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Forest Ranch General Meeting

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

**Everyone
Welcome**

7:00 PM

Forest to Table

The Joyful Art of Spoon Carving

Guest Speakers:

Andrew Logan & Anasuya Basil

In this presentation two Forest Ranch spoon carvers will share their tips and examples about choosing locally grown wood (and a few exotics), favorite carving tools, and stories about how some of their spoons came to be. Andrew Logan is a fire captain with 30 years of spoon carving experience, while Anasuya Basil, a holistic health practitioner, is a recently fledged spoon carver. (See page 2 for more info.)



Drawing for Membership Prizes

If you are a winner and present, you will be able to choose your prize! Anyone who joined FRCA before January 31, 2023 is eligible to win.

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Last month we lost one of our cherished Forest Ranch citizens. Gene Rolls was instrumental in so many ways, making our community safe and enjoyable. He helped set up the Company 24 Volunteer Fire Department, serving for 17 years. He also registered FRCA as a non-profit agency and served as its first president. He was a world traveler and loved to share his colorful stories. *(Please see page 6)*

Unfortunately, Kevin Barrett, owner of Earth Regen Farm, who raised mushrooms and sold them at the Chico Wednesday Farmer's Market, has pulled up stakes and is moving to Davis. *He is honoring his Mushroom Kit donation for our membership drive.* His company is on Facebook and he can also be reached at: earthregenfarm.com.

Mishka Nobel, our current FRCA President, has generated an event schedule for this coming year. Lots of new workshops and several new events. Please check out page 4.

Our membership drive has not been as successful as hoped. For those of you who have joined please attend the General Meeting on February 21st...you may be one of the lucky winners! Please note that if you join you get a discount at Flight Care and reduced fees for FRCA events.

The Gardening Column by Scott & Lynelle Jackson will return next month.

ATT is proposing to stop supporting landlines. If you want your voice heard go to the PUC (Public Utilities Commission) website and check when and how you can voice your concerns: <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov>

Beth, Editor

Enjoy the 'Pineapple Express'...stay dry!



Description of Spoon Carving

Spoon carving is a therapeutic escape into the world of creativity, craftsmanship and connection to trees. Imagine transforming a piece of wood from a tree you know into a functional work of art that you get to use every day. The rhythmic motion of carving can be surprisingly calming, almost like a meditative practice. Plus, there's an undeniable joy in the satisfaction of using a handmade spoon – it somehow makes every meal feel a bit more special. A seasoned woodworker or a total beginner can find spoon carving to be a delightful way to slow down and appreciate the beauty in simple crafts.



FEBRUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Yoga BINGO	2	3
4 Mtn Joy	5	6 Yoga Crafts	7 FRWC	8 Yoga *Ticket & Bake Sale	9 *Ticket & Bake Sale	10 Recycling Valentine Craft Party
11 Mtn Joy	12	13 Yoga Crafts VALENTINE DINNER	14 FRFSC Food Com- modities **	15 Yoga	16	17 Ladies Tea Party
18 Mtn Joy	19	20 Yoga Crafts	21 FRCA General Mtg	22 Yoga	23	24
25 Mtn Joy	26	27 Yoga Crafts FR Lions	28	29 Yoga	* Tickets for Valentine Dinner	** New loca- tion, see below

Yoga Classes are presently being offered through Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 and Thursday mornings at 8:30 am & 9:45 am. If you are interested please contact Lisa Weber at lisa.weber@yahoo.com or 591-5917. Each class costs \$10.00. (You only pay for classes you attend.)

Sewing & Crafting: Tuesdays from 1:00 to 4:00 pm; contact Dona LaFranchi at: (530) 895-8847 or ddlaf@sbcglobal.net

***Food Commodities:** Please be advised that the food commodities are moving to **FOREST RANCH BAPTIST CHURCH 4967 Schott Rd** (The new location is at Hwy 32 and Schott Rd.)
Please circle the 2nd Wednesday of each month between 11:00am > 12 Noon

Recycle Day will be on Saturday, February 10th from 9-11:00 am. RAIN or SHINE
We would like to thank the Community for bringing us their CRV Recyclables. (See page 7)

FR Lions: Meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

FR Fire Safe Council: Meet the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

FRCA: All meetings begin at 6:30 on the third Wednesday of each month. General Meetings are held in February, April, June, August, October and December. Board Meetings are held in alternate months. Anyone can attend the meetings, however, only Board Members can vote at Board Meetings.

