

Camping With Your Horse For A Good Cause

By Cathy Tyson

Members of the Tilden-Wildcat Horsemen's Association (TWHA) and the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association hosted a 100-mile trail ride last week to benefit bay area trails. Now in its fifth year, East Bay Trails and the Bay Area Ridge trail will receive all proceeds raised by the event. Riders spent four days in the hills above Orinda and Moraga in Tilden, Sibley, Huckleberry, and Redwood Parks and at the Upper San Leandro Reservoir, according to Morris Older, TWHA Member Secretary.

Organizers worked diligently to arrange for breakfast, lunch and dinner for the riders along with hay, carrots and water for the horses. The plan is to ride a hundred miles over six days or about fourteen to eighteen miles per day in small groups. Benefit planners have thought of everything, including evening entertain-

ment for tuckered out riders. The evening program included a harp concert, naturalist talks, a veterinary presentation, cowboy music and dancing and some cowboy poetry. About 65 riders participated this year, some from as far away as Los Angeles and the Sierras.

"Its truly extraordinary," opines Older, "the East Bay Trails are considered to be among the best urban trail system in the country. In the midst of the depression, 1932, Alameda County decided to institute a parcel tax to create the East Bay Regional Park system. They were visionary." On Wednesday of last week, riders and their trusty steeds were crossing on these trails, right above the Caldecott tunnel.

For more information see website, www.twha.org or www.ridgetrail.org. Donations still gratefully accepted.



left to right: Debbie Poscoe, Martha Mikesell, Adda Quinn, Lynda Martinson

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What: An Afternoon Tea
When: Saturday, September 29, 12:00 - 2:30 pm
Where: Orinda Masonic Lodge, 9 Altarinda Road, Orinda
Who: Hosted by Diablo Star, Order of the Eastern Star

Ladies of all ages, (12 and over) are most welcome. Our Afternoon Tea will be "steeped" in fun. There will be culinary delights, desserts and teas to savor. There will be a live and silent auction, as well as lovely custom jewelry and fashion accessories available. What a great opportunity to shop early for the Holidays!

Eastern Star is a charitable non-profit organization and member of the Masonic Family. We volunteer many hours for community services and fund raising. This enables us to complete our charitable work. One of our many projects is to gather and hand craft infant wear. Last year we delivered over 90 beautiful layettes

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to the CC County Regional Hospital for distribution to newborns and mothers who are in need.

We appreciate your support for this endeavor and look forward to meeting you. Tea dress is encouraged. Tickets are \$23 per person. You may call 925-285-7242 or 510-582-9074 for information or to register by phone, using a Visa or Mastercard. Mail-in registration by check is also available.

Seating is by reservation only, due by September 25