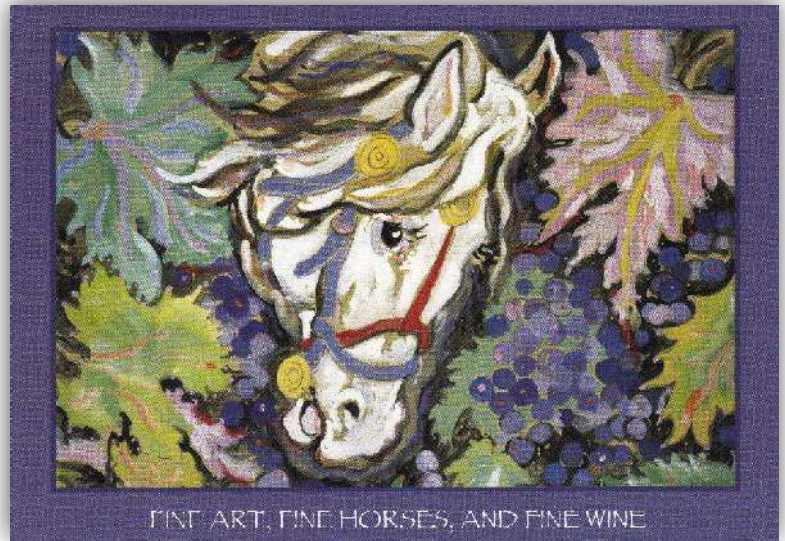


PAT MURPHY - A VALLEY TREASURE

A beautiful and heartwarming celebration of life to honor long time SYVEA board member Pat Murphy was held at the SY Historical Society on June 13th. A founding member of the Santa Ynez Valley Equestrian Center, Pat was a core participant in the original group of visionaries who incepted, created, built and grew the Equestrian Center from nothing but a dream to the outstanding success and beautiful facility we all enjoy so much today. She was also the longest continuously serving board member.

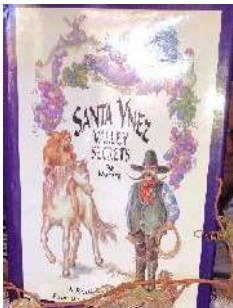
Pat's love and passion for horses, equestrian pursuits and the Santa Ynez Valley fueled her boundless energy and enthusiasm. A talented and busy journalist, Pat was an enthusiastic advocate for the equestrian community, and extensively covered local horse activities as well as personalities through her regular features in regional newspapers and her book, "Santa Ynez Valley Secrets." Additionally, her social columns were *always* the first item people read when they received their weekly Santa Ynez paper.



Pat's endless creativity and "can-do" philosophy brought unique and profitable fundraising events to life, while inspiring other members to jump in and put their shoulders to the wheel. She helped organize Feed Bag Fundraisers, Poker Rides, and our Horseshoe Sidewalks in Santa Ynez. Her most ambitious undertaking, in partnership with Pat Dixon, was the "Fine Art, Fine Horses and Fine Wine" event held jointly at the Equestrian Center and Sunstone Winery in 2002, featuring Dancing Horses, ballerinas, wine tasting and an auction of seven life sized statues of colts, each uniquely painted by acclaimed artists. The following

year she and Pat Dixon again partnered, putting together a sold-out gala premiere for the film "Seabiscuit" at our local Parks Plaza theater in Buellton. The opening gala reception at the Jockey Club next door honored award winning Valley jockey, Jerry Lambert and featured Doc Severinsen playing the "Call to Post" on his trumpet.

Pat's warmth, generosity of spirit and enthusiasm (along with her delicious Christmas cookies!) made her a treasured member of our organization and the valley equestrian community.



Donations in Pat's honor may be made to:

**Santa Ynez Valley Equestrian Association
P.O. Box 207, Santa Ynez, CA 93460.**



With special thanks to Pat Dixon for the use of her photo archives and memorabilia.