

The Echo

News from the Pleasant Valley Historical Society

2018 Dons and Doñas Selected

It is with pleasure that the Pleasant Valley Historical Society announces this year's Dons and Doñas. They are following in a tradition that dates back 53 years when the first men and women were chosen for this unique honor. The criteria for selection include outstanding service to the community and residency that exceeds 20 years in Camarillo and its environs. This year's honorees more than fulfill these requirements. They are:

PATRICIA CRAIG

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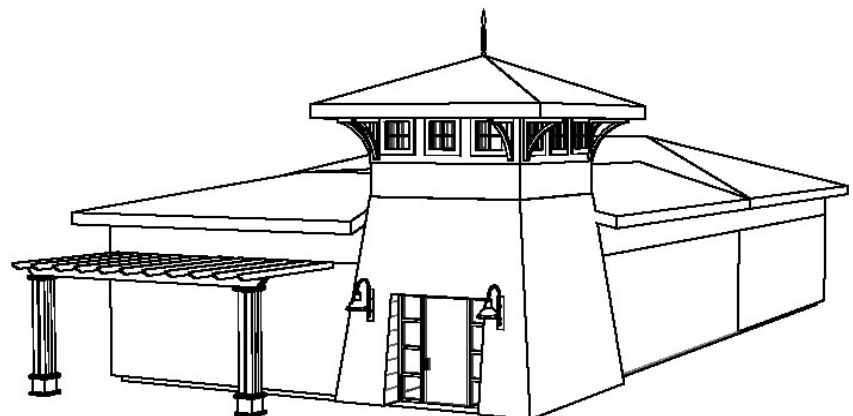
JOYCE RESNIK

VALERIE TACKETT

They will be introduced to the community on *Saturday, August 18*, at a barbeque and Silent Auction which will be held again this year at the Camarillo Community Center. The Santa Maria barbeque-style meal will be catered by Bruce Jochums and will include tri-tip and chicken, beans, salad, garlic bread and dessert. Beverages of your choice will also be included in the price of a ticket. This is one of the most eagerly anticipated events in town; the honorees are well chosen; the food is excellent; the beverages flow freely and a good time is had by all.

We cordially invite you to join the honorees, their families and friends at this gala event. Tickets are \$75 for adults, \$15 for children under 12. Paid reservations are available by mail to PVHS, P.O. Box 570, Camarillo, CA. Tickets will be held for you at the door. For more information or charge by credit card, call Bob Rust at 479-5206. Doors open at 1 p.m. for a social hour, the honorees will be introduced at 2 p.m., meal service follows.

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about our plans for
the future!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We continue to have a strong organization and a popular Museum and Botanical Garden. The Museum offers the public a great way to learn about what it was like to live here "back in the day," when the area was homesteaded and this was a small rural community. The Botanical Garden has developed a focus on native bee and butterfly habitat and provides ongoing educational events for the community. Our current membership is 417 and we are mailing this newsletter to 675 people. If you are not currently a member, please consider joining.

Major maintenance was needed in the Garden this past year. With a grant from the Meadowlarks, we were able to remove three large dead trees. We used a grant from the City to build a presentation platform for the Chumash stone artifacts.

The Stan Daily Scholarship is well established now, encouraging high school students to do historical research. This year, we received so many good essays that we decided to give four awards. They are: Luke Vankeersbilck, ACHS; Rachael Ryan, ACHS; Lily Erickson, Rio Mesa and Madeline Kildee, Newbury Park

Two college interns and two high school students have been working with us in the Museum, and we initiated a relationship with the History Department at Cal Lutheran University. We are making significant progress in archiving, curating, and restoring our artifacts, exhibits and maps. Thanks to Joy Todd for her initiative and passion in doing this important work.

Based on the assurance provided with our new 25-year lease, we have decided to enlarge the Museum. We have engaged the architectural firm of Lauterbach and Associates to design the building expansion, and we have established planning and fundraising committees to move ahead with the project. We began the permitting process with the City and the design plans were displayed at our recent Annual Meeting.