Book Club: Meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. The book for February is The StoryTeller by Jodi Picoult.. Morea Martin, who is organizing this, has also created the Facebook site: Forest Ranch Book Club, where the book titles are posted.



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your friends and/or
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**Saturday
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10am-1pm**

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\$10 for non-members

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Ages 5+

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a memory to cherish forever.*

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Forest Ranch Ladies Tea Party

*Celebrate and deepen the bonds of womanhood and
friendship with our local ladies.*

Saturday | February 24 | 4:30 PM

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**RSVP to Mishka at 530-255-4330 or
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Semi-Formal Attire Requested



UPCOMING FRCA EVENTS

March

Microsoft Excel Beginners Workshop Fee \$10: FRCA members; \$15 non-members

Thursday, March 14, 2024 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Shamrockin' Soiree

Sunday, March 17, 2024 4:30 pm Donation



April

Computer Fundamentals Workshop Fee: \$10: FRCA members; \$15 non-members

Friday, April 4, 2024 6:00 pm

Smartphones & Their Shenanigans Workshop Fee: \$10: FRCA members; \$15 non-members

Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:00 pm

Earth Day Celebration & FRCA Clean-up (details in March Post)

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Monte Carlo (see page 9)

Saturday, April 27, 2024



History of the Forest Ranch Broom Education and Eradication Program (BEEP)

Part 2

By Andy Mark

The second goal was accomplished by physically going out there and removing stands of broom. As more members joined, BEEP had a core group of approximately a dozen people, who used to come out on Saturdays during the wet season and yank the lovely legumes out of the ground by hand or with tools such as a weed wrench, which looks kind of like a car jack with a long handle that allows the user to get enough leverage to pull the unwanted plants out by the roots, the best way to eliminate them. If that didn't work, the plant would have to be dug out, removing as much of the root system as possible. It was important to not let the plants go to bloom, for some sources say the seeds can survive up to sixty years. Meticulous records were kept, like how many plants were pulled, the size, the type and how large the plot was. Hours worked by each member was also recorded. The piles of broom left behind were disposed of in various ways, but were mostly chipped up.



BEEP offered to help homeowners clear broom off their property and removed large stands along highway 32, from Platt Mountain to Heavenly Glen. The group even went down to the Butte Creek Canyon Ecological Reserve and pulled out some monster Spanish broom, some well over six feet tall.

The BEEP outings, generally around three hours long, were not just work. They were fun. It was nice to be around people of like minds who cared about the health of the community. And no one went hungry. Team members would bring plenty of cookies or some other kind of treat to share. Beepers moved around all over the Forest Ranch area to eradicate the broom or help on some other project, such as Labor of Love. The reward was that they often went to interesting places that they would normally not have access to, such as Little Chico Creek Canyon.

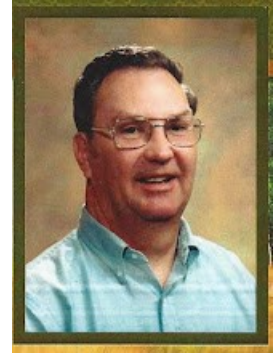
BEEP members often got outside help with pulls, such as from CCC workers and students from classes that CSU, Chico, Professor Don Hankins taught. In 2009, a trio of rock musicians from Boston, who earlier played at San Francisco's Fillmore West and were slated to play in Chico later, joined, along with their crew, the Beepers and some CCCs on a wet, muddy day on Nopel Avenue to pull out what was reported to be 3,769 plants. The band, called "State Radio," made it part of their "tour package" to coordinate participation in community-service activities with their musical gigs.

BEEP raised funds in different ways to acquire needed supplies, such as tools. Gretchen Vandewalle created two lovely quilts that were raffled off, BEEP members created a cookbook filled with local recipes and local history (with historical photos) and even the Forest Ranch Charter School bought BEEP a weed wrench with money the

Unfortunately, BEEP participation has waned over the years and the broom is roaring back in places. As Gretchen Vandewalle says: "Educating homeowners and community leaders about the desirability of eradicating broom has been our most lasting legacy." Dulcy Schroeder observes that: "A lot of years have passed since 2006 and our charter team has aged out." The group needs new blood. Any volunteers out there?

Please attend the Firesafe Council Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of each month: 6:30 at FR Center.

Roy Gene Rolls October 15, 1930—December 24, 2023



Gene was born on October 15, 1930 to Ruby and James Rolls at home in Westwood, California. The family moved to Chico when he was 3 years old. Gene attended elementary school in Chico, graduated from Chico High School, and attended Chico State for 2 years.

He lived on Hooker Oak Ave. for many years. It was great because he had Bidwell Park as his playground. He rode bicycles and motorcycles all around the area. Later transitioning to cars at a later date. At the age of 13 years old he started pushing a broom at then Butte Pump and moved up the ladder from salesman to manager. After 47 years, 6 of which were in Saudia Arabia, he retired, bought a new motor home and headed out. He traveled 7 times around the world, every state in the union and every providence of Canada.

He was married to Wilma Rolls for 33 years. From this union 2 sons James and Jeff were born and a few years later a daughter Brenda was born. He truly loved and supported them all through their lives. A few years later he remarried to Dorothy and they were married for 31 years.

He helped to form Forest Ranch Community Association and was its first president. Also an active member of the Forest Ranch Volunteer Fire Department, a charter member and helped with the building of the Forest Ranch Baptist Church. He was an amazing pump salesman and very generous person to anyone he could help. Many of the projects he was involved in in the North Valley and surrounding communities are still operating and bringing water to farm lands.

He moved to Forest Ranch in the 60's. And with the help of a contractor built the home that he lived in until just recently.

He loved metal detecting in the desert of Nevada with 2 close friends, Jerry and Collis. He even sold Garrett Metal Detectors for many years. He loved electronics, watches and finding coins among other things. He was a man that paid attention to details and learned to build upon information in learning. He passed this ability on his son Jeff who in turn passed it onto his grandson Justin.

Gene did great things in his life and was not afraid to tackle large and complex projects to achieve something. Some of his hobbies including building heath kits, building his first tv, building and racing motorcycles. He drove a bus to Chicago to bring busses back for a ministry at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church. He accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior and took his faith seriously giving generously to many projects.

The Rolls reputation was to buy quality tools so they would last. In the last few years with the coming of Harbour Freight he deviated from that a bit.

We are thankful to Robin for allowing him to stay in his home as long as possible. The Volunteer Fire Department for showing up and helping out as needed. For the excellent care he received from the caregivers at Amber Grove Place and Enloe Hospital.

Pall Bearers: Justin Rolls, Peter Reitz, Paul Vohs, Mark Brown, Patrick Jackson and Will Bryan

Private graveside following the memorial service.

He passed away on Christmas Day to spend Christmas with Jesus. He is predeceased by his parents Ruby and James Rolls, sons James and Jeff, Dorothy Rolls, Brothers Glen and Ellis Rolls. Survived by a brother Ray Rolls, Daughter Brenda Reitz and Son-in-law Peter Reitz, Step children Brian and Carol Vohs, Kathy Vohs, Daughter –in-law Denise Rolls. Also 7 Grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and one on the way.

Beloved Father, Son, Grandpa and Loyal Friend and Story teller. He will be missed, quoted and remembered by all who knew him.

Submitted by Denise Rolls



Bingo Nights in Forest Ranch

The Lions will be holding a monthly Bingo event at the Community Center every month.

- Please mark your calendar for **Saturday, March 2nd** (10:00 am doors open; Bingo at 11:00 am)
Tuesday, April 1 (4:30 doors open, Bingo at 5:30)
- Last month's Bingo winners were Arian Turner, Roger Campbell, Bruce Brothers, Diane Dove, Kara Brothers (won twice), Scott Jackson (won twice), Lyn Lynn (won twice as well)! Come try your luck and become our next lucky winners! All profits from this event goes back to the community.

