



PLEASANT VALLEY Historical Society Presents

2022 DONS AND DOÑAS



Saturday, September 17th

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Welcome

from PV Historical Society President,

Joy Todd



Welcome to the 2022 Don and Doña Barbeque. We are delighted that you all came to celebrate this year's honorees. Each person brings a special devotion to our community and the areas they serve. They range from their early 50s to their mid 90s and are still serving. We are blessed by a "new crop" (agriculture, you know) of volunteers serving the Pleasant Valley.

From the baseball field, YMCA, and exercise class, to the library, the church and to the school, we find our volunteers working. Music for the children in our community has been saved and growing because of volunteers. Need support for children with special needs or who are ill? Our volunteers are there. Have a building that is in need of repair, our volunteers are there. Our volunteers even help the Pleasant Valley Historical Society, and we are grateful.

They are on governing boards of a wide variety of service organizations including but not limited to, Meadowlark Service League, Rotary, Lions, Boys and Girls Club, Camarillo Ranch Foundation, PVHS, Save our Kid's Music, Boy and Girl Scouts, and several churches in the community.

Please take time to read about each of this year's recipients.

Thank you all for sharing in today's event.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF DON AND DOÑA

Originally a title reserved for royalty, select nobles, and church hierarchs, it is now often used as a mark of esteem for a person of personal, social or official distinction, such as a community leader of long standing. “Since Don Adolfo was one of the few Califórnio land owners still ranching on his property, which he kept intact during his lifetime, the title of Don was used for him, both in direct address while speaking directly to him, and in referring to him.”—Sherry Reynolds.

In 1965, Pleasant Valley Historical Society began the tradition of honoring community citizens. 525 men and women have been honored in the past 57 years.

We select from people nominated each year by the community based on:

1. An individual whose family and/or personal history is significant in the root history of the Pleasant Valley. and/or
2. An individual who has lived in the area for at least 20 years, and has provided outstanding service to the community and/or to the PVHS during that time.

THE NEED FOR EXPANSION OF THE MUSEUM SITE

PVHS has the perspective of the “Pleasant Valley.” From Somis to Santa Rosa Valley to Camarillo and Springville, we share a rich history of farming and enterprise. Established in 1964, the Pleasant Valley Historical Society was created by devotees of the area and the preservation of that history. With this mission in mind, PVHS has embarked on a building program. It has been a challenging time to meet all the criteria of the powers that be, but we are beginning the parking lot restructuring and the laying of the foundation for the expansion.

If you do not drive down Las Posas, our website will be keeping you posted on the progress. Faithful friends and members have donated over \$800,000 of which about \$300,000 has been spent on plans, fees and required testing. The museum building is empty, having been cleaned of asbestos found in the floors.

Our garden has been integrated with display buildings, the Meadowlark Back Porch, the Barn, the Medicine Buggy Barn, and the Smithy feature displays of artifacts from our history. The Gazebo is still being used for smaller events and meetings as parking might become a challenge.

The next year we will be working to obtain the additional funds needed to complete our project. We appreciate your continued support and any additional help you can give.



Doña Brenda Brueckner

Youth Sports and Church Volunteers Extraordinaire

Camarillo residents for over 45 years, Wayne and Brenda went to local schools and enjoyed youth sports themselves from early ages. They took classes at the Community Center, spent many hours at the Pleasant Valley pool, tennis courts and Camarillo Boys & Girls Club.

Just out of high school, Wayne started coaching AYSO and played on the PVR&P District's men's softball league. Incidentally, he still plays in this league with his youngest son, Luke.

In 1995, they jumped in with both feet into the world of youth sports with their own children and "loved every minute of it"—Camarillo PONY [Protect Our Nation's Youth] Baseball, then Camarillo Roadrunners, Camarillo Girls Softball, and Camarillo Youth Basketball. Wayne managed and coached the teams, while Brenda was a super team Mom, scorekeeper and photographer. They both served together on the boards of Camarillo PONY Baseball and Camarillo Girls Softball where they initiated the BBQ fundraiser. They continue to help youth sports in Camarillo at tournaments.

In 2015, Wayne was given the Joe Romano Award from Camarillo PONY Baseball for his time and dedication to the local league.

Again, together, they have devoted many hours to Chapel City Church by volunteering for the youth, men's, women's, young moms', and facility ministries.

After working 3 years for the company, Wayne was able to purchase Callender's House of Glass, Inc. located in Santa Barbara in 1989, and a second location in Camarillo in 2005 which is now company headquarters. Wayne's reputation for creative solutions with glass has given him national recognition. Brenda also works for the company doing required reports.



Don Wayne Brueckner

Youth Sports and Church Volunteers Extraordinaire



Wayne serves on the Ivy Lawn Board of Directors and the Chapel City Church Elder Board. Brenda started MOPS at the church, served on the Mom2Mom committee and a program called Rejoice.

Brenda (Wetherell) was born in New Hampshire and came to Camarillo when she was 7. Wayne's family lived in the Bay Area and moved to Camarillo at age 11. They met at Cornerstone Christian School in high school and married soon after graduation.