We are excited about the prospect of building on to the Museum, expanding our footprint, adding another 1400 sq. feet of floor space, and giving the building the appearance of a traditional craftsman-style home. This expansion is a big step for us and it will produce significant benefits in terms of our image and capabilities, help meet the needs of an expanding organization, and allow us to show and tell more about the rich heritage of Pleasant Valley.

I see a day in the near future when the Museum building is easily recognized, has a large exhibit room with a sequence of updated displays and a dedicated room for the Fulkerson Library, and draws in many people to experience what it was like to live here in the early days.

Please consider making a special donation to the Museum Expansion Project. A special envelope is enclosed. Thank you for your continuing support.

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2018 Museum Expansion Fundraising Campaign

After decades of effort, we now have a long-term lease from the city, so we are finally able to kick off our “31-years-in-planning” Museum Expansion Fundraising Campaign! We plan to build additional space and really create a museum edifice we can be proud of!

The expansion project will consist of remodeling the existing building, adding approximately 1,400 sq. ft. of new building, and making improvements to the parking lot. The new building will add much needed display and storage space, plus a dedicated accession and restoration area.

Our goal is to raise **\$800,000** to plan, modify, and build this glorious new museum.

We are actively pursuing grants from the State of California and local foundations. We have submitted our preliminary expansion plans, completed by our chosen architects, Lauterbach & Associates, to the Camarillo City Planning Dept. for their review and approval, and plan to have a 3-D Model of the expansion available for viewing this summer.

At the same time, we are redesigning our Website. The exciting new Website will include a way to pay membership dues, donations and pledges; view our calendar of upcoming events; information on new displays; information on artifacts; the Jack Fulkerson Library; our collections of photographs, clippings and maps; and articles and general information regarding the rich history of the Pleasant Valley community. And of course, continuing news on the expansion!

So, there you have it. **We need your help!** Please consider a generous donation to help the PV Historical Society to realize a 54 year dream: a true Pleasant Valley Historical Society Museum that everyone in the city will be proud (and aware!) of.

Thank you!

****Credit Card Donations can be made by calling Bob Rust at: 805-479-5206****

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE MUSEUM

Chrys Fowler, a Hollywood dress designer, left us a collection of her original designs and some hand-sewn designs. An original suit hangs on a mannequin as well as other accessories with this display. Check out the two unique rhinestone pins from Tweedy Rouse. Another interesting display emphasizes some early sewing tools and patterns. Letty Chaffee donated a beautiful 1887 Packard Organ Company pump organ in the Eastlake/Queen Anne style.



Intern, Elizabeth Burton, is pictured as she painstakingly reassembles the taxidermy display of native birds after they have been cleansed of a carpet beetle infestation.

LIVING HISTORY DAY 2018



Panning for "gold"

On Sunday, May 20, the PVHS Museum and Garden once again was overflowing with workers and visitors with 24 stations manned by 48 helpers, demonstrating and teaching children (and even some grownups) of the community how their Grandparents and Great Grandparents lived when they were children. The workers were rewarded many times over when they saw the smiles on the faces of the children, as they held the various toys that they had made or the gold which they had found at the mine.

The children had much to say and many questions to ask about churning butter, fashioning dolls using a clothes pin, making a button and string toy, and creating a night cap. Visitors comments were a positive "Thank You" to PVHS for doing "Living History Day" each year and giving the children a fun, hands on experience.

We missed a number of our past workers and hope that they will again join us in future years. We were glad that we were able to get a number of new people to help and they did an outstanding job in their first effort. We had some volunteers from the Amber Light Lion's Club joining us for the first time. We appreciated their help and will invite them back again. We want to especially thank the "Ventura County Hand Weavers and Spinners Guild" and the "Camarillo Quilters" who have participated in our event for many years and continue to do so. The children are always fascinated watching them do the quilting, weaving and spinning.

We are always looking for new suggestions to offer the children and new people to help put on the event and putting the craft kits together before the event. If you would like to help in either one of these areas please contact Liz Daily, Joy Todd or Pat Roth (1-805-482-3660).



IN MEMORY

John Cabrera, 91, stands beside a garden tree recently dedicated to his sister, Nancy Cabrera. She was born in 1935 and died 6 months later on the museum property where they had a home.

MEMORIALS

Donations in memory of **Rosemary Carson** were made by Marion Ward, Karin Farin, Rita Faulders and the Camarillo Antiques Club

Fred Phipps and Cathy Trainer gave in memory of **Bob McDonnough, Galena White** and **Dee Curtis**

BEQUEST

A generous bequest was made by the **Barbara Fulkerson Estate**

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The following people and organizations have made welcome donations to the Building Fund

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SUMMER EVENTS

SPEAKERS SERIES

We are already well into the 2018 series of events at the museum. Yet, there is more to come! So, make sure you have your schedule up to date so that you don't miss out on any of the activities throughout the summer of 2018.

On June 28th at 6:30 p.m., we will welcome John Nichols from the Santa Paula Historical Society who will speak about the St. Francis Dam failure that took place 90 years ago. The devastating event will be remembered by our speaker who has authored a book about the disaster. John is very informed about the subject.

On July 15th the annual Bees and Butterflies Day will return to the garden. This has been well received and is an opportunity to learn more about our insect friends who inhabit our garden area. (See below)

September includes the remaining two Speaker Series events for the year. On September 6th at 6:30 p.m., Conductor Curt from the Santa Susana Train Depot will talk about the history of trains in the area as well as discussing their depot museum.

On September 23rd at 2 p.m., an afternoon program will close things out with Bob Koster speaking about some Hollywood history and a connection of Hollywood with Camarillo. I have heard him speak at CSUCI at the OSHER Lifelong Learning Center and know that his presentation will be quite interesting.

Thanks as always for joining these events. I know that the topics are a good draw, but don't forget that we usually also have some great desserts. Lastly, if you have any suggestions for speakers, let us know since that is usually the best way to make these happen.

BEE AND BUTTERFLY DAY

The Pleasant Valley Historical Society Garden is happy to invite you to our annual celebration of Native Bees and Butterflies. Our speaker on Native Bees (and pollinators of all kinds) is biologist Michael Glenn from the Ventura County Office of the US Fish and Wildlife Service. He will tell how to provide for them in our home gardens and how to protect them. He is a specialist in planting California native plants in urban and school gardens to enhance the attraction of pollinators and to offer sources of nutrition for many pollinators under stress from habitat loss.

Michael leads the US Fish and Wildlife Schoolyard Habitat Program in Ventura County. He was nominated by the service for the regional Rachel Carson award, "Sense of Wonder", for his work with children, inspiring their interest in the natural world. We are very pleased to present Michael as one of our inspirational speakers.

Our second presenter will be familiar to you if you have attended previous events. Lynne Godin and Rick Krause will describe their years of work with Monarch Butterflies. Lynne always thrills the child in us all by releasing Butterflies. She shows the life cycle of the Monarch with living examples of caterpillar to chrysalis to butterfly. Our event is from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Charles Honn Botanical Garden and is, as always, free to all. Bring your children, and your inner child.

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Pizza Night!
Family Fundraiser



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385•4444 or 495•4444

When: Tuesday, September 4, 2018
3:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

What: Toppers Pizza will donate back 20% of pre-tax sales generated by our group!

How to Help: Just follow these steps to help raise funds!
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2) Show this flyer to the cashier **when you place your order** (or tell operator for phone orders).
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The mission of the Pleasant Valley Historical Society and Garden is to acquire, identify, restore and preserve artifacts, documents and photographs related to the Pleasant Valley community; to make the museum and garden a focal point for the dissemination of local history and the education of the general public, and to recognize local residents who have provided outstanding service to the Pleasant Valley community.

PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

Bee and Butterfly Day on July 15

Dine Out at Sharky's on August 7

Don and Doña Barbeque on August 18

Dine Out at Toppers on September 4



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