

The Echo

News from the Pleasant Valley Historical Society

There is Something New in Our Garden



The Charles Honn Botanical Garden features a new “Barn Display” room

This 20' x 6' enclosed barn displays mostly farm, home and garden tools of the area. A turn-of-the century forge is there along with billows, tongs, and the like. Small plows, scales, local orange crates, and more that we have not had room to share will now be seen and protected. We are able to display our saddles and horse tack.

An interesting addition is three whimsical concrete sculptures donated by Barbara Liss. “Hanging” is the iron 1898 *Ventura County Board of Supervisors* Santa Clara River bridge monument that weighs over 90 pounds. Michael Flynn (Grandfather of Adele Stuebing-Walsh) was a County Supervisor at that time. At one time, he owned the land on which the PVHS museum is located.

The room has four 4' x 4' tempered glass windows for viewing the items that will have large readable descriptions. There is room for items on the floor, on shelves and hung on the walls.

A \$2,200 grant from the City of Camarillo paid for most of it, with donations from members picking up the rest. The glass windows were donated and installed by Callender's House of Glass, courtesy of Wayne Brueckner. It took a village of PVHS amateur volunteers six weeks to build it! Huge thanks to Bill Todd, Greg Farrin, Dave Hibbits, and Pete Frey. Diane Ellias suggested the paint colors and applied all of the antique glazing. Bob Fierro and Andy Bratz offered advice. And condolences to Dave Bratz who broke his hip on one of the first days of construction! Along with his encouraging words for our progress, his truckload of tools was used throughout the project.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HELP!

It was an exciting evening January 21, 2020 when members and friends of PVHS met with the Planning Commission in the City Council chambers. At that time PVHS received a Conditional Use Permit to allow us to go forward with our planned expansion. There were cheers as the approval was given. Even the Planning Commission expressed their enthusiasm for PVHS and its expansion. I hope you all saw the publicity in *the Acorn* and *VC Star*.

This issue of the *Echo* has a list of last year's donors to the building fund. These generous gifts have provided the approximately \$80,000 that it has cost to get us to this point. We will be including donor names in each *Echo* as well as having a donor wall at the entrance to the new museum. The past two months have seen the formal formation of our fundraising plans.

I encourage you to read the information from the Planning Committee. Bob Burrow and Bob Fierro are amazing men who have brought priceless experience and tact to our program. We would not be where we are without them.

We are asking for your help with our ongoing costs. You will be hearing a lot about "The Building Fund" and we hope you will continue to support our adventure and your museum.

Joy Todd

PVHS Expansion Planning

With the recent approval of the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) by the City for the expansion project, it is now time to move to the next steps. Bob Fierro is working with the architect to develop the construction documents to accomplish the next phase—advancing the planning drawings into the architectural, structural, mechanical, plumbing and civil engineering drawings. Then we submit the plans for review by the City and other agencies to be able to receive the building permit to allow for construction. These plans will also require decisions as to construction materials and specifications.

We are working on the plan to keep parts of the museum open for docent work, visitors, and storage. Already, Bob Fierro is working with the City to solve the water hook-up to allow for the required fire sprinkler water flow to the museum. The fundraising committee is initiating the program to solicit the funding necessary to support the project for the costs ahead.

The PVHS membership will be kept informed as to the process. If you have any questions at any time, feel free to send an email or make a call to a Board Member. In the meantime, thank you for your continued support and excitement for our expansion and the future of PVHS.

Stan Daily Scholarship

The *Stan Daily Scholarship* is offered to students living in the Pleasant Valley area, including Camarillo, Somis and the Santa Rosa Valley. An award of \$1,000 may be given to the graduating senior who produces the best piece of original research (750 words) related to the history of the Pleasant Valley area.

Past essays have been about local people, places and events. The deadline for applications is **April 30, 2020**. Three (3) copies of the completed work should be mailed to P.O. Box 570, Camarillo, 93011.

What's Happening In The Museum?

***The Echo* by e-mail. Interested?**

If you are a person who likes to read on line, you might be interested in receiving our quarterly, *the Echo*, in your e-mail instead of through snail mail. Featured colored pictures will shine. If so, send an email to: pvhs@pvhsonline.org. Include your membership name, street address, and the e-mail address to which you would like *the Echo* sent. We will still keep your address on file for other possible correspondence.

Memberships

Membership forms can be found on our website: pvhsonline.org. See home page (the logo icon) then scroll down.

Our membership dues are always a calendar year renewal—January through December. (For example, if you joined in the month of August, your dues would be valid through December of that first year, and then the following year be due in January to get in sync.)

Thanks to those of you who sent in your dues during the first two months of 2020. We depend on renewals for our tight operating budget.

