

The

Echo



PLEASANT VALLEY
HISTORICAL MUSEUM & GARDEN
Established 1964

Dedication of Dizdar Park

Memorial Day: May 30, 1945

[a complete transcription of the dedication program]

DEVELOPMENT OF DIZDAR PARK

Originally the property which is now being dedicated as Dizdar Park was the Pleasant Valley Cemetery and was owned by the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church Cemetery Association. In recent years this cemetery ceased to be used, and the Baptist Church members favored the creation of a county park on the site. Through the combined efforts of the Baptist Church, Mr. Hasan Dizdar, Supervisor Robert Lefever and other civic-minded citizens, the park has become a reality.



TRIBUTE TO MR. HASAN DIZDAR

Although many folks had long believed the local cemetery site was an ideal location for a community park, it was Mr. Hasan Dizdar who was largely responsible for its development. He had the inspiration over three years ago, and once he had set upon the task, he worked untiringly toward that objective. However, although his goal was within sight, he passed away before witnessing the completion of the park. Before he died, he provided ample funds in his will to finish the project.

Mr. Dizdar was born in Yugoslavia in 1885 and came to America as a young man. Prior to World War I he came to Camarillo and worked at various jobs, enlisting in the war in 1917. Returning to this community after the war, he again was employed by numerous firms, finally saving sufficient funds to buy the *Camarillo Caf e*.

During this period, the community's water system was very inadequate, and Mr. Dizdar was prevailed upon by local citizens to take over the system. With the aid of the community, Mr. Dizdar soon developed a dependable water supply which continues to serve Camarillo today. Establishment of this adequate water system contributed to the growth of the community and encouraged the building of both citrus and walnut packing plants in Camarillo.

In recent years, Mr. Dizdar, finding himself financially secure, turned his attention toward civic activities. Dizdar Park is the result of many hours of work and a substantial financial outlay by this man who was an immigrant to America. He was a member of the American Legion and the B.P.O. Elks.

Mr. Dizdar was well-liked and respected by those who knew him. He will long be remembered in this community.

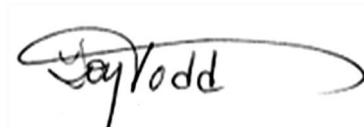


Mr. Hasan Dizdar

President's Message

2025...A new year and our 7th year in the long journey of fundraising for the restoration and expansion of the museum. It is a critical time for funding the project. We still need to raise funds to complete the museum. We are very grateful for your continual support. We need an additional \$600,000 for finishing the interior, landscaping and parking, EV charging station, doors and windows and other materials. We are applying for grants for the new year. If you have a desire or experience writing grants please volunteer. If you have any suggestion of a business or individual we should contact, please let us know. Email, call the museum or the Todds (805-482-0179). It is very important if we are to finish this year. Our thanks to those faithful givers who continue supporting our adventure.

We have hopes that this year we will be using volunteers to help us put up the insulation in the walls of the museum, paint the dry wall and begin the interior finishing of the building. How can you help? Our volunteers continue assessing new items given to the museum, preparing displays and working in the community with talks and educational presentations.



Dolls by Mrs. I. Reynolds / Donated by Tena Arstein



Before television took up so much time, people had hobbies. Tena Arstein donated some of the First Ladies elaborate dolls made by her grandmother, Mrs. I. Reynolds. Pictured are 2 of the collection.

1945-1953 Bess Wallace Truman is in a gray satin gown patterned black and white silk with a scalloped neckline. There is a "fish tail train." The doll has porcelain arms, hands, head, neck, legs and feet. A cloth body connects the porcelain pieces.

