



The Echo

News from the Pleasant Valley Historical Society

READY, SET, BUILD!!

The new year brings optimism and opportunity. We are now at a point where we look forward to beginning the construction of the Museum Expansion project. After the idea was a vision for several years and after recent years of planning, design and pursuit, we are very near completing the plan check process to secure building permits for the project.

There are still certain logistical details to work out. The first one that the Board will review in January is the temporary closing of the museum to allow for the removal of the collections so that the existing carpeting can be removed in order to abate certain potentially hazardous materials embedded in the subsurface. Once that is cleared, we are looking at getting a grading permit to prepare the soils for the foundation work. After the soils work has been cleared, a building permit would then be available.

To mark the beginning of the construction, we will be scheduling a ground breaking ceremony. Stay tuned, we are looking at the beginning of Spring for that event. Check the PVHS Museum Website (www.pvhsonline.org) for updates on the ground breaking ceremony date. In the meantime, we will continue our efforts to make this happen!

We also want to highlight our fundraising efforts. Currently we have been successful in our donation process and our prudent expenditures to operate the museum and grounds. Please continue with your generous support.

We have continued with our BBQ's thanks to Bruce Jochums and his Lions Club crew. Our brick fundraising program, "Be a Part of History," is ongoing in which you are encouraged to participate. As always, we appreciate the support of the community. We will be expanding that in the near future with sponsorship opportunities.

We remain excited for this and appreciate all of your input and support as we progress.

This is the Year to Show Support

Enclosed in this issue of *the Echo* is an opportunity—the membership envelope—for you to identify with the only museum in Camarillo that focuses on the entire Pleasant Valley's historical past, and growing for the future! We WILL be breaking ground soon, after 3 years of planning and meeting City requirements.

Whether you are joining for the first time, or renewing your long-standing support, the acknowledgement of PVHS's presence is what counts. Our operating budget is small--no paid employees—so the money generated is necessary for preservation supplies for our vast collections of pictures, paper articles, and artifacts typical of PVHS residents, utilities, and the maintenance of our beautiful Charles Honn Botanical Garden. Use of the Amish Gazebo for small events is a privilege of membership.

Please show your annual support by using the envelope to indicate your 2022 calendar year membership level, starting at only the cost of a lunch, \$25! You can also go online to our website, www.pvhsonline.org, push the MEMBERSHIP button, and make your choice. Thank you!

President's Message

Before we look toward the New Year, I wanted to reflect on this past year, 2021.

This past year we were able to accomplish many tasks while complying with the issues at hand. The museum remained open most of the year and was a respite for many folks looking to get out and about without the crowds. We saw visitors from Santa Barbara to the north and Santa Clarita to the east as well as many residents from Camarillo. They all were impressed with the great exhibits on hand. Thanks to the Accessions Team for their continued great work.

The Kitchen Back Porch was completed thanks to a grant from the Meadowlark Service League. The beautiful mural by Diane Ellias on one recently completed storage building is also a welcome addition. Having exhibits merge with the Garden has brought a bit of history into our wonderful garden.

The other major accomplishment has been the ongoing work toward the Museum Expansion. We are getting very close to its next phase. See more about this in this edition of the ECHO.

While we were not able to have some of our traditional events, we have increased our presence within the community. This fall we hosted four Jr. High Classes over a two week period, one class at a time, from a local school, CAPE. Working with the teachers, we presented programs that complemented the curriculum for each of the classes. The classes were split in half, each visiting the garden and the museum. It was a very successful program and we look forward to repeating it next year.

Finally, we were able to have our annual Dons and Doñas BBQ after having to postpone this for a year. It was one of the largest events we have had yet. This is a tribute to the community and an opportunity to continue to share the importance of what we do on a daily basis.

Thanks to all of all volunteers, PVHS members, Board members and the community who support us. We couldn't do this without your support.

PVHS Museum Fundraising Events

February 1st for Sharky's and March 1st for Bruce's BBQ, are two Tuesdays to add to your calendar.

