



PLEASANT VALLEY
HISTORICAL MUSEUM & GARDEN
Established 1964

The

Echo

The 2023 Dons and Doñas



STANDING:

<i>Allen</i>	<i>Tony</i>	<i>Charles</i>	<i>Jo</i>	<i>Phyllis</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Russ</i>	<i>Karin</i>	<i>Greg</i>
<i>Grizzard-Paul</i>	<i>Trembley</i>	<i>Spence</i>	<i>Spence</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Christie</i>	<i>White</i>	<i>Farrin</i>	<i>Farrin</i>

SEATED:

<i>Mary Grizzard-Paul</i>	<i>Carl Anderson</i>	<i>Joni Berger</i>
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Each year the Pleasant Valley Historical Society recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the community. Nominations were received and reviewed to determine this year's group of worthy recipients, and the individuals selected include a wide range of service to the community to make the Pleasant Valley area even a more special place. PVHM&G congratulates the 2023 Don and Doña Honors Recipients:

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DONS & DOÑAS 2023

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

CARL ANDERSON:

Carl, 95, is a “behind the scenes volunteer.” He came to Camarillo in 1955 and rented a shop near Dawson Drive. Carl was instrumental in organizing the first Camarillo Christmas parade. He was active in the leadership of a 4-H Chapter and taught members woodworking in his shop. He had leadership positions in the Knights of Columbus and the Boys & Girls Club Auxiliary. In all of the organizations that he was involved in, he used his carpentry skills to build sheds, cabinets, floats, etc. He is a veteran of the Korean War.

PHYLLIS ANDERSON:

Phyllis has been in Camarillo since 1962 and has been a grass-roots organizer of City concerns, and volunteer of local and county PTA’s as President and other leadership positions. She also has been part of the PVHM&G accession team for many years. She currently is a Eucharistic Minister at St. Mary Magdalen, as well as President of Ventura County District St. Vincent de Paul.

JOANNE “JONI” BERGER:

Joni has lived-in Camarillo for 40 years, and has been in Soroptimist International in both local and county levels, in both SB and Ventura Counties. She has served as President many times, and also chaired Soroptimist signature programs. She is currently on the Board of Temple Adat Elohim in Thousand Oaks. She was co-chair of Camarillo Hospice Chili Festival, and chair of the Soroptimist Enchilada Sale, both of which raised tens of thousands of dollars.

LLOYD CHRISTIE, D.V.M.:

Lloyd had been a beloved Veterinarian for over thirty years before selling his business on Dawson Drive in 2005. He generously offered free services to Guide Dogs of America. PV Lions Club benefitted from his involvement for over 40 years as secretary, newsletter editor and leadership positions in the Lion’s District 4A-3. He has received numerous awards from Lions International. He volunteered for the PVSD schools’ sight screening, and active in establishing Amber’s Light Lions Club of Camarillo.

GREG & KARIN FARRIN:

A team that has been a blessing to PVHM&G, Greg and Karin have taken on many of the behind-the-scenes essential jobs. They are both board members and Greg is Vice-President. He is the IT manager, oversees the quarterly newsletter (the ECHO), and keeps the website up to date. Also, his acquired carpentry skills have enabled him to build numerous storage and display buildings on site. Karin has the most important daily task of monitoring the phone messages and emails, sending out messages to docents and the board, in addition to being a member of the weekly accession team. Karin has also volunteered for the Camarillo Ranch for over ten years at a variety of jobs.

ALLEN & MARY GRIZZARD-PAUL:

Another team, Mary and Allen were married in 1985, a marriage brought together through soccer and Kiwanis Club! In 1982, Allen traveled to Camarillo from England with a youth “football” team and met Mary soon after. Mary encouraged Paul to get involved with the Camarillo Kiwanis Club, in which Mary was the first female member. Between them, they have served many leadership roles in the club. They also work with the 3 local high schools’ students in the KIWIN’s Clubs. A special concern is met through their involvement with children and adults with disabilities, autism, in kidSTREAM, and coaching VIP Special Needs kids.

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CHUCK AND JO SPENCE:

A married couple, but they developed their own areas of service to the Community. Jo was involved with their daughters' activities, and later served on a variety of committees for PVSD. She served as Chair for Las Patronas Auxiliary of Assistance League of VC, participated in National Charity League. Chuck was highly involved with AYSO as treasurer, and co-founder of the annual Camarillo Strawberry Cup--an invitational soccer tournament. His financial expertise found him as treasurer of AYSO and Friends of the Camarillo Library Board, and as a volunteer tax preparer for Ventura County elderly.

TONY TREMBLEY:

Besides being Camarillo City Council vice-mayor, which means he is on a variety of committees and boards, Tony has been involved in many youth and health boards. He was past Commissioner of VC Boy Scouts, AYSO and Camarillo Eagles. As a practicing attorney since 1983, which he earned at UC Davis, he also volunteers for the VC District Attorney's office. His interest in health care had him serve on boards of St. John's PVH, St. John's Regional Community Board, and also Camarillo Hospice.

RUSS WHITE:

Russ has a whole "Pride" of Lions that appreciate his loyal service to the PV Lions Club and the community for the last 20 years. He has held numerous offices, including President, secretary, and worked on too many projects and fund-raising activities to mention. The community of Camarillo has benefitted from Russ's "can-do" attitude and willingness to be a part of his Lionheart dedication to serve others.

President's Message

Please read about the new Dons & Doñas, they are long giving and very special people. Continue to check our website and the new Echo **Updater** for new links and information. Planning to get that to you monthly, we continue to leap into the 21st century and we need your help to stay here. Sign up for it if you aren't receiving it now (https://pvhsonline.org/up_mail/). Forward our links to your friends. We try to keep PVHM&G out there so the public knows that we are a vital organization.

About the start of the new building — it is still in the hands of the City, but we think we will get a permit soon. We are in need of funds for our 2nd and 3rd phases. We would like to speak to groups you think might be interested in our plans, and any friends that might like a private meeting. Just send an email or call and we will follow up quickly.

In spite of no building, we are preparing for the new building. We are working on display ideas and items. It will happen. We thank you for your faithfulness and support.

Support PV HISTORICAL SOCIETY with a great meal!

Bruce's BBQ Pick-up

October 17th, 2023 (Tuesday) \$15

RESERVE by the previous Friday (October 13th)

** Tri-tip & Chicken, Salad, Vegetarian Beans, Bread **

Leave message with Name & Number at
805-482-3660, or email: kg.farrin@gte.net

PICK-UP 5 pm to 6 pm at Camarillo Christian Church,
1777 ARNEILL ROAD (corner of Las Posas)

PAY at pick-up time with CASH, or CHECK made to PVHS, or
PayPal (including Credit Card) at pvhsonline.org. Click BBQ

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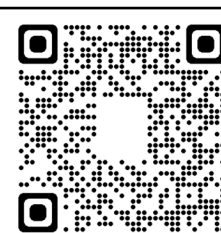
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AUNT LUCY

by Beth Miller

Citrus labels are surviving images of the packing house days. Collectors seek certain labels. For 70 years, Sunkist created over 8,000 label designs used on over 2 billion orange boxes. For one family, it evokes memories of a loved one.

In his boyhood, Al Rodriguez, helped his grandmother pick walnuts on the Camarillo Ranch. But it is a Sunkist citrus label that held the memory of his Aunt Lucy. Luz Camarillo Espinoza (no relation to Adolfo Camarillo) worked for Sunkist packing oranges. When she came home, Aunt Lucy was kissed with the scent of oranges. She was beautiful to her family, and to the Sunkist advertisers.

Was it Lucy's green eyes and reddish hair that caught their attention? She was given \$50.00 and the rest of the day off with pay for posing for photographs needed for the label drawing. It was a source of pride for Lucy and her family. But artistic license had been used. Lucy was given darker hair and eyes.

Years later, Al spent hours searching for Aunt Lucy's label at the Sunkist headquarters. Lucy died at age 48. A resentful woman destroyed all photos of Lucy. But oranges held the memory. Then Al found her label. It is Aunt Lucy's only surviving image.



