

The



PLEASANT VALLEY
HISTORICAL MUSEUM & GARDEN
Established 1964

Echo

Announcing 2024 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 2024 include a wide range of service to the community to make the Pleasant Valley area an even more special place. PVHS congratulates the following:

Eric Bergh

Al Fox

Bruce Jochums

Joanne Kennedy

Craig Mason

John McCoy

Linda Reynolds

Ruff Smith

Linda Thayer-Gaboury

Judith Wilcoxson

Each of the members of the 2024 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 14th 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.



2023 Dons and Doñas BBQ

Audience listens to acceptance talks from new honorees.

President's Message

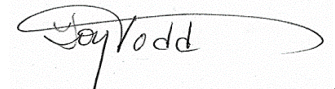
Lots of phrases come to mind: "Ripley's Believe it or Not," "At Long Last," "Can you Believe it?" and the old "Oh, Ye of Little Faith." We, of course have the "faith," and the machines have hit the museum property digging holes and filling them with compacted dirt. The first week of June saw lots of workers and machines preparing the bases for the "Tower" and the pad for the new addition. Each day saw new progress. They found an old electrical line that we were afraid would slow us up, but it was just a leftover from times gone by, appropriate for a museum.

There have been many who held off donating to the new building to be sure it would really happen. It is really happening! We will be out asking for the monies for phase three. Please feel free to contribute and ask others to help, too. We are grateful for all the faithful donors who have brought us this far and need your help to finish the project. You may donate online or just send a check!

May 28, 2024 the County of Ventura Cultural Heritage Board gave PVHS the 2024 Historical Preservation Award (shown below). We shared it with the San Buenaventura Conservancy for our efforts to save the Scholle house from destruction and the commitment we obtained for its preservation. We are honored and continue to work for the preservation of our historic buildings and sites.

July 9, 2024 will be our Annual Meeting. We hope that you can attend and find out more about our building process. We will also elect the new Board members and Officers. It is held at Howald Parlor, Camarillo United Methodist Church, 291 Anacapa Dr. Camarillo at 4PM.

We continue to look forward and to support the opportunities that come to us.



“SOMETHING IS HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM SITE”



Above: May 22, 2023 – Early in the construction the new building foundation pad begins preparation for compaction.



Above: June 11, 2024 – The new building foundation pad is framed, rebar in place and ready for concrete to be poured.



Above: May 2, 2024 – Storage cargo bin was removed by Blois Construction and moved to their facility. Value of cargo bin covered the cost of the bin removal and transportation.

Left: Feb 13, 2024 – Parking lot asphalt is removed from open areas.



Left: June 7, 2024 – Digging the cutout, installing rebar and later pouring concrete for the foundation of the Museum's tower and front entrance (above). The tower will improve the Museum's visibility from Las Posas Road, and the early construction in the project will be effective in fundraising by providing increased visual awareness of the project progress.

MEMORIALS

*Donations from Fred Phipps & Cathy Trainer in memory of:
2008 "Don" Larry Davis, 2009 Doña Carol Yung, Donald Land, Mary Jane Littell,
2017 Doña Grace Martinez, Irene Nevarez*

*Donations from Bill and Joy Todd in memory of:
2008 "Don" Larry Davis, 2017 Doña Grace Martinez*

Donation in loving memory of Ronald M. Adams from: Jeanne P. Adams

Donation in memory of 1994 "Don" Stanley Daily from: Rod Gilbert

Donation in memory of 2008 "Don" Larry Davis from: Jane Pidduck

Donation in memory of 2017 Doña Grace Martinez from: Charlene Scudder

TRIBUTES

Tribute to John & Linda Zaruka's 50th Anniversary from: Lisa Aalberts

Tribute to Bill & Joy Todd's 60th Anniversary from: Heidi Hoover

BUILDING and other DONATIONS

Blois Construction

Chapter RZ P.E.O.

Pat Richards Dodds

J & H Engineering

Bryan Lundquist

Fred Phipps

David Stone

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Bruce Jochums

Bill Manzer

Sharon Porter

Will & Jen Todd

Evelyn Williams

Mary Jo Cervantes

Elizabeth Daily

Paul & Peggy Graham

Joanne & Larry Kennedy

Dan & Pat Moretti

Somis Thursday Club

Told Corporation

Our garden has several great display buildings, including "The Barn"

As might be expected, tools and items used in farming and livestock are on display in the Barn. Among those items are several unique saddles. One was made by George Munguia of Guadalajara. It is a wooden saddle with a high back and front and a carved wood pommel. The maker's name is engraved on the saddle. It has wood and leather conches on the side and leather stirrups with wood foot holds.