 <p>JOIN US FOR A <i>Fin-Tastic</i> FUNDRAISER</p> <p>Enjoy Fin-tastic food & help raise money \$\$ for our cause. Bring or show this flyer and 20% Net Sales will benefit:</p> <p>Pleasant Valley Historical Society</p> <p>SAVE THE DATE</p> <p>Feb. 1st (Tuesday) 11:00 am – 8:00 pm Sharky's Camarillo: 805.322.1441 Patio dining, Take Out, Phone Orders Order Online & pick up at restaurant Order Online for curbside pickup Enter fundraiser name at checkout for online orders: PV Historical Society Please Wear a Face Mask & Respect Social Distancing Guidelines</p> <p><i>Thank you! We look forward to seeing you.</i></p> <p>NOTE! Please remember to present this flyer when ordering or picking up your phone-ahead order. If your smartphone or tablet device can open this document, you can present it without printing it out.</p> <p>WWW.SHARKYS.COM</p> <small>Not valid with any other discounts or offers. Valid on the date and location listed above. Valid for dine-in or take-out. Manager, please attach flyer to guest check. Event proceeds void if flyers are distributed in or near the restaurant.</small>	<p>Support PV HISTORICAL SOCIETY with a great meal!</p> <h2>Bruce's BBQ Pick-up</h2> <div data-bbox="760 1318 1419 1549"><p>\$15</p><p>Tri-tip & Chicken, salad, vegetarian beans, bread</p></div> <p>March 1st, 2022 (Tuesday)</p> <p>RESERVE by the previous FRIDAY (February 25th) Leave message with NAME and NUMBER of meals at 805-482-3660 or email: pvhs@pvhsonline.org</p> <p>PICK-UP 5 pm to 6 pm at Camarillo Christian Church, 1777 ARNEILL ROAD (corner of Las Posas)</p> <p>PAY at pick-up time with CASH, or CHECK made to PVHS, or PayPal at www.pvhsonline.org. Click BBQ</p>
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Scholle Farmhouse Update

Dennis Hardgrave, Project Planner for the owners of the farmhouse property at the corner of Ponderosa Drive and Springville Drive, provided this information:

“The Scholle House has been remediated for lead paint and asbestos, per state requirements. The next stage will be for the house movers to come pick up the house and move it several hundred feet to a temporary area onsite while the grading work begins. Hopefully during Fall 2022 the house will be set on a new, permanent foundation within the new residential neighborhood. After that, the final exterior restoration and some interior work can begin.”



Hellen & Bob Scholle on the steps of the house.



Deteriorating condition

Charles M. Simmons homesteaded the 153+ acres in 1874. Subsequently it was sold to Moritz Reiman, and then purchased by Edward Scholle, Sr. [1865-1950] in 1895 who built the 42' x 45' house. Edward Scholle, Jr. [1900-1960] lived on the ranch his whole life.

Sharing Camarillo Life

Presently, we have over 5K pictures in our public-accessible computer in the museum that show historical Camarillo—1900 on, including pictures of many early families. We are always appreciative of additional photos from families that lived in Camarillo prior to 1964. They need to be identified where they were taken and who appears in the pictures. They can be brought to the museum and we will scan them to be sorted and included in the files, then returned to you.

We also have a collection of yearbooks from ACHS and Rio Mesa, but are missing quite a few years. Visitors love to look through them and finding themselves declare, “Look at my HAIR!”

If you want to donate a yearbook, we are missing ACHS for the years 1983-current. Rio Mesa needs the years: '74, '78, '83-86, '88, '91-2, '94-97, and 2013-present. Early yearbooks from Oxnard HS before ACHS was built are also in the collection.



Dr. William Eckel Hall

You have probably driven by this beautiful historic building many times without knowing its story. Presently owned by Camarillo Church of the Nazarene at 2280 Antonio [corner of Los Posas], it sits on land which was originally 122.26 acres homesteaded in 1896 by Henry M. Stiles. Son, Milton P. Stiles [1888-1961], enlarged it to 160-acre ranch of walnut and citrus trees. Son, Wilbur H. Stiles [1887-1921] built a one-story ranch house in 1910.

After Wilbur died tragically by suicide, his widow, Haley Evans Stiles [1889-1957], married Charles Abram Pope [1887-1943]. They replaced the 1910 home with this present building in 1926, of Spanish Colonial Revival style. Interestingly, although the former house was only sixteen years old, it was torn down, and the new house was built on the same footprint, using the same foundation supports! Speculation has it that Haley was “troubled,” and wanted her former house torn down to erase the memories. Wilbur and Haley had two children at the time of his death--a son, 9, and a daughter, 6. The ranch was known for years as the Pope Ranch.

The architects of the present 1926 home, Roland F. Sauter and Keith Lockard, were prominent architects who designed many notable buildings in the area, including the 1st Presbyterian Church in Santa Barbara in 1919, and the Santa Barbara City Hall in 1922. The interior of this home displays recently uncovered and restored beautiful red oak floors with walnut trim throughout both stories. The iron stair railings and window bars were custom designed. Unusual for the time, the home had 4 bathrooms, a large living room, an even larger library, kitchen, dining room, and 5 bedrooms. The multiple large windows in each of the large rooms now make the house feel bright and airy, although a woman who babysat at the time relates that Haley had multiple dark curtains installed. The church possesses the original blueprints of both houses which we were able to view.

Probably the most beautiful feature of the house is the fireplace tile work by the renowned tile-maker, Ernest A. Batchelder [1875-1957]. He was a Pasadena based Mayan and Art Deco arts and crafts master. Not one, but two 8’10” x 5’ fireplaces are in pristine condition depicting Mayan designs and whimsical children’s toys and castles. There is also an arched mirror frame of Batchelder tiles.

Dr. William Eckel was a missionary to Japan for fifty years, then the pastor of Camarillo Church of the Nazarene from 1965-1968. Honoring his retirement from the mission field and ministry service, the building was named Eckel Hall. The building has gone through many uses. Originally the Baptist Church bought the home and used it for its meetings until the adjacent church was built in 1964. When the Baptists built their church on Temple Avenue in 1968, the Nazarene Church of Camarillo acquired the buildings. Presently it is used as offices, meeting rooms, and a nursery.



MEMORIALS

*Fred Phipps & Cathy Trainer donated in memory of:
Dona Bailey, Jack Carlson, Carol Hoover, Leslie Maulhardt, Barbara Moreno
Pat Schumacher, Jack Sherman, Daryl Smith, Jim Vargeson, Rose Wisuri*

*Donations in memory of Mary Little were made by:
Robert & Charlene Scudder and Fred Phipps & Cathy Trainer*

Donation in memory of Charles Honn was made by Rich Honn

HONORARIUMS

Mimi & Danielle Timrott donated in honor of Joy & Bill Todd

*Betty Jo McDonald donated honoring the women who created programs for the Garden:
Liz Daily, Marie Jasina, Carol Johnson, Cherie Mansfield, Betty Jo McDonald, Pat Roth*

DONATIONS

Donations received this quarter only

<i>Helen Andrews</i>	<i>Anonymous</i>	<i>AAUW-Camarillo Branch</i>	<i>Gordon Almquist</i>
<i>Richard Baker</i>	<i>Noella Belvedere</i>	<i>Marian Brown</i>	<i>Sol Chooljian</i>
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<i>Edy & Sal Santangelo</i>	<i>Jerry Scott</i>	<i>Holly Simmons</i>	<i>Gerald Smith</i>
<i>Somis Thursday Club</i>	<i>Carol Spracklen</i>	<i>Matt Tackett</i>	<i>Beverly Taylor</i>
<i>Cathy Trainer</i>	<i>Tony Trembley</i>	<i>Noel Van Slyke</i>	<i>Michael Williams</i>
	<i>Carol Yung</i>	<i>Zwinkels Family</i>	

USED ART FRAMES & ART “SALE” - donations will support building fund:
SATURDAY, JANUARY 15th, 10:00AM - 4:00PM at Museum 720 Las Posas.

ACCESSIONS

The family of a former employee at the Camarillo State Hospital recently gave a 1953 The California Society of Psychiatric Technicians Text. This was a training manual for new employees. The text is fascinating for its time and practices as we reflect on today’s methods. The first two pages are handwritten analysis of each of the wards, no names, just behaviors.

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Finance: Bob Rust	Museum Operations: Greg Farrin
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Museum Expansion Fundraising: Sponsoring a Personalized Brick

The Personalized Brick Fundraising Campaign is doing its part in the Museum Expansion Fundraising program. Since the Personalized Brick Campaign launch in July of 2021, and running through December of 2021, a total of 51 Bricks have already been ordered. The popularity of the Personalized Bricks will continue to escalate with the Expansion Building Groundbreaking Event in 2022, and popularity will continue through the construction project. Sponsoring a Personalized Brick today will ensure delivery with the first batch of bricks to be delivered, and secure an early prime location for the displaying of your brick.

Sponsoring a personalized brick, a 4” x 8” brick which will be located and displayed at the PVHS Museum outdoor location, is more than a \$200 donation to the PVHS Museum Expansion fund:

- 1) A brick can be personalized with your name, and/or your family’s name, allowing you to be part of the PVHS Museum history.
- 2) Or, a brick can be personalized to honor anyone, or anything, you want to be remembered.

The form to reserve and sponsor a personalized brick is displayed on the following page (page 7).



PLEASANT VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MUSEUM EXPANSION



"Be a Part of History"

Reserve a place in PVHS Museum history by sponsoring a personalized brick.

You may sponsor a brick in your name, or to honor anyone/anything you want to be remembered.

PLEASE PRINT, maximum 16 spaces per line, including blank spaces and punctuation. All inscriptions will be centered and capitalized. Filler in the engraved area will provide a permanent contrast and protect the quality of the engraving.

Enclosed is my \$200.00 contribution for a 4" x 8" paver with up to three lines of text.

Make checks payable to *Pleasant Valley Historical Society*; or to use PayPal, please visit our website at pvhsonline.org and use the DONATE button at the top of the webpage.

Your Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Please mail this completed form to: PVHS
PO Box 570
Camarillo, CA 93011-0570

NEWS FROM THE
PLEASANT
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HISTORICAL
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January 2022 (Winter)

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 education of the general public, and to recognize local residents who have provided outstanding service to the Pleasant Valley community.

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