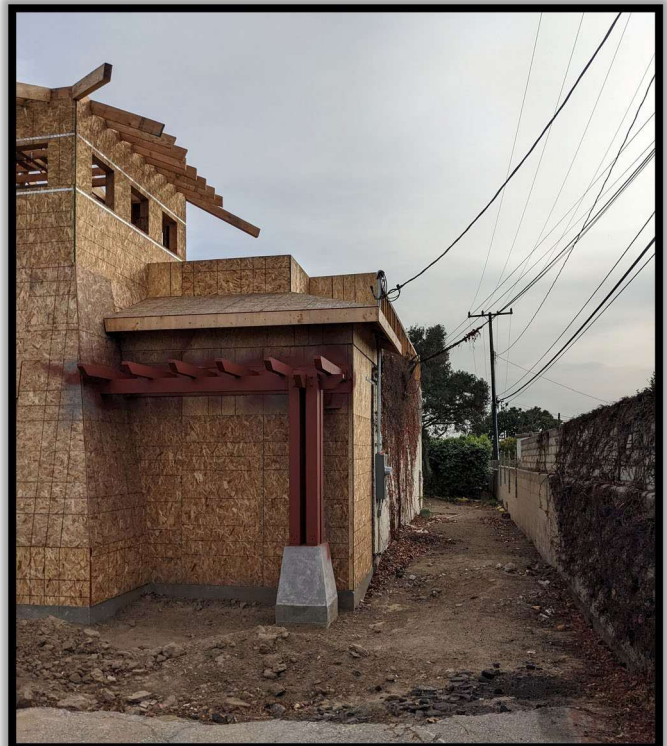
1809-1817 Dolly Madison wears a yellow Early Empire "Sacque" dress with over dress open down the skirt front, worn over a petticoat. The fabric is yellow satin brocade with sprays of brown. A yellow turban is worn over her hair. She has a pearl necklace and earrings, porcelain arms, legs, face, hands and hair.

The doll bodies were ordered with specific faces which were painted by Tena's Grandmother. The hair was also painted on. The gowns were made to match pictures in the Smithsonian's book, "Dresses of the First Ladies of the Whitehouse."

“SOMETHING IS HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM SITE”



The four views in this edition of The Echo show the museum front entrance with all subsurface layer plywood paneling now installed. The museum is now ready for the outer surface layers of the building to be installed. The museum front entrance directly faces Las Posas Road.

