



The Pleasant Valley Historical Society was founded in 1964 by a group of dedicated volunteers. The Society opened its Museum on Las Posas Road in 1988, followed by the Charles L. Honn Botanical Garden (behind the Museum) and the Museum's Jack Fulker-son Research Library.

The Historical Society and its educational programs for youth and adults are supported by grants, member dues, and donations from the public.

The Pleasant Valley Historical Society has a rich tradition of annual events, including a Summer Speaker Series, Living History Day, and the traditional Don & Doña Barbe-cue, begun in 1965 and honoring members of local pioneer families and others who have made a difference in the community through their professional and volunteer efforts.

MUSEUM/GARDEN HOURS

Saturday and Sunday: Noon to 4 PM

Group visits by appointment

GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop is open during our normal Museum hours. It carries a variety of gift items and souvenirs for adults and children, including books on the history of Camarillo and the Pleasant Valley.



**Preserving
and Presenting
Local History**



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WELCOME!

The Pleasant Valley Historical Society Museum, together with the Jack Fulkerson Research



Library and the Charles L. Honn Botanical Garden, serve to share the rich and diverse history of the

people and culture of the Pleasant Valley area, including Somis, the Santa Rosa Valley, the Las Posas Valley and Camarillo.

While the historic eras of the area—Chumash, Spanish, Mexican, and American—affected the Pleasant Valley, our history begins with land grants



that established farms and cattle ranches.

Borchard, Camarillo, Cawelti, Daily, Flynn, and Lewis are some of the names of local ranchers that produced important crops such as lima beans and sugar beets. The origi-

nal town of Springville developed as a stopping place for watering oxen. Thriving towns developed when the Southern Pacific Railroad built depots in Somis and Camarillo in the early 1900's.



FULKERSON LIBRARY

The Jack Fulkerson Research Library with the



museum's historic maps and archives is a major resource for information about the history of Pleasant Valley. A growing

collection containing hundreds of digital photos is available to view or copy. As a founding member of PVHS and a valuable personal resource, the Library was named in honor of Jack Fulkerson of Somis.



CHARLES L. HONN BOTANICAL GARDEN

Named after the late Charles L. Honn, long-time Superintendent of the Pleasant Valley School District and a founding member of the Society, the Botanical Garden offers visitors a beautiful stroll through plants native to the Pleasant Valley area. Be sure to linger a while in the old-fashioned, Amish-style Gazebo, or relax on a bench while enjoying the fragrance and beauty of this living collection.

The Garden contains many identified plant specimens. It is also an important refuge for wild bees and butterflies, and is an official study site for UC Berkeley's native bee survey of urban gardens..

The Botanical Garden and Gazebo are available for parties, meetings, receptions and special events (please contact us for details).

MEMBERSHIP



When you join the Pleasant Valley Historical Society, you'll enjoy many benefits, including the knowledge that you are helping to preserve the rich history of our area through educational and cultural events. As a member, you will also receive a subscription to our newsletter, *The Echo*, plus access to the Museum, Botanical Garden, and Gazebo. You may also have an opportunity to participate in our Docent and Volunteer programs if you desire.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Individual.....	\$25
Supporter.....	\$40
Patron.....	\$100
Corporate.....	\$150
Benefactor.....	\$250
Lifetime Member.....	\$500

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