. The annual meeting of the Pine Ridge Association will be held at the Community Center in Morgan Hill located at the corner of Monterey Road and East Dunne Avenue. Plenty of parking is available behind the building. Coffee and bagels will be served starting at 8:15am and the meeting will begin promptly at 9:00am with meetings of the PRA board and the volunteer committee, graduation of new volunteers, and presentations of various awards.

The guest speaker will be Alacia Welch, Crew Leader, California Condor Recovery Program, Pinnacles National Monument. Her talk will be "Recovering a Population: California Condors Back from the Brink."

Lunch will be served after the meeting.

For more details, visit www.coepark.org in January.

Trail work days

Meet at Hunting Hollow, 8.30am, on the following dates:

Saturday, January 19
Saturday, February 16
Saturday, March 16

We will be working on the Cullen Trail. For more information, please call Chere at 408-683-2247 or Kitty at 408-842-6215, or visit www.coepark.org.

New event – Rain Coats and Rubber Boots

Saturday, March 9, 10.00am at the Hunting Hollow entrance, rain or shine. We'll hike down the creek, scavenger hunt, perhaps enjoy a boat race or a duck race. For more information, please call Chere at 408-683-2247 or Kitty at 408-842-6215, or visit www.coepark.org.

Ranch Day – new date (we're tired of fighting the rain)

Saturday, May 4, 10.00am – 3.00 pm at Hunting Hollow. (Rain date May 18.) We HOPE this works for all the fantastic volunteers who have helped make this event a success in the past. For more information, please call Chere at 408-683-2247, Kitty at 408-842-6215 or visit www.coepark.org.

June Bloom – Hunting Hollow

This event will take place on Saturday June 15, 22, or 29 (one of these dates only), depending on when the wavy-leaf soap root plant decides to bloom. The hike will start at 6.45pm so we can enjoy these beautiful night-blooming flowers. Check www.coepark.org, upcoming events, as the date gets closer to learn the actual date. For more information, please call Chere at 408-683-2247 or Kitty at 408-842-6215.

Special Announcement

Dan McCranie, long-time treasurer of the Pine Ridge Association (PRA), will vacate his position on May 1st, 2013.

Dan, we thank you for all your hard work as treasurer of the PRA over the last many years. We have been most fortunate to have you and are enormously grateful for all you have contributed. We're especially pleased that you will continue to be active with the PRA in other ways.

The board of the PRA is now seeking someone with accounting skills, enthusiasm, and integrity to serve as PRA treasurer. It would be ideal if the candidate were to start early in 2013 and work with Dan through tax season to learn the ropes.

If you're interested, or know of someone who might be interested, in serving as treasurer, please contact Steve McHenry at stephen.l.mchenry@gmail.com.



News from Friends of Gilroy Hot Springs

By Laura Dominguez-Yon



We've enjoyed a relaxing summer and fall season this year. All the efforts toward protecting Gilroy Yamato Hot Springs (GYHS) have paid off. The increased activities between 2009 and 2012 seem to have communicated that "this place matters," and we've had considerably less vandalism. Work on the Minnesota cabin continues; the foundation is readied for cement, and a few other improvements have been made. Matt Bischoff is overseeing the restoration activities.

We had displays at the Gilroy City Employee's Health Fair, and the PRA Tarantula Festival. Kudos to Karen Pogue at the Gilroy event, and Dean Yon at the T-fest event for chatting with the public and spreading enthusiasm for GYHS. Congratulations to drawing winners: Monica Souza, JJ Moreno, Janie Alexander, Frederick Umminger, Michael Stansbury and Joseph Lutsky! They won admission to a First Saturday guided tour.

Thank you to Larry J. Mickartz and Elizabeth Barratt for the wonderful articles in the fall issue of *Gilroy Today*. Elizabeth presented a succinct history of GYHS, while Larry's photos and articles captured the present and the call to action: Make a reservation to visit, volunteer, donate, or join Friends of Gilroy Hot Springs (FoGHS).

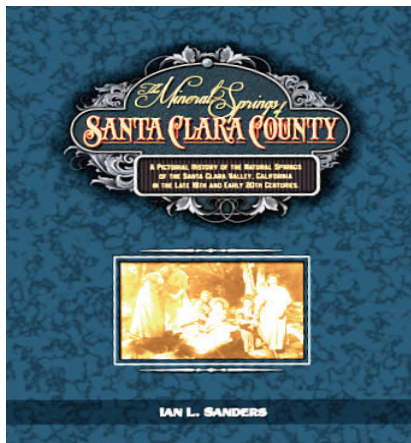
As with the Pine Ridge Association, memberships follow the calendar year, so it's time to renew! Check our website for information: www.friendsofgilroyhotsprings.org.

Has anyone heard of *Juanita: the Story of an Indian Princess and Tragedy of "Lovers' leap" at Gilroy Hot Sulphur Springs, California* (1901)? The 120-page poem was self-published in Salinas by J.B. Scott, a pharmacist who had previously published pamphlets for the Deer Park Inn near Lake Tahoe. I received a recent email and phone call from a college undergraduate researching GYHS for a course assignment. He found this poem and it piqued his curiosity. While the poem was published in the 1900s, the story takes place in the mid 1700s, and of course he's wondering if there's any truth to the story. Please let us know if you can shed light on this. And for anyone who likes to read old newspapers and has computer skills, I have a collection of clippings (images, actually) that lists guests "at the resorts." It would be nice to have a cross-referenced spreadsheet—last name, first name, city, comments—about the people who frequented this very popular resort. Are there any volunteers among our readership? Please contact me (email is best, so that I can get you the copies). It would be interesting to see if we can find any record of Mr. Scott visiting the Gilroy Hot Springs. Email: Laura@im4health.com.



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News from Friends of Gilroy Hot Springs continued....



You can still order the 2012 book *The Mineral Springs of Santa Clara County: A Pictorial History of the Natural Springs of the Santa Clara Valley, California in the Late 19th and Early 20th Centuries* by Ian L. Sanders.

Order your copy through FoGHS and \$5 of the purchase price will go to the protection, preservation, and restoration of GYHS. Send an email request to info@FriendsOfGilroyHotSprings.org.

We appreciate your support.



PRA New Members

We are pleased to welcome the new members listed below. Thank you for your support.

David Cartwright, Milpitas
 Karen Greig and Mike Frank, Menlo Park
 David Waldrop, San Jose

We need your help to keep our membership list current and accurate. If you have any question regarding your membership or to let us know of any change of mailing or email address, please contact us.

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Please send submissions and ideas to the editor at: PRAnewsletter@wildblue.net.

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