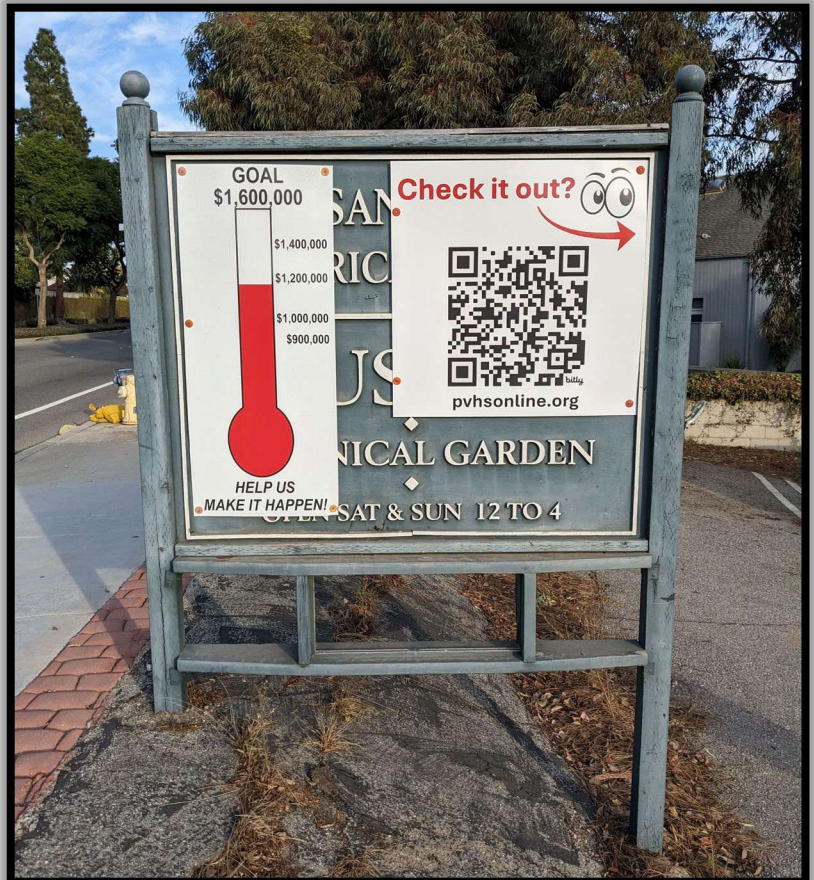


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Above: Temporary scaffolding is added to provide access to the front entrance tower top for the tower’s roof to be installed.

Right: Temporary banners have been added to the Museum’s Las Posas street sign. One banner shows the progress toward the Museum’s Expansion Project fund. The other banner provides a QR (Quick Response) code to allow for ‘Smart’ phones to quickly access the Expansion Project page of the museum website (pvhsonline.org/expansion.)



Membership Renewal Time

Support is needed for the ongoing operations of the museum, such as accession supplies, utilities, and garden maintenance, even though the building is not completed. This year we are developing an incentive program for the higher levels of membership to be announced in the next *Echo*. It will be retroactive to those who renew or upgrade now. Be a proud supporter of the only museum in town that represents the entire Pleasant Valley's rich history of agriculture, commerce, and families by using the enclosed envelope.

“SOMETHING IS HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM SITE”

There's A New Kid in Town

A newly constructed display building, the Farm Display, is located at the south end of the PVHM garden acreage. Currently in progress, two front doors will open widely to showcase historic farming/ranching photographs and artifacts. Sidewalks and garden beds will be restored and ready for the 2025 Museum's Grand Reopening.



Above: A view of the of the south end of the PVHM garden acreage, with the new Farm Display shown on the right.

MEMORIALS

In memory of: 2005 "Don" Dale & "Doña" Janet Ackerman from:

Bill & Joy Todd, Fred Phipps & Cathy Trainer

In memory of: 1972 "Don" Dewey & 1984 "Doña" Hazel Culbert from: Rod & Doris Harvey

In memory of: 2008 "Doña Shirley Fitzgerald from:

Terry Brown, Laura McAvoy & Sol Chooljian, Adriana Mezc, Fred Phipps & Cathy Trainer

In memory of: John & Jean Kilroy from: Rod & Doris Harvey

In memory of: 2000 "Don" Richard Mahlke from: Bill & Joy Todd, Fred Phipps & Cathy Trainer

In memory of: 2008 "Don" Mike Morgan from:

Karin & Greg Farrin, Mary & Alan Goldberg, Fred Phipps & Cathy Trainer

In memory of: 2021 "Doña" Helen Shields from:

Janice Garner, Darlene Pennington, Bill & Joy Todd, Fred Phipps & Cathy Trainer

In memory of: 2004 "Doña" Nadine Naysmith Wilhite from:

Bruce & Ellen Jochums, Marti & Greg Lockwood, Fred Phipps & Cathy Trainer

in memory of: Maryellen & Bob Zarnosky from: Mary & Alan Goldberg

HONORS

In honor of Paul Dunham's 92nd Birthday from: Fred Phipps/Cathy Trainer

In honor of Neil & Eva Small Family from: Fred Phipps/Cathy Trainer

In honor of Bill & Joy Todd from: Anonymous

BUILDING and other DONATIONS

Anonymous

Max Copenhagen

Elizabeth Dilibert

Karin & Greg Farrin

Richard Honn

Gerry & Joan Olsen

Darren Patnoe

Frank & Pat Roth

David Stone

Dave & Linda Bratz

Duane Daily

Dave & Teri Edsall

Robert Fulkerson

Jacqueline Kerr

Robert Olszewski

Fred Phipps

Drew Smith

Judith Wilcoxson

Randy Carter

Gail DeWolfe

Flowers & Cobb Family

Janice Garner

Jeff & Teresa Nicholl

Vanessa Otto

Pleasant Valley Garden Club

Carol Spracklen

Wim Zwinkels

Echo Sound Bites

- In 1873, January 1st: Ventura became its own county after separating from Santa Barbara County. **Thomas Bard**, a resident of Hueneme and a Supervisor of SB County was against it, but **Wm. D. Hobson**, a resident of Ventura, went to Sacramento in 1872 to lobby for the separation. Since 1868, Hobson had been campaigning for this geographical township to become a separate county.
- In mid 1880s: **Edward H. Scholle** (1862-1950) built the 1,890-sf. farmhouse seen amid the 159-home Lennar Homes at Springville Drive. The deteriorating home, with its roof visible from the north bound freeway, will be restored for resale on its current location.
- In 1907, November 11th: **Alfred “A.C.” Martin**, (1879-1960) renowned architect of St. Mary Magdalen’s Chapel, VC Courthouse, and many LA County buildings, married **Carolyn Elizabeth Borchard**.
- In 1913, February: A Camarillo women owned a horse with two sets of teeth — one behind the other!
- In 1914, November 11th: **Alfred J. Petit** and **Rose Avelina Camarillo** were the first couple married in the new St. Mary Magdalen Chapel. The German made stained-glass windows had not yet been delivered.
- In 1915: **Wendell P. Daily**’s first lemon orchard began to bear fruit.
- In 1916: The Lewis Building, which today is still occupied, opened with a general store, Farmers Bank, barber shop, ice cream parlor and confectionery store.
- In 1920, January 1st: Camarillo’s population was recorded as 1,789.
- In 1926, November: *Farmers Bank* merged with *Bank of Italy*.
- In 1940, February: An estimated 30,000 yards of dirt was needed to fill in the depression known locally as “Arneill Lake,” in Raemere Park. This area was east of PV School, and south of Ventura Road.
- In 1945, May 30th: Dizdar Park was dedicated, formerly Pleasant Valley Cemetery, in honor of **Hasan Dizdar** who was largely responsible for its development. [see feature article in this issue]
- In 1962. The walnut processing plant on Lewis Road, built in 1927, was put on the auction block. At one time, there were more than 200 workers working shifts that sorted, cracked, graded, and shipped 5,000 tons of locally grown walnuts, mostly from A. Camarillo’s acreage.
- In 1973, Sept.: The first residents moved into Leisure Village 11, part of the first phase, Villages 1-15. Ten years later, 1983, there were 2,047 homes.
- In 2023, January: The Fence Factory provided a complimentary use of a portable toilet during construction of the museum addition. Many thanks to them for these building fund savings.



New Life for a Red Buggy

Pictured here is the high-chair /buggy used by Liz Daily’s early relatives during the late 1800s and on through the 20th century.

It had been in the Daily garage for years when Liz asked if the museum would like it! Though in several pieces, it was restored by Charles Russell from Leisure Village.

It was originally oak colored with a woven seat. Time and people have made it red. The wheels are original, a rare thing to have.



Let's Dine Out / Let's Take Out

January 21, 2025

February 11, 2025

March, 2025

PVHM&G Invites you to
Let's Dine Out
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at

OTTAVIO'S
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Tuesday, January 21st
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March, and future,
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SCAN ME

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 267 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 4" x 8" brick, which will be located and displayed at the PVHM&G 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 9).



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

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.

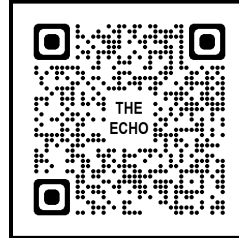
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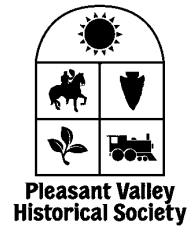
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