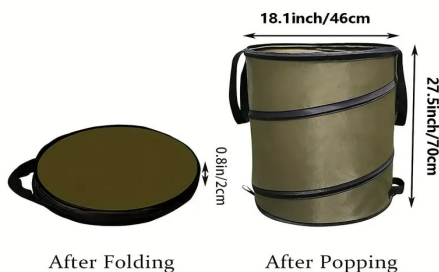
Bake Sale on Feb 8 & 9 Featuring Valentine Treats and Flowers

The Lions will be in front of the Post Office selling baked goodies and flowers from 10-5pm or until we sell out. We will also be selling tickets to our annual Valentine's Dinner being held on Tuesday, Feb 13th. Stop by and get yourself something tasty for you or your sweetheart while supplies lasts!

RECYCLE NEWS

Recycle Day for this month will be on Saturday, Feb 10th from 9:00-11:00am in front of the Vets Store. We did not enough items to take to the Recyclers in January. We will be combining January with this month's recycle to make the trip worthwhile. We hope the weather will be nicer this month and more of you help contribute. This is the last month that anyone who brings in their CRV Recycling will received an entry into a drawing for a Collapsible Fabric Bin (see picture below). his bin is great for storing empty CRV plastic bottles or aluminum cans to be recycled. Once emptied, they can be flattened for easy storage. Jerry Fuller was our winner for the month of February. Hope to see you there!

Note: Even though California is going to start charging CRV fees on wine bottles beginning Jan 1st, we will **NOT** be accepting wine bottles. Unless we can provide the Recycle Center a receipt verifying that the CRV was paid when purchased they will not take these items.



January's Winner:
Jerry Fuller

Forest Ranch Annual Pancake Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt

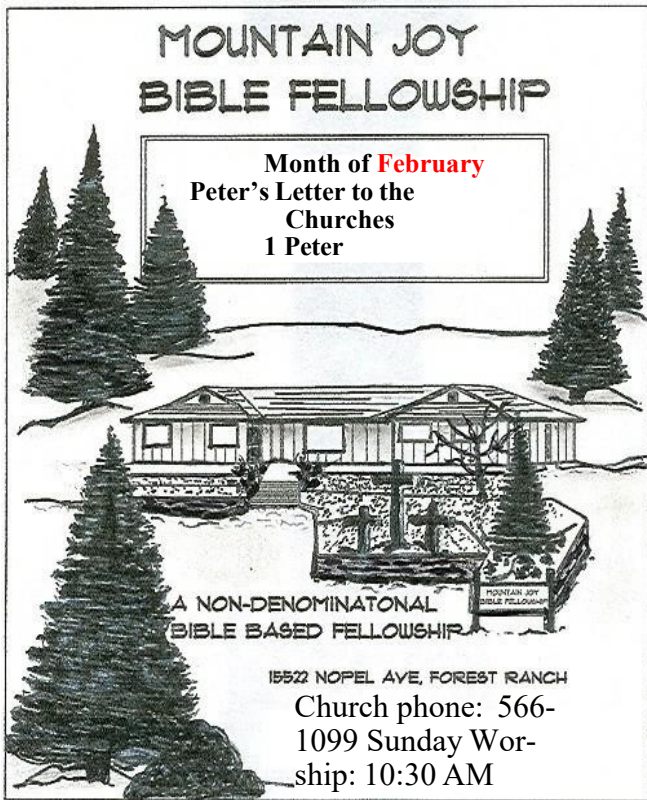
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Details in the March Post



**MOUNTAIN JOY
BIBLE FELLOWSHIP**

Month of **February**
Peter's Letter to the
Churches
1 Peter



A NON-DENOMINATIONAL
BIBLE BASED FELLOWSHIP

15522 NOPEL AVE, FOREST RANCH
Church phone: 566-
1099 Sunday Wor-
ship: 10:30 AM



Winner of the Beautiful Quilt made by Gretchen Vandewalle & Sandy Santos:

LAURI GODDARD

Thank you to the community that embraced our project and made it possible to donate \$1,275.00 to the FRCA Building Fund. We were pleasantly surprised and delighted at our local response for doing something we enjoy, more specifically, sewing, quilting and creating.

