

The First FOLAW Dinner and Auction

The first FOLAW dinner and auction began with enthusiastic planning. We would have a silent auction of whatever antiques we could find, a basket of rocks and minerals was added, various art works were proposed. One member said she could get wine donated, another said she could get a boar. The accomplished Mexican cook volunteered food and skills, and others chimed in to help prepare the food. It would be glorious, and we would have money to save our Creek.

The boar was shot, one grandmother took out the sinews, another member used secret herbs, which he has never divulged, to cook it for 7 hours. The night before, a test dinner of soft tacos was prepared to alleviate fears that it would not work. Five people gathered in the Community club kitchen to chop tomatoes, zucchini, onions, cilantro, cheese, oranges, and watermelon. Beans, beef and chicken were cooked, and at the last minute, tortillas were warmed; it was going to work. Saturday morning we set up tables, and arranged the auction items. The table cloths were white, so we went out to get white matillija poppies to put on the tables. It was beautiful, but would anyone come? We tried to relax.

A line formed at the door. Dinner was a \$10.00 donation, wine, or lemonade was \$1.00. I was so busy serving ever smaller portions of boar when I looked up to see the person who had shot the boar expecting a little more than I had given him. Of course he got more.

When the auction winners were announced, we still had many bottles of wine left over. One of our most persuasive members got up to live auction off the extra bottles. Most went for over the store price. Everyone went home happy, and said we should do this every year. We made about \$3,000!