MEMORIALS

*Donations from **Fred Phipps & Cathy Trainer** in memory of:
Jane Antle - teacher in PVSD, Judy Lautenschlager, Sam Unjian, Lee Woodward*

*Donations in memory of **John Pearson** from:
Greg & Karin Farrin, Mark Murphy, Therese Murphy, Debra Thiessen,
Bill & Joy Todd, Fred Phipps & Cathy Trainer*

*Donation in memory of **Al Thayer** from: David Hibbits*

TRIBUTES

*Tribute from **Fred Phipps & Cathy Trainer** in celebration of:
Dave & Helen Faul's 63rd anniversary, Dr. Hillary & Stella Ling's 57th anniversary,
Frank & Pat Roth's 64th anniversary, Bill & Joy Todd's 59th anniversary*

*Tribute in honor of **Don Tony Trembley** from: Rod Gilbert*

*Tribute in honor of **Don Chuck & Doña Jo Spence** from: The Timrott Family*

BUILDING and other DONATIONS

Karen Allen

Milton & Heather Daily

David & Teri Edsall

Mary Goldberg

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Paul Rockenstein

Pat & Bill Thomas

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Howard Hoover

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Ted & Val Rains

Nancy Steiner-Varosky

Charles & Laurie Vanoni



NEWEST ACQUISITION

No museum building at present, but we can't say "no" to this beautiful oak 1913 Edison Disc Phonograph.

It was donated by David Atkins along with 12 Edison double-sided record discs that are 6mm thick. David has previously gifted our museum, and maintained our other early century sound machines.



Echo Sound Bites

- The 12 outstanding community volunteers' Don & Doña Class of 2023 was honored at the annual BBQ on Saturday, September 16th. Since 1965, PVHM&G has recognized 538 men and women! Check out the entire alphabetical list found on the website under Events.
- Do you remember "North Loop Market" [210-212 N. Loop] that was owned by Louis Skedel and opened in 1955? It was sold to John and Mildred Kozik and became "Deli-Pantry." Later, it was the dental offices of Dr. Philip Snow and Dr. Bill Persons. Now it is a residence.
- Ever wonder about the large water storage tanks on the hill in Camarillo Heights? They are owned by Pleasant Valley Mutual Water Company who in 1924 built 3 tanks – upper, middle and lower. The lower tank at 182 N. Loop holds 1 million gallons. In 1961 three additional tanks were built at each level. The capacity of the 6 tanks total 2.19 million gallons.
- Did you know that the site of our PV Museum used to be Camino Water Company with a well in the present parking lot that fed an above-ground open reservoir located in the current garden? The Museum building had meters that needed to be manned 24/7, plus business offices. The City still owns the building and land which PVHM&G has rented since 1986.
- Do you remember when Rolling Pin Donuts was a "burger joint?"
- Harold Burket, who married "Nunie" Camarillo, was the architect of the beautifully preserved 1930 Spanish Colonial 3,000+ sf. house on Daily Drive built for Wendall P. Daily. It was started in March and finished in November with beautiful wood paneling, doors, and moldings, plus wrought iron railings! The Russell Griffin family lived in it for years. Marie died in 2021.
- During World War II and the worker shortage, the Seaboard Lemon Packing House in Oxnard appealed to Camarillo residents to work for them. Transportation, along with becoming qualified to receive social security, enticed the future 1965 Doña Julia Torres Sotelo to sort lemons from 1942-1946.

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 present, a total of 204 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 –



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Museum Expansion Project

Personalized
Brick
Display
Patio



Buy your brick
with a click...



SCAN ME

"Be a Part of History"

Reserve a place in PVHS Museum history by sponsoring a personalized brick to be installed on site as part of the project. You may sponsor a brick in your name or to honor anyone or 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 a Credit Card or PayPal, please visit our website at pvhsonline.org and use the PERSONALIZED BRICK button at the top of the webpage.

Your Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Please mail this completed form to: P.V.H.S.

PO Box 570; Camarillo, CA 93011-0570

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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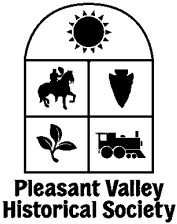
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