



SAN RAMON VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

September 2018

Hiking Our Regional Trails was the topic at the May 17th Dinner Meeting

At the May 17 Historical Society meeting, Geoff Gillette, Danville's Public Information Officer, talked about Hiking the Trails. He loves to hike and shares this love with a Danville hiking group on the second Saturday of most months. Usually hikers should be 18 or older.

Las Trampas Regional Wilderness was the first park he talked about. A huge park, it is over 5000 acres and still has a large northern area which is in land bank. Showing great photographs, he said that the Las Trampas hikes are not for the inexperienced or timid since the trails go up, up and up. Sometimes new hikers go part way and return, hiking at their own pace. Hikers go 6-9 miles and often go to Eagle and Las Trampas Peaks. The groups come up Hemme or Camille Ave. from Danville Blvd. or begin at the Bollinger staging area. He showed photos *(continued on page 2)*



Briones Regional Park

Photos courtesy of Geoff Gillette

Caught Up In War - Our Local Soldiers and how lives were affected in our Valley will be the subject of the September 20th Dinner Meeting

The Centennial of WWI and 50th Anniversary of the Tet Offensive will be featured locally in upcoming cosponsored mini exhibits, at the Military Museum in the Veterans Memorial Building and the Museum of the San Ramon Valley. Bill Green will address the Vietnam War for us at our September 20th meeting. Bill fought in Vietnam and frequently shares that scene with local schools. What ever our positions, it behooves us to look back into this history to see how it affected lives here in our Valley. Make a point to attend.

The San Ramon Valley Historical Society will meet in the party room of the Black Bear Diner.
We will gather at 6:30 pm, begin dinner at 7 pm, and then enjoy our speaker!

The Black Bear Diner is located adjacent to the Best Western Motel in Danville at I-680 and Camino Ramon (Use the Sycamore Valley Road exit from I-680). The dinner cost is \$23.00 per person.
Dessert is extra on your tab.

Please make your reservation and share a great evening with us! *Over 48 Years Looking Back!*

Hiking Our Regional Trails (Continued)

of hikers going up the Chamise Trail from Bollinger Rd. These spring photos were stunning.

The views from the Las Trampas Ridge Trail are spectacular, in all directions. Mount Diablo can be seen and, looking south, the Ohlone Regional Wilderness peaks are viewable. Sometimes fog surrounds these mountains, making them look like islands in the sky. The Ridge Trail is also called the Calaveras Ridge Trail for an overlay trail which is planned from Briones to Sunol.



Sibley Volcanic Regional Park

Another favorite hike is the Waterfalls and Wildflower hike on Mount Diablo he leads in the spring. Hikers access this trail from the north side. Again, a very long hike but great fun.

Further afield, Geoff told about hiking to Stinson Beach and taking the Dipsea Trail down – and up – 800 steps. He showed some great photos of this hike as well. It’s always special to hike with views of water, beach and streams.

He talked about Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve as well, nearly 1000 acres in size. There are accesses to this park from Fish Ranch Road out of Orinda, Skyline Road on the Oakland side, and Pinehurst up from Moraga. This park has some unique elements, including several labyrinths and the Bay Area’s only volcano, Round Top. There is good interpretive signage talking about Round Top and the unique geology of this park.



Stinson Beach Trail

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Museum News

September 4 to November 11: **California Indians: The First People.**

Town of Danville Tours: To schedule a tour, please call Eve/Donna at the museum at (925) 837-3750.

General: When the Museum is open, a trained docent is always on duty and can provide exhibit tours for visitors. Reserved tours are available during open or closed hours by appointment. Large groups are encouraged to call ahead to assure that a docent is available specifically for your group.

The Museum of the San Ramon Valley is located on the southwest corner of Prospect & Railroad Avenues, and accessible via the Iron Horse Trail [P.O. Box 39, Danville, CA, 94526, (925) 837-3750]

Hours: Tuesday-Friday 1-4 pm; Saturday 10 am-1 pm; Sunday 12-3 pm.

The Sales Table ~~ Nancy Ramsey

Packets of cards depicting Mount Diablo, Front Street, Southern Pacific Depot, Tassajara School, "Grand Dames" of San Ramon, Alamo Grammar School 1876, and a collection of assorted historical scenes are available.

Each packet contains 8 cards and 8 envelopes.

Member Price - \$3.50 per 8 card packet

Historic scene postcards are \$0.20 each

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Make check to: San Ramon Valley Historical Society Memorial Fund. Please ✓ for: SRVHS MSRV

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Dinner Reservations

**Thursday
September 20, 7 p.m.**

\$23.00 per person

Black Bear Dinner
807 Camino Ramon, in Danville
(at I-680 and Camino San Ramon in Danville)

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO S.R.V.H.S. (Deadline September 18, 2018)

Mail to: S.R.V.H.S., P. O. Box 521, Danville, CA 94526

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Hiking Our Trails (Continued)



Pinnacles National Park



The group went to Pinnacles National Park as well, a long drive south. Again, a hike for experienced trekkers. Fascinating rock formations are a big part of this national park’s environment.

Geoff’s hikes appear in the Danville Activity Guide or on Danville’s web site (Danville.ca.gov), under Activities. For information about park or trail brochures in the East Bay Regional Parks, see the web site (ebrpd.org). For easier walking paths or bicycle loop trails, type “Short-loop Trails” in the blank “Search” box. Geoff leads eight of these hikes a year, avoiding the heat of July and August and rainy January and February, always on the second Saturday morning.

Thank you Beverly Lane for writing this Article!

**Need a Ride To The Society Meeting On September 20th? Contact a Board Member
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**NEXT MEETING
THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 20TH
*Caught Up In War
How lives were affected in our Valley***