

## The Clayton Historical Society's (CHS) Museum's Educational Garden

### Museum Garden – Agricultural / Tractor Monument Build – August 10-11, 2019

By Steve Lane, CHS Museum Garden Chairman



Saturday, August 11, 2019 - ECV members who volunteered their weekend to build a new Agricultural History / Tractor Info Cobblestone Monument in the CHS Museum Educational Garden:  
(L-R): Jason Arthur, Ex Grand Noble Humbug (XNGH); Phil Good, XNGH; Tyson Freeman, XNGH; Travis Denten, XNGH; Ilias Pico; and Eric Sorensen, XNGH / All photos: Steve Lane

On Saturday, August 10th and Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> – (10) **E. Clampus Vitus (ECV)** members of local Chapter 13 ECV Joaquin Murrieta, based in Clayton – volunteered their weekend to construct a new, handsome, river cobblestone monument, proudly displaying (3) informational plaques: 1) Ranching and Farming History plaque, donated by the **Clayton Business and Community Association (CBCA)**; 2) 1937 McCormick-Deering steel-wheeled tractor information plaque, donated by the CBCA; and 3) “MONUMENT CONSTRUCTED BY E. CLAMPUS VITUS, CHAPTER 13 ECV, JOAQUIN MURRIETA” plaque.

Since late February of this year, I have been in contact with ECV member, **Tyson Freeman** about the possibility of ECV Chapter 13 constructing a stone monument (similar to those they have built at the Grove Park and at the Keller House), for the beautiful and informative “Ranching and Farming in Clayton...” and McCormick-Deering Tractor Information plaques that the CBCA had made in 2009, to accompany an informative agricultural equipment display in Clayton. The CBCA’s Tractor Committee Chairman (and former Clayton Mayor & CHS Board Member), **Pete Laurence**, oversaw the plaque’s wording and production in 2008-2009, and safe-guarded them for 9 years, hoping they would someday be on display – informing the public of Clayton’s Agricultural History.

In June, the CHS Board approved funding for a Monument Constructed by E. Clampus Vitus plaque. A month later, Tyson and I selected a date for construction that would work for his crew, and a few weeks later - a crew of (10) “Clampers” added another monument to their impressive list of historical monuments they’ve built. See **ECV Chapter 13’s website: [ecv13.org](http://ecv13.org)** for more info.



Eric Sorensen (L) and Jason Arthur (R) pour the first load of concrete for the monument base.



"Supervisor," Duncan Kibble, XNGH (L) and Eric Schrepel, XNGH pause for a photo break.



"One potato, two potatoes..." Clampers (L-R): Phil Good; Kevin Kevlar Larsen, Noble Grand Humbug; and Travis Denten pass river cobbles.



Ken Hanney (L) and Eric Sorensen working on the second course of blocks, with two more hours to go until quittin'/"Miller Time" at the Clayton Club.

**THANK YOU - E. CLAMPUS VITUS**  
 CHAPTER 13 ECV, JOAQUIN MURRIETTA  
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For constructing this new stone monument  
 in the Clayton Museum Educational Garden:

