



The

Echo

Announcing 2023 Dons and Doñas

Each year the Pleasant Valley Historical Society recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the community. Once again, nominations were received and reviewed to determine this year's group of worthy recipients. The individuals selected for 2023 include a wide range of service to the community to make the Pleasant Valley area even a more special place. PVHS congratulates the following:

Carl Anderson Phyllis Anderson Joni Berger Lloyd Christie, D.V.M.
Greg Farrin Karin Farrin Allen Grizzard-Paul Mary Grizzard-Paul
Charles Spence Jo Spence Tony Trembley Russ White

Each of the members of the 2023 class of Dons and Doñas will be invited to a reception in July to meet one another and hear more about the Pleasant Valley Historical Society. The individuals will be recognized at the annual Dons and Doñas BBQ on September 16th at the PVRPD Community Center. Make your plans now to join us at the BBQ event to take part in the celebration. Formal invitations will be sent out in August, or reservations may be obtained at: www.pvhsonline.org.

PVHS Expansion Project Update

The golden shovels were a great start to move the ground for the long-hoped museum expansion. However, they have been replaced with real equipment including excavators, trucks and workers. With the culmination of the rainy season, the green light was given for the soil beneath the expansion to be removed and replaced with compacted soil to support the new floor. The good news is that nothing below the area was found and that the approval of the new pad allows for the building permit to be issued.

In addition to the work out behind the museum, the front of the building is under a demolition process. That work allows for the structural upgrades and the new façade. The entry tower feature will provide for greater recognition for the motoring public along Las Posas Road.

This is only the beginning and begins to announce the anticipation and excitement for this project to better serve the Pleasant Valley community. Let's keep the excitement going! Help us with the work and funding for the next phases of the project. Check out the videos on the PVHS website which shows the project in greater detail. And tell your friends about the opportunities for their help with this project as well.

Check out the great photos of the work in this edition of the ECHO. And stay tuned. We will keep you informed as we move forward with the foundation work needed before the framing work to create the building shell. The expansion project update photos are shown on Pages 2 and 3.

President's Message

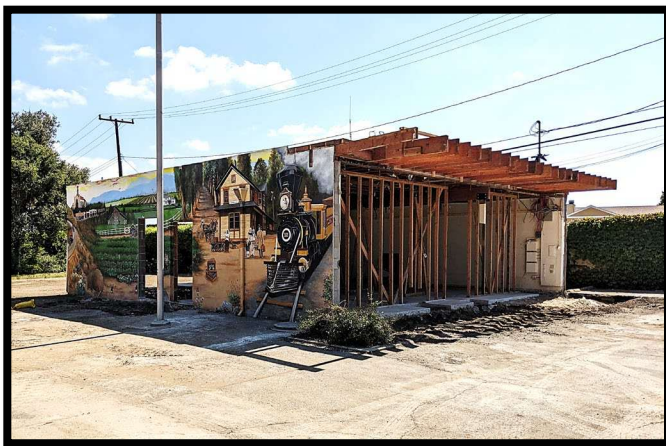
Our PVHS board has added five members in the last year. Beth Miller has been taking our programs to schools as well as local clubs and organizations. She has amazing knowledge of the area. Mary Goldberg comes with a long background of the community and is on the Camarillo Ranch Foundation Board. Mary Ann Novak joined us April and is already working as the leader of an ad-hoc committee. She has been working with us for the past 4 years. Eric Bergh has been doing our promotional videos for over a year and joined the board in June. Also, in June, Rick Pena brought his community involvement to PVHS. Born and raised in Camarillo, he is part of the "Pena clan". A local realtor, Rick has recently completed the Miracle League of the 805 project to provide a baseball field for people with disabilities. We lost long-time board member John Pearson in June. Always together, John and his wife, Beverly, have been an integral part of PVHS and other local organizations for many years.

The long-awaited start of construction has begun with demolition! The front and back walls, roof and doors are all gone. The inside has been braced to hold the remainder of the roof and a new roof will eventually be in place. The pad for the new addition has been compacted and ready for the slab. We need to raise the additional funds for stage 2 and 3. I was recently asked "why" we were building when other museums are turning into art or single focus displays. We have the history of the Pleasant Valley and want people to know our unique history. The space to have programs in the museum has been taken by collections. We will be bringing programs back...such as the early American school days that we had before Covid 19. We want a museum of interaction and learning. That requires space. We believe that history moves forward and we have programs reflecting the 40s and 50s as well as a new collection from Robert Olszewski that is unique to Camarillo. He began his business of bronze miniatures in the early 80s.

Understanding the past helps us prepare for and protect the future. We need your help and contributions to the building fund to meet the costs of the new phases of building.

Joy Todd

PVHS Expansion Project Update Photos



North-East corner view of the museum building. The east wall (Mural wall) and west wall will be extended north to match the length of the roof. A new side entrance door location will be added to the east wall to replace the previous side entrance door. Lisa Kelly, who did the original Mural, will be commissioned to match her Mural to the new east wall layout.



North/Front view of the museum building. The front wall will be moved north to match the length of the roof. A temporary wall has been added inside the building to support the weight of the roof until the new front wall is installed. The front entrance will be a tower two stories tall to increase museum building visibility, and appearance, from Las Posas Road.

PVHS Expansion Project Update Photos



South-East corner view of the museum building. The south wall (far left) has had a section cutout to provide for a passageway into the expansion building.



View of the south wall cutout. Temporary bracing is added inside the building to support the weight of the roof until new load bearing posts are installed.



Inside view of the original museum: South-West corner



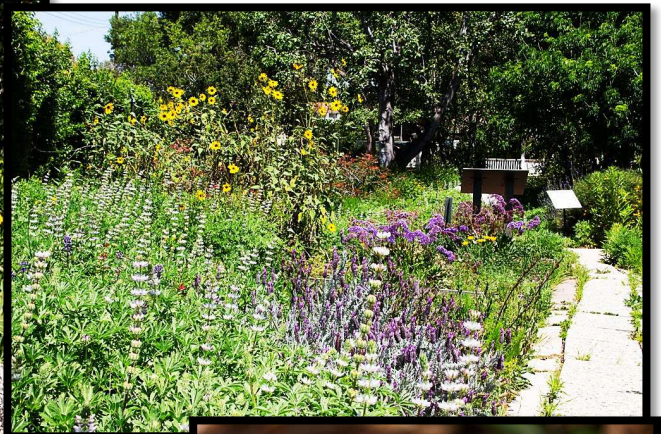
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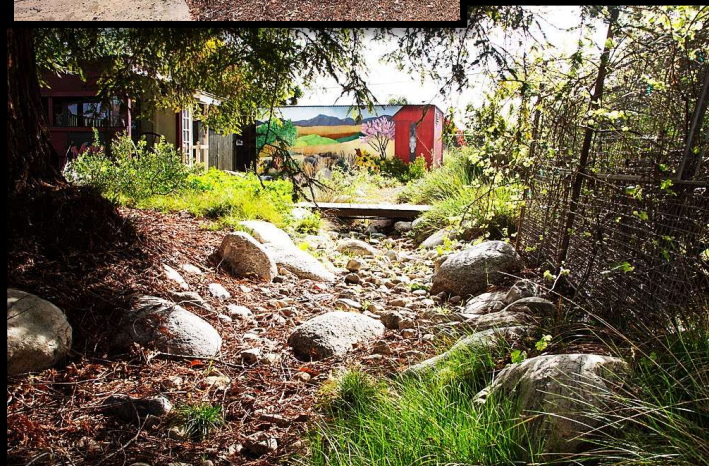
Soil below the area for the new expansion building pad was extracted to create an area for newly compacted soil. Compacted soil provides a stable/unified base for the new expansion building pad and foundation.






The pad for the new addition has been compacted and ready for the slab!



The unusually heavy rains this year brought out the biggest display of flowers that we have ever seen in the garden. Unfortunately, we were not open to visitors to appreciate them. Massive amounts of blue and white Lupine, beds of Mountain Iris, California poppies, Mexican sunflowers, Sweet peas, Salvia, Encelia, and the impressive California Buckeye, to name just a few, made the garden spectacular.



