

May 2016

Homesteaders Happenings

Rabbit Haven

By: Misty Montes

Bunnies! They're cute, furry, and need your help! The Rabbit Haven rescues abandoned rabbits and accepts surrendered rabbits from the general public, shelters, and other organizations in our county. Many of these rabbits are placed in foster care to rehabilitate and while waiting to find their forever homes. Having a toy to play with or a warm blanket to snuggle into goes a long way to helping them feel better. Join the rabbit project to make treats, toys, and blankets for the rescued rabbits and attend Bunnyfest where we will drop off our gifts and visit with the bunnies! If you have a healthy bunny, you are welcome to bring them along! There is a \$5 admission fee.

May 22nd 10am-11:30am: We will meet at the ranch to make rabbit toys and blankets. Some materials will be provided but if you have any of the following please bring them: Fleece fabric/blankets (baby blankets, dollar store throws, etc.) and paper towel/toilet paper cardboard tubes.

12pm: Bunnyfest 2016, IBEW Hall located at 2125 Canoas Garden Ave in San Jose ~misty@moonlitfibers.com



Important Dates

Gala

By: Joanne Haggerty

On April 30, I ate one of the best dinners I have ever had. Beef smoked to perfection, marinated mushrooms, tender and well-seasoned yukon potatoes, and asparagus all prepared by 4-H and FFA volunteers were the highlight of the Youth Ag Gala. (Let's not forget the mini bundt cakes, yum!). The food was served by 4-H and FFA volunteers.

Casino, bingo, live auction, silent auction, and karaoke kept the 200+ attendees at the Gala entertained and helped raise money for the Clover Foundation to use for scholarships and to help us continue to be able to show animals at the Santa Clara County Fair. Last year, the Clover Foundation gave more than \$20,000 to the fair. Our own Homesteaders member, Jackie Penner, is a recipient of one of those scholarships and she is also a youth spokesman for the organization this year. Homesteaders members contributed items for a "Starry Night" themed gift basket and our basket was the most popular item in the silent auction! Great job, Homesteaders!

I hope you can all attend next year! Ticket sales will begin at the end of this year.

Project Linus

By: Raedyn McFarland

Project Linus is a charity for children who have illnesses such as cancer. Project Linus reaches out to the public and asks

Memorial Day Com Parade

By: Joanne Haggerty

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Beach Day

By: Curtis Ullerich

Around 25 people joined the All Stars for an evening of family fun at Seabright Beach in Santa Cruz. People played volleyball, frisbee, and football. One intrepid 4-H'er from El Sereno was buried up to his neck in sand. Juggling clubs made a brief appearance near the end of the night. We rounded out the night with a bonfire and headed back to Santa Clara County!

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