



Pictured with the charcoal drawing of the Barnett Ranch are, from left, Sharon Davis, Sandee Salvatore, Woody Kirkman, Sonia Peterson, Claire Parker, Bob Hailey, Phil Parker, and Darrell Beck.

Barnett House tour benefits Town Hall

An estimated 60 people attended Ramona Town Hall's fundraising tour of the historic Barnett House on Saturday.

The event featured barbecue dinner and offered attendees a tour of the historic adobe home in which Martha and Augustus

Barnett, the couple that donated Town Hall to the community, lived. Their great-great-grandson Phil Parker and his wife Claire now live in the home, which was built about 1877.

"The Barnett House hasn't changed much,"

said Woody Kirkman, president of the Ramona Town Hall Board. "It's quite unique. Each room has a door to the outside, it's U shaped, like the early California homes."

The Parkers commissioned Ramona artist Sonia Peterson to do a sepia charcoal drawing of the Barnett Ranch, and it was presented to Town Hall trustees. The drawing will be hung in Ramona Town Hall at 729 Main St.

Town Hall's next fundraiser will be a joint effort with Ramona Senior Activity Center. It will be an 1894 Christmas Dinner on Saturday, Dec. 15.

For more information about Town Hall and its restoration project, visit ramonatownhall.com.



Ruth and Bruce Barnett relax on the porch of the home in which Bruce's great-grandparents lived.