‘Let's Pick Up' BBQ & Dine-Out/Take-Out Events:

July 18 th	August 15 th	October 17 th
<p>Support PV HISTORICAL SOCIETY with a great meal!</p> <p>Bruce's BBQ Pick-up</p> <div>  <p style="text-align: center;">\$15</p> </div> <p>Tri-tip & Chicken, salad, vegetarian beans, bread</p> <p style="text-align: center;">July 18th, 2023 (Tuesday)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RESERVE by the previous Friday (July 14th)</p> <p>Leave message with NAME and NUMBER of meals at 805-482-3660 or email: kg.farrin@gte.net</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 (including Credit Card) at www.pvhsonline.org. Click BBQ</p>	<p>Support PV HISTORICAL SOCIETY with a great meal!</p> <p>Bruce's BBQ Pick-up</p> <div>  <p style="text-align: center;">\$15</p> </div> <p>Tri-tip & Chicken, salad, vegetarian beans, bread</p> <p style="text-align: center;">August 15th, 2023 (Tuesday)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RESERVE by the previous Friday (August 11th)</p> <p>Leave message with NAME and NUMBER of meals at 805-482-3660 or email: kg.farrin@gte.net</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 (including Credit Card) at www.pvhsonline.org. Click BBQ</p>	<p>Support PV HISTORICAL SOCIETY with a great meal!</p> <p>Bruce's BBQ Pick-up</p> <div>  <p style="text-align: center;">\$15</p> </div> <p>Tri-tip & Chicken, salad, vegetarian beans, bread</p> <p style="text-align: center;">October 17, 2023 (Tuesday)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RESERVE by the previous Friday (October 13th)</p> <p>Leave message with NAME and NUMBER of meals at 805-482-3660 or email: kg.farrin@gte.net</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 (including Credit Card) at www.pvhsonline.org. Click BBQ</p>

Echo Sound Bites

- The required “**Annual Meeting**” of PVHS will be in the Gazebo **Sunday, July 9th, 2:00pm**. Park next door, on Rosewood, or in a few places in our parking lot. All members are invited for a “State of the Museum” address.
- If you have ½ pint canning jars or baskets from last year’s D/D Event, **Joy** can use them again for this year’s tables. Please contact her: 805-482-0179.
- **Rogelio Velarde**, an employee of Greenheart Gardens, lovingly considered the museum garden “his” to nurture for eighteen years. He died suddenly last month at age 51. He is missed.
- Grateful thanks to **Meadowlark Service League** for their 2-year grant sponsoring the new accessions room; to **Amber Light’s Lion Club** for sponsoring the required trees for the redesigned parking lot; to the Camarillo Rotary Club for their 5-year pledge; to the **Camarillo Lions Club** for their large donation; to the **City of Camarillo** for their grant for the security system; and to the 200+ donors sponsoring the “Personalized Bricks.”
- **Helen Andrews**, a resident of Camarillo Heights for 70 years, enjoyed last issue’s article about the Heights. She sent in more remembrances such as there was an oil well derrick between Mission and Anacapa Dr. by Cam Heights School. Before the school was built, it was Germain’s Nursery which grew daffodils and narcissus. Helen still gets blooms from the bulbs. She remembers the excitement of the discovery of a P-38 engine in the Hibbit’s West Highland property. It had crashed in 1944 and was rediscovered in 2006.
- **Robbie McDonough** and **Ani Astvasadoorian**, seniors at ACHS, were recently given checks as winners of the annual “Stan Daily Essay Scholarship Award” for their essays on Camarillo State Hospital, and Camarillo City Library.

MEMORIALS

*Donations in memory of **Roger Cox** from: Fred Phipps & Cathy Trainer*

*Donation in memory of **Robert Finfrock** from: Adele Stuebing Walsh*

*Donation in memory of **Donna Hoopes** from: Fred Phipps & Cathy Trainer*

*Donation in memory of **Rogelio Velarde, gardener extraordinaire** from: BettyJo McDonald*

TRIBUTES

*Tribute in celebration of **Val Rains' 90th birthday** from: Katie Waunch*

*Tribute in honor of **Betty Sullivan's 99th birthday** from: Char & Bob Scudder*

BUILDING and other DONATIONS

Amber Light's Lions Club

Noella Belvedere

Camarillo Lions Club

Elizabeth Daily

Linda Donovan

Julia C. Griggs

Ira & Lois Grooms

John Hayes

Mary Ann Hooker

Larry & Joanne Kennedy

Meadowlark Service League

Fred & Dorothy Penney

Pleasant Valley Lions Club

Paul Rockenstein

Scott Family Foundation

Charlene Scudder

Somis Thursday Club

Marge & Don Steininger

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 April of 2023, a total of 189 Bricks have already been ordered. The popularity of the Personalized Bricks has continued to escalate after 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 –



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

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

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