Docents Always Needed

The best way to learn about the many historical items on display is by becoming a docent for the museum. Training is provided including shadowing a current docent for a few times, or until you feel comfortable. There is no book or memorization, no costumes, no age requirement, no mandated hours of service. We will accommodate your availability for assignment. Notes are available to assist your memory.

The times are regular open hours, 12-4, on Saturday or Sunday. You can share or split the time, or take the whole shift. It is easier than you thought! The rewards of sharing information about Pleasant Valley are exciting to both visitor and docent. Long-time residents remark, "I never knew that!" What do YOU know about Springville?

Living History Day-- Canceled

It is with deepest regrets that the Living History committee has decided to cancel this years program due to the COVID-19 outbreak. We look forward to offering it again in 2021.

Annual Meeting

Sunday June 7, 2020 at 2 pm will be the Annual Meeting. We will have an update on the expansion status and plans. We have been working hard over the past year to get the grounds and museum ready for lots of changes. You can see first- hand the "barn" featured in the Echo.

Please come and share our progress. We are grateful for your ongoing interest and support.

What is history?

Current museum displays feature some of the things that are gone—Adohr Dairy, Chase Brothers Dairy and 3M. The first City Council was 1964. Camarillo was the lima bean capital of the world. Fordhook lima beans! Movies, music, Woodstock and national news of the time. We went to the moon in 1969.

Don and Doña Nomination and Selection

Since the Pleasant Valley Historical Society's inception in 1964, Don and Doña honors have been awarded to almost 500 individuals over the intervening years. The PVHS Museum displays five scrapbooks filled with information about previous honorees. The museum, located at 720 Las Posas Road, is open on Saturdays and Sundays from noon to four p.m.

We invite you to submit nominations for the 2020 Dons and Doñas. Nominations will be accepted until May 22. Following that date, the Don and Doña Selection Committee will meet to consider all nominations. As stated in the Nomination Form (on facing page), all nominations are confidential and only known to the committee. The committee determines who will be selected and those selected are notified. The PVHS Board hosts a get acquainted reception for the nominees and the Board in July.

The annual Don and Doña BBQ to honor the recipients will be held on August 22 at the Community Center. We look forward to receiving your nominations.

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NOMINATION FORM

Selection of 2020 DONS & DOÑAS

Persons being nominated for a Don or Doña shall be:

An individual who has lived in the Camarillo, Somis or Santa Rosa Valley area for at least twenty years, and has provided outstanding community service for a minimum of ten years within these areas, and/or to the Pleasant Valley Historical Society during that time.

Nominee's Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

_____ Email: _____

The names submitted consideration shall be kept CONFIDENTIAL and shall only be made known to the Dons and Doña Selection Committee.

History of Nominee's Service:

Please attach additional page(s) if more space is required.

Submitted by: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Completed Nomination Form must be mailed with a post mark date no later than May 22, 2020.
Send to: PVHS Dons and Doñas Selection Committee, P. O. Box 570, Camarillo, CA 93011

MEMORIALS

Donations were made by Fred Phipps and Cathy Trainer in memory of **Jackie Decker, Arlene Hampton, Bob Hernandez, Ruth McCarty, Grace McHarg, Rosie Nolan, Pat Rush**

The following people made donations in memory of **Robert “Bob” Hernandez**: Willaine and Mike Conroy, Paul and Loretta Hawblitzel, Neale and Sue McNutt, Jerry and Abbie Pizzo, Shirley Randall, Debbie Thiessen, Adele Stuebing Walsh, Karen, Steve and Kelly White, Pat Wise and family, the firm of Lowthorp Richards

Bill and Joy Todd contributed in memory of **Evelyn Chunn**

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FOUR GENERATIONS—The Fulkersons have done it again, another milestone for a founding family. Kyle Fulkerson has taken over Fulkerson Hardware in Somis from his father, Bob Fulkerson. The family has been the center of the Somis community for over 100 years. The passing of the wrench is noteworthy for Somis and the Pleasant Valley. Congratulations, Kyle, good for you! To Bob, he will still be on the Somis School Board, and we are sure his retirement time will be well spent.

PLEASANT VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM

Invites you to

DINE OUT on Tuesday, April 7 at



1701 Daily Dr. from 11 am to 9 pm

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Standing Committees for 2019-2020

Finance: Bob Rust; Museum Operations: Bill Todd; Events: Joy Todd; Garden; Betty Jo MacDonald; Facilities: Bob Burrow; Communication: Max Copenhagen.

Thank you for supporting our Dine Out events. Funds generated help us keep the lights on at the Museum, maintain the garden and print and mail this newsletter

THE PLEASANT VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM

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67 Daily Dr., Camarillo

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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.

THINGS TO DO IN COMING MONTHS

Annual Meeting on June 7

Dine Outs at Presto Pasta,

Adolfo Grill and Sharkeys

Don and Doña Barbeque on August 22

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