Thank you Forest Ranch.

Gretchen and Sandy.

If Holly (*Ilex aquifolium*) finds its leaves are being nibbled by deer, it switches genes on to make them spiky when they regrow. So on taller Holly trees, the upper leaves (which are out of reach) have smooth edges, while the lower leaves are prickly.

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Monte Carlo Night – Coming back to the Community Center

Mark your calendars and prepare to spend a fun and/or exciting night at the Forest Ranch Community Center on **Saturday, April 27th**, (new date from previous years) Doors open at 7:00 PM. This is an Adult only event please.

- **This was/is a yearly fundraiser that helps keep the Community Center maintenance, up-keep, and available to serve the needs of the community.**
 - The festivities include Bingo, Poker, and Blackjack .
 - You purchase ‘funny money’. One ticket \$10 or Two \$15.
 - One ticket gets you a stack of 50K to gamble with and/or White Elephant gift shopping.
 - More details of event and dates for pre ticket sales will be in the March POST.
- ♦ The Women’s club hosts the White Elephant shopping up on the stage. They collect nicely used, gift-ed items donated by family, friends, and residents.
 - ♦ There will be a Silent Auction with a wide range of high quality items.
 - ♦ Your ticket will also enter you to win a door prize.

Come, even if you don’t want to gamble, just have fun and visit with your neighbors and friends! And go peruse the White Elephant gift shop.

IF you would like to help donate or support the RAFFLE, please contact
Marlene, 530-592-6613 marlenefune@gmail.com

I will be reaching out to our local businesses and artisans over the next couple months to ask if you can support with donations. Thank you.

And for anyone who would like to donate/gift nicely used household, garage, vehicle, etc. items. Most items need to be smaller household type gifts, NO large furniture, tools, etc. can be donated. Please contact Melissa, cell 530-514-3303 gebickemelissa@gmail.com

Again, we are happy to finally bring this annual fundraiser back to the Community. More information will be in next months POST.

WELCOME

FRCA New members

David & Karen Beskeen

Carter & Linda Cobb

Mark & Karen Edwards

Daniel & Connie Ekkens

Melissa & ax Gebicke

Craig & Kati Kielb

Corine & Larry Wilson

Note: Names in bold donated extra dollars. Several new members opted not to have their name printed in the Post.

CHILI COOK OFF WINNERS



Left to right: Alyssa Chaplin, Katie McMaster, Lesli Kostiz, Corrine Hayes, Donna Mathis, Dorsey Kindler & Tyler Mack.

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VALENTINE'S DINNER

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

5:30pm at the Forest Ranch Community Center

*** Only 60 Tickets are available so be sure to get yours soon!**

Looking for something to do for Valentine's Day?

Don't want to drive to Chico for a nice dinner and pay a lot of money?

Well, we have the answer for you!

How about an awesome dinner by Roots Catering from Hamilton City, with real linen tablecloths and napkins, served on china plates with real flatware - right here in Forest Ranch? - We're even going to have Live Entertainment too!

ALL for only \$25 a person!

Here's the Menu:

Chicken Picatta served with Pasta, (Vegetarian/Vegan Option will be Stuffed Portabella Mushroom w/ Picatta Sauce), Sautéed Seasonal Vegetables, Roots Signature Green Salad, Garlic Cheese Bread, Red Velvet Cake, Coffee, Tea or BYOB.

Special Live Music by Ron & Sherry O'Rourke performing songs from the 50's, 60's & 70's - So grab your Sweetheart or Friend and take them to the "Hottest Ticket in Town" (and probably the ONLY Ticket in Town!)



This event Sold OUT Last Year - Don't miss IT!



Tickets Sold in Advance ONLY!

Purchase your Tickets at the Lions Club Bake Sale on Feb 8 & 9



This Event is Sponsored by the Forest Ranch Lions Club

