

# San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H

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February 2013

Next General Meeting:  
Feb. 19, 2013 at 6:30 PM,  
Clifford School



## President's Message

Welcome 4-Hers!

It's February and love is in the air...a love for 4-H that is! This month we have are annual club potluck, so, please bring your own plates and utensils and you can be entered in a drawing to win some exciting 4-H prizes! For more information on our club potluck please refer to the potluck newsletter article and don't forget to bring your food. I will see you all at the meeting.

I hope you all have a funky fresh February!

Kate Lyn Sutherland

**At this month's meeting:  
Wear red, pink, or white!  
Bring a dish to share at potluck!  
Bring your own utensils & plates.**

### Club Officers

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## UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

Feb. 19	<b>6:30PM</b> General Meeting and Potluck
March 12 or 13	Mandatory meeting <b>ALL</b> livestock exhibitors
March 18	7PM County Council
March 19	7PM March General Meeting
March 23	Favorite Foods Day
April 7	Entry Forms Due for Livestock and Small Animals
April 14	Ear Tagging (including hogs this year) at the Fairgrounds

### Potluck Dinner

Dinner is Served!

This Tuesday evening, prior to the general meeting, the Junior Teen Leaders are hosting a potluck dinner for the Club. The JTL's will provide the main course – lasagna – and the rest of the club members will potluck the salad, bread and dessert.

Members whose last name begins with A – K bring a salad

Members whose last name begins with L – S bring bread

Members whose last name begins with T – Z bring a dessert

The club will provide the beverage, cups, salad dressing, and napkins in an effort to be green we ask that you bring your own plate and eating utensils. All who bring their own supplies will be entered in a raffle for great prizes!

Come early at **6:30** and enjoy “breaking the bread” with your fellow 4-H'ers.

P.S. – parents in attendance are invited to eat, too!

### May Meeting – Save the Date

The night of May 21 we will hold **two** club meetings back to back. Mark your calendar now. This way we will complete ten club meetings before the County Fair begins in early June. If you need 80% attendance because you plan on showing an animal at the Fair, be sure to attend the May meeting!

### Are You Ready for Hometown Days?

Save the dates for Hometown Days-May 17 to May 19. Our club makes a big splash at the parade on Saturday morning, in our information booth and at our Dime Toss. All San Carlos Eaton Hills families are needed to make the weekend a success. Please plan to work at one or both of our booths to make a strong showing for our club.

## Dime Toss

*Remember the Dime Toss in May at Hometown Days!*

To make this booth a huge success, please search your cupboards for miscellaneous glasses, plates, mugs, wine glasses and the like. These will become the prizes at our Dime Toss so we need MANY. Check your grandmother's house! Ask your co-workers!

Bring your finds to the February general meeting (in a cardboard box please) or drop them off at the Weaver house 2145 Greenwood Avenue, San Carlos. You can leave your glassware on their porch anytime.

Thanks,

The Dime Toss Committee

## Favorite Foods Day

San Mateo County Favorite Foods Day will be held on Saturday, March 23, from 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM, at the Community Activities Center, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue in Redwood City. Check-in will begin at 11:30 AM. Everyone is invited to participate in Junior Judging. Join the fun. Watch your emails for more details

What is Favorite Foods day? Please click here to learn more:

<http://ucanr.edu/sites/smsf4h/files/158717.pdf>

## 4-H State Ambassador Applications

Deadline: **March 31, 2013**

The California 4-H State Ambassador position is one of the highest service opportunities and recognitions attainable in the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program. The State Ambassador Program is a working honor that provides members with the opportunity to serve as a representative of the 4-H Program, plan the annual CA 4-H State Leadership Conference, and implement a service learning project during their 14 month term. Youth members ages 16-18 are eligible to apply. Applications for the 2013-2014 State Ambassador team are available online at:

<http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Leadership/SA/>

## Reports from Members

### CAL Conference

On January 25-27 I went to CAL Conference with 4 other members from our county. I was a presenter along with Kate Lyn Sutherland. We gave a presentation about SET. In this workshop we taught navigational and survival skills along with technology abuse. I was also a cabin leader. This conference is a great way to meet new people from the other counties in the north central section. I recommend more people to go next year as it is a lot of fun.

-Maeve Keegan

## Beginning 4-H



### **Project Mouse in Beginning 4-H**

We made mice out of wood. Hans, from the Woodworking project, taught us about wood and if you count the dark rings inside the tree that's how you can tell how old the tree is. He brought wood stains to color the mice it came in the colors black, white, and brown. We wore gloves and used paint brushes for the staining. Then Tristan helped us drill a hole for the tail. After we put the leather tail n Hans helped us drill holes for our leather ears. After that we hot glued the little black eyes on. I think the mice were really fun to make.

By: Francesca Paragas

**"Club Correspondence Corner"** by Isabella Paragas, Correspondence Secretary  
I send thank you letters and notes to generous donors that contribute to the livelihood of our Club.

The most recent thank you note went out to the Peale family, who donated \$500 to our club. Anne Peale, who is a former Club President, and her family, had led the Beekeeping Project (among others) for many years. Anne is currently attending graduate school. Her mother, Sandra Bernhard, has continued to serve as Project Leader for the Wildflower Hiking Project. I first joined 4-H when Anne was one of the leaders and I remember her as always being kind, patient, generous, and knowledgeable about many projects.

Last month's report included a thank you letter to Scot Marsters and the Lions Club for their continued support and monetary donation from the Car Show and the Tri-tip Dinner, totaling \$1051. Our club also received a very nice thank you card from Sr. Christina of St. Francis Center in Redwood City for our annual toy donations.

### Guest Artist for the Manga Art Project

Last month at our Manga Project meeting, we had a guest artist, Denise C. She demonstrated her Manga style in terms of how she draws faces, including facial features, hands, feet, bodies, and clothes. Denise would like to major in art and work for a company like Pixar in the future. The members reviewed the basics of drawing in the Manga genre in a different and unique style.

Thank you,  
Isabella Paragas



### Beekeeping Project Meeting

On Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the beekeeping project held its third meeting of the year at our 4-H club farm.

At the meeting we opened the hives to find the bees had been obliterated. This was probably caused by cold weather that the bees were unable to tolerate. Fortunately, the other hive was hunky dory with life buzzing in and out. Both hives had frames full of honey cells, though!

Perhaps, the project will extract the honey at a future meeting.

Madina Ferguson



## Hand ~ Sewing

For hand sewing this month we had the option of making a tissue case or a notebook cover. I made my tissue case out of orange felt and decorated it with a periwinkle bow, abalone button and a beaded star. The pattern itself was very easy to make, but our project leaders challenged us to be more creative. We all came up with diverse ideas about what we put on our project. One girl made a tissue case like the Philippines flag! In January, we made sock creatures. We could either make a penguin or a bunny. I made a bunny out of a black, gray and white striped sock. It was a smallish bunny and I think it was really cute. In the sewing meeting, I learned how to sew fabric that is stretchy. All the animals turned out so cute!

Maya

## County Presentation Day 2013

County Presentation Day was held on February 9<sup>th</sup> at the College of San Mateo. There were a variety of demonstrations entered, from dancing on the Wii® to the history of archery and even how to show a sheep! I tried something a little different from the typical demonstration this year and preformed two dances. One dance was a contemporary ballet routine to the song "Perhaps, Perhaps, Perhaps" by Doris Day and the other one was a tap dance to the famous song "Puttin' on the Ritz". I had a lot of fun preparing these pieces because I love choreographing dance routines and I got to work with my sister and my friend Laurel Nelson, who had wonderful ideas and suggestions.

The only part that wasn't very fun was sewing our ballet costumes. We decided to sew the costumes ourselves, since we were all in the sewing project and didn't have any other ideas for projects. We were fooled by the tag on the pattern that said "EASY", and soon found out that sewing the dress was anything but easy. Finally, after four months of cutting, sewing, reading, and most of all confusion, we finished our dresses, perfectly in time for Presentation Day.

When February 9<sup>th</sup> came, I was ready. I had rehearsed the dances with my partners many times, I had my costumes, and I couldn't wait to get on stage! Laurel, Madina, and I took a last-minute mark-through of the dance, I did some warm-up exercises to loosen up my muscles, and I hoped that I would do my fouetté turns correctly. When it was our turn, we came on stage and happily preformed our dance routines. Thankfully, none of us made any mistakes! I was so content and grateful as we walked off the stage. I was even happier when the awards announcer said that we scored incredibly high and got gold for both dance numbers! I'm thrilled that we earned such high-ranking awards for doing what we love; dancing! The three of us will definitely be going to Sectionals. Great job to all of the presenters at County Presentation Day and I hope more 4-Hers join in the fun next year!

- Sebrianne Ferguson

On Saturday, a ton of kids from all over the area, gathered for Presentation Day at the College of San Mateo. We had a lot of fun Junior Judging, Presenting or just being a spectator. I, myself, got gold, and everyone else who did, will be going on to U.C. Davis to sectionals on March 30th. I am really looking forward to that. Presentation Day was lots of fun.  
-Elise Wacha

My experience at presentation day was very nerve-wrecking but very exciting. At first I was very nervous but got some comfort from my Mom after practicing. My presentation was about "How to Draw a Basic Manga Head". I did my presentation but didn't think I did well. When they announced that I got a GOLD MEDAL, I was so happy that I thought I was going to cry. I am going to try to go to sectionals next month.  
-Elyssa Lucas

On February 9, County Presentation Day was held at CSM. Our club project had the most number of participants with over 14 people participating. Presentations included demonstrations, PowerPoint talks, interpretive readings, job interviews, impromptus and cultural arts (dancing). Everyone worked very hard to prepare for the event and everyone did an exceptional job. Our club received numerous gold medals, and blue and red ribbons. Those who received Gold Medals will represent our club at the Northern Sectional Presentation Day on March 30. GREAT JOB EVERYONE!  
-Laurel (Teen Leader, Presentation Project)

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### **Next newsletter deadline: March 12, 2013**

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