Their lasting example of volunteer service has been passed on to the next generation to their four children born at PV Hospital, and 6 grandchildren. Tyler (Nicole) lives with their 3 children in Wyoming, and following his parents' example, he coaches soccer, baseball, softball, basketball and jujitsu. Traci (Justin) Simandle lives in Camarillo with their 3 children. She coaches softball and basketball and many youth and women's ministries at church. Melissa (Zach) Bloom lives in Indiana and coaches volleyball. Luke lives in Camarillo and helps coach baseball, heads up the church men's softball team, helps kids with their golf game, and volunteers with church youth ministry.

Brenda graciously reflected, "We are so thankful for the City of Camarillo. We thoroughly enjoyed being raised in this wonderful community. To watch our children and grandchildren grow up and be able to participate in the same activities as we did, has been such a blessing."



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Doña Helen Faul

Steller Educator and Community Volunteer



Born in Boston, graduate of University of Michigan, teacher in Guam and Belmont, CA, she settled in Camarillo 42 years ago when her husband was a supply officer at Point Mugu.

Since retirement from her teaching career, she has been a school tour docent at the Camarillo Ranch House, and secretary of the docent committee at the Ranch. She also serves as Treasurer of the Camarillo Ranch Foundation.

Helen takes on leadership in whatever she joins. She is a member and former Presidents of PEO, and Delta Kappa Gamma Society [DKG], as well as founding board member and President of CA Kindergarten Association. She also was the chair of Channel Islands Service Center of CA Teachers Association. She served as President of Ocean View Teachers Association, and a CA Teachers State Council Representative for 15 years.

A member of the United Methodist Church in Camarillo, she is President of the Camarillo United Methodist Women in Faith group that has contributed, through its fund raising, to the local community. She serves as Secretary to the Endowment Fund that awards scholarships to local youth and serves on the church council.

Helen taught primary grades for twenty-six years in Oxnard for the Ocean View SD. Her classroom was designated as a demonstration site for EISS [Early Intervention for School Success] as she was a trainer and state-wide consultant of the EISS model, conducting workshops and authoring curriculum guides. She received “Teacher of the Year” award for a state-wide program out of Orange County.

Husband, David, retired from the Navy after 26 years. They have 5 grandchildren and 3 sons: Jim, lives in TO and is a civil engineer; Jeff lives in Los Gatos and is a mechanical engineer; Scott lives in Taiwan and is finishing his doctorate in Mandarin translation.



Doña Karen Gatchel

Pleasant Valley Music Advocate

Karen lives by this, “You do not choose music, music chooses you!”

She reflected that she was “chosen” at the age of nine when her mother enrolled her in a summer music program. Her first love was her clarinet, “Herbie,” who lived in a small suitcase.

She has enhanced non-profits in Ventura County. She has been on the Boards of Camarillo Community Band and Gold Coast Wind Ensemble moving them to 501(c)3 organizations. She worked as Education Programs Manager for the New West Symphony. Karen has been involved with Ventura County Middle School Honor Band and held many positions with ACHS Music Boosters where she received the 2015 Outstanding Booster Award.

Karen Gatchel’s name is synonymous with Camarillo’s SOKM [Save Our Kids’ Music]. She is most proud of her 20-year involvement with this program and served as Chairman since 2008. SOKM received a PTA Honorary Service Award in 2009, a Camarillo Chamber of Commerce Service Organization of the Year in 2010, and a PTA Golden Oak Award in 2013. SOKM provides opportunities for over 600 students each year to participate in instrumental music, in making sure that financial considerations are not a barrier for students to participate.

In 2010, she was instrumental in establishing the PVSD Youth Arts Academy. She was PTC President and Treasurer for Camarillo Heights School. Karen received a PTA Golden Oak Award in 2015.

Karen progressed through school music and performed with West Valley Youth Band for 7 years participating in parades in SF Valley, Sta. Barbara, LA County Fair and Disneyland, concerts at Magic Mountain, El Camino College and the Shrine Auditorium. Chatsworth HS found a leader in Karen with special honors. At UCLA, she played tenor sax in the Marching and Varsity Bands, Wind Ensemble, and Symphony including a trip to Japan. She now plays with the UCLA Alumni Band. After graduating, she became a free-lance musician, but kept her “day job” in information systems at Lockheed Corporation and the Walt Disney Company. She recently played with the Westlake Village Symphony.

She was born in Butte, MT, moved to San Jose, then to Chatsworth. For each move, she was able to be in either a pull-out program or after school practices. Karen and husband, Richard, a financial controller, have lived in Camarillo for 28 years. Son, James, is a French Horn graduate of USC. Son, David, has a B of M from Indiana U, a M of M from ASU, and is studying piano on a Fulbright Scholarship in Germany.

Have you met Andy?



Look for Andy and see something new at the museum!!

Follow Andy's adventures on line at our website: <https://pvhsonline.org/videos/>

Andy works with his cinematographer and director Eric Bergh to make sure you don't miss any new developments at the museum or with the expansion project.

Andy can be seen driving around town in a 1939 Packard pedal car that had been stored on a farm and donated to the museum in 2008. He loves to have chicks wave at him!





Doña Mary Goldberg Kids' Books and Youth Programs

Ten years ago, 2012, Mary was named “Public Servant of the Year” by the Camarillo Chamber of Commerce.

She