Another is a western style saddle made in the 1930s by Brydon Brothers Harness and Saddle Company, based in Los Angeles, California. The company was formed by brothers Andrew, Robert and Richard Brydon in 1901. They sold saddles and holsters to the military and some of the early Western movie stars, such as William S. Hart, Buck Jones and Tom Mix. Ventura County was a destination for early film studios.

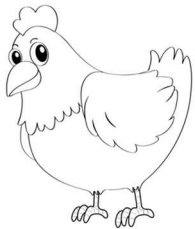
Let's Take Out

July 16th, 2024

August 20th, 2024

Support the Pleasant Valley Historical Museum & Garden
NEW MENU for Bruce's BBQ Pick-up

Still \$15



Grilled Chicken Breast
w/ Ginger Peach Glaze
German Cole Slaw
[no mayonnaise]
Vegetarian Beans
Garlic Bread
Ginger Cookies

NEXT:

JULY 16th [Tuesday]

5 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

at

Camarillo Christian Church
1777 Arneill Road
[corner of Las Posas]

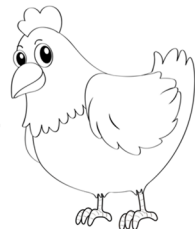
MUST RESERVE by previous Friday [7-12-24]

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Pay at pick-up with cash, check payable to PVHS; or PayPal [including CC] at PVHSONline.org

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Echo Sound Bites

- In 1899: The Southern Pacific RR comes through Somis and to Camarillo and Oxnard. Somis depot opened. The Camarillo Depot opened in 1910, train service ended in 1958, and SP bulldozed it in 1969, after failed attempts by PVHS to find and fund a site to relocate the building.
- In August 1899: John Sebastian opened a General Merchandise store on lower Ventura Road. He previously had a store in Springville. In December, the Post Office was also moved to Camarillo to be inside his store.
- In 1904: The Somis Thursday Club was formed — still exists today! In 1924, the Club bought the old Somis School building for \$250 at public auction. Reportedly, the members of the club warned all husbands, friends, and Mr. Bard not to bid on the property — thus theirs was the only bid!
- In 1914: Berylwood Investment Co. built a hotel for bachelors at 3265 Somis Road for their workers and several transient “hobos.”
- In August 1926: The weekly paper, Camarillo News, goes to print with 75 subscribers.
- In 1936: Juan Camarillo’s Will leaves PV Baptist Church \$5,000 for “many acts of kindness...spirit of tolerance and respect always manifested by them towards Catholic people of Camarillo.”
- In 1941: Next to St. Mary Magdalen Church, the new center has a “Community Hall,” Fire Station with living quarters, County Court Room, office of Judge David Flynn, County Agriculture Inspector’s office, and the first dedicated City Library with Adele Flynn as its librarian. [The two remaining buildings in Dizdar Park are soon to be demolished for a larger park.]
- In 1956: The 2nd school in PVSD, Camarillo Heights School, was completed at a cost of \$146,000.
- In 1964: The Pleasant Valley Historical Society incorporated, and Camarillo incorporated as a City. We both Celebrate 60 years!
- In 1969: The 1st woman in one hundred years, Betty Rutherford, was elected to the PV School District Board of Trustees and served until 1981. She was PV Historical Society President from 1983 to 1992.
- In 1999: CSU-CI (California State University Channel Islands) opens at the former Camarillo State Hospital site.
- On September 14th, 2024: Somis School 100th Anniversary Event. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at school cafeteria.
- On September 14th, 2024: Annual Don & Doña BBQ to be held at the Camarillo Community Center.

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 235 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, and secure an early prime location for the displaying of your brick.

Sponsoring a personalized 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 Project

Personalized
Brick
Display
Patio



Buy your brick
with a click...



“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 PayPal (PayPal allows payment with a Credit Card), 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

July 2024

The mission of the Pleasant Valley Historical Museum & 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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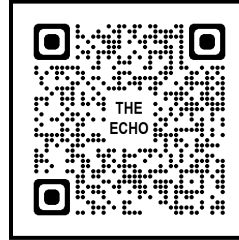
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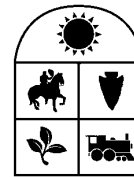
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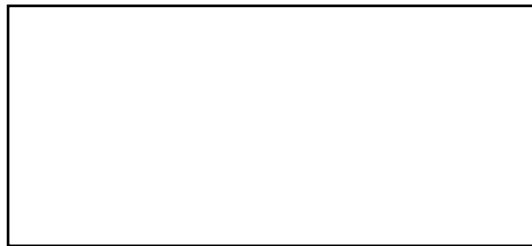
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