



Nicasio Historical Society Fall Update 2019

Events in 2019

Fairlea Longhorns Ranch Tour

Jeanne and Mike Casey graciously

opened their unique ranch and beautiful historic home on 4/6/19 to over two

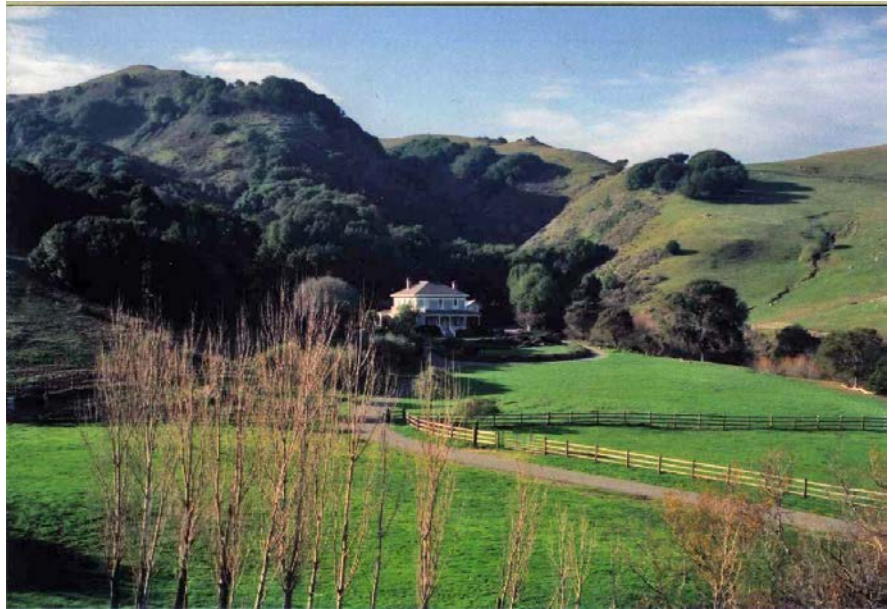
dozen attendees of our Fairlea Longhorn Ranch tour

where they

built in 1884 by the Roy family stood in San Geronimo, eventually surrounded by the golf course, until 1980, when it was moved to its present

location to be the movie set for *Shoot the Moon*. Dewey gave a talk on the history of the site

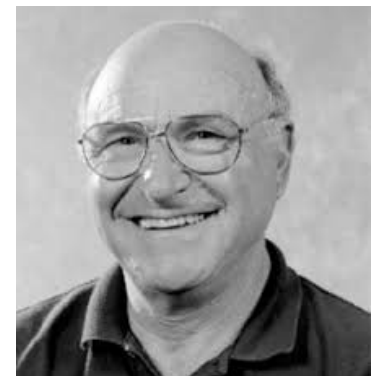
and house, followed by a talk by Mike about his ranch and how his home was relocated and renovated.



Recollections 6:

Live Interview of Bob Arrigoni by Dewey Livingston

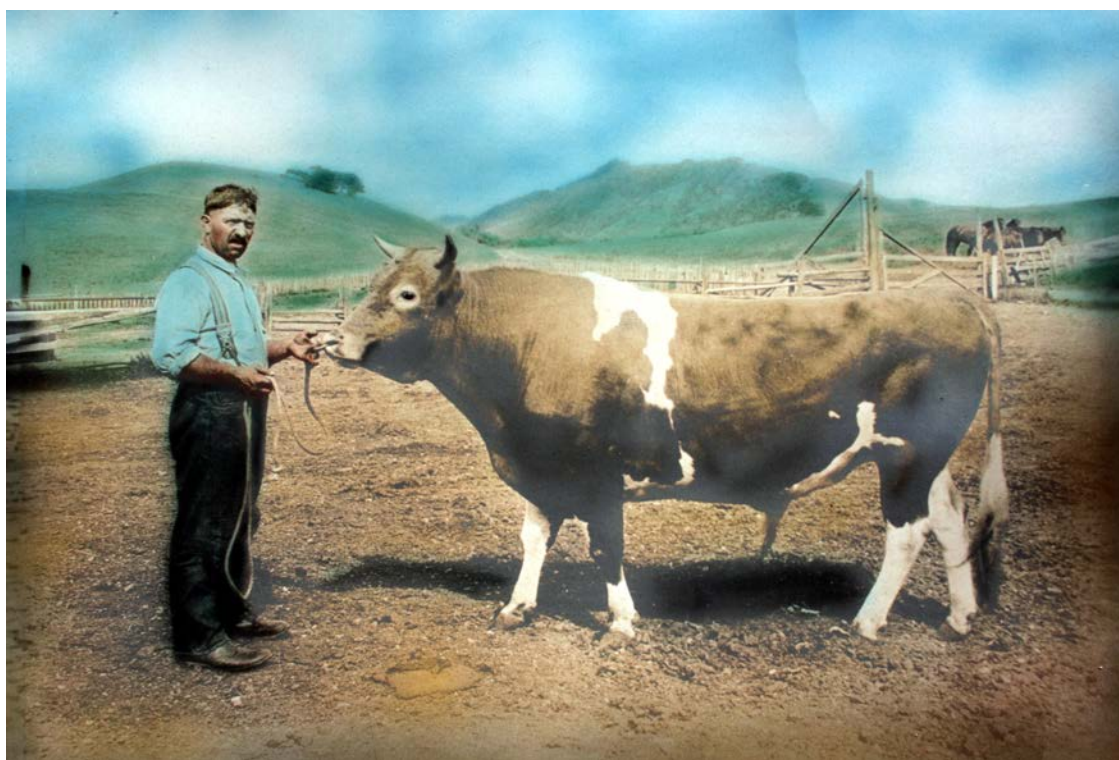
Ever wonder why Nicasio has remained the scenic bucolic village it is today? It certainly didn't just happen! On Saturday May 25 we heard the amazing story from Bob Arrigoni, world-renowned architect and Nicasio neighbor. It was his foresight decades ago and his ongoing hard work to monitor and rework plans that protected Nicasio from unsightly development and maintained its 19th century pastoral charm of ranches and uninterrupted rolling grasslands. Thank you, Bob.



Current Museum Exhibit

Ranching in Nicasio

This exhibit, whose Reception was held contemporaneously with the Arrigoni interview, focuses on Ranching in Nicasio. It features several pieces of fascinating historic ranching objects, like an old washing “machine,” a plow and a vintage ranch truck (only during the Reception), along with photos and informative signage.



Bartolomeo Tognalda with his prize bull in 1924 on the Tognalda Ranch

Photo: Courtesy the Tognalda Family

Richard L. Gallagher, 1934-2019



Rich Gallagher at our Town Square Tour 2006

Rich Gallagher passed away peacefully on August 25, 2019 in Petaluma at the age of 84 years. Devoted father of Tim Gallagher (Cindy Rudometkin) of Petaluma. Adored grandfather of Jordan, Hunter, Brodie and Lola Gallagher. Loving brother of the late Marion Morris; Thomas, James, Patricia, Edward, John, Raymond and George Gallagher. Survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and canine companion, Churchill. A special thank you to Kathy Addleman, Mario, and Carol Horick for their love and support. Richard was born in San Rafael but grew up in Nicasio. A hard worker his whole life, he worked on the family ranch raising beef cattle. An animal lover, he also raised pigs and enjoyed the company of his beloved basset hounds. He enjoyed the rain and would sit in his car, reading the newspaper, quietly listening as it rained. Richard was a loyal Raider fan who watched every game. In his spare time, he enjoyed going to River Rock and was an active member and past treasurer of the Druids Hall, Nicasio Grove #42. Above all, Richard loved his family. He was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed.

(Reprint of the Press Democrat obituary August 25, 2019)

News

Dewey Livingston Receives Historian of the Year Award

Marin historian and NHS Director, Dewey Livingston, received the second annual historian award from the Marin History Museum on Sunday August 18 at the Pacheco Winery in Novato. Not only has Dewey produced numerous commercial history books on Marin history, but he also authored dozens of publications for the National Park Service on the history of national parklands throughout California. He is now busy working on a comprehensive history of West Marin. Kudos, Dewey!



Marin History Museum's Marcie Miller (left) and Executive Director Michelle Kaufman present Dewey with the award.
Photo: Courtesy of Dexter Roberts

Redding & Rogers Family Reunion



William Charles Redding and his wife Mary moved from Boston to the Tomales Bay area in the early 1860s and then to Nicasio in 1870. They had 6 children, Mary, Joseph, William, Thomas, Charles and Elizabeth Bridget, known as Lizzie. Lizzie married James Henry Rogers of Novato in 1890 and they raised their 12 children first in Novato and then

in Nicasio. Not quite so prolific as Lizzie, her three brothers, Joseph, William and Charles, also produced offspring. The Redding and Rogers descendants gathered in a festive reunion in Penngrove Park on September 28 to celebrate their clan's heritage.









The Entire Redding / Rogers Clan

All Nicasio Historical Society members are invited to join us for our annual general meeting at Rancho Nicasio on Monday November 25 at 6pm in the Western Room.

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<http://www.nicasio.net/nhs>**