

# San Lorenzo Valley Chamber announces community awards

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FELTON >> The San Lorenzo Valley Chamber of Commerce will present its 2014 Community Awards at a celebration dinner at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 14 at Oak Tree Ristorante, 5447 Highway 9, Felton.

The honorees are:

**Man of the Year Randall C. Brown:** A Boulder Creek resident, author and historian, Brown has written articles for the Santa Cruz History Journal, Good Times, and Base Ball, A Journal of the Early Game. He has made four DVDs – “Felton’s Progress,” “Who Invented Base Ball?” “When Redwoods Had Names” and “The Original Giants” and has posted videos about baseball history on [Vimeo](#). In 2011, he completed “The San Lorenzo Valley Water District – A History,” a book commissioned by the water district, and was elected a director of the water district in 2012.

**Woman of the Year Vicki Wees:** A Felton resident since 1973, Wees is a community improvement project leader and advocate. A real estate agent for 36 years, her hobbies are genealogy, local history and dreaming up and implementing ideas for community service in the valley. She launched and saw to fruition the restoration of the kiosk at the Covered Bridge Park in Felton, a welcome sign at the entrance to Felton Grove, and is currently working on efforts to beautify road medians in Felton. She is the curator of two local history blogs – [FeltonHomesandHistory.com](#) and [FeltonGrove.com](#).

**Business of the Year Roaring Camp Railroads:** Founders Norman and Georgiana Clark realized their dream of preserving a piece of early California by re-creating a 1880s mill town and began operating two railway lines through the Big Trees in 1963. Today their daughter, Melani Clark, serves as chief executive officer. The company takes passengers through old-growth redwood forests in the Santa Cruz Mountain and offers family entertainment year-round, historic re-enactments, heritage events and theme rides.

**Community Organization of the Year Mountain Community Theater:** Founded in 1982, Mountain Community Theater is Santa Cruz County’s longest continuously running community theater company. A member-run nonprofit, the organization encourages the artistic growth of aspiring thespians.

Tickets are \$50 in advance and are available to purchase on Eventbrite at <https://2014slvchambercommunityawards.eventbrite.com> and at [www.slvchamber.org](http://www.slvchamber.org).

## SLV Chamber Awards

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Where: Oak Tree Ristorante, 5447 Highway 9, Felton.

Cost: \$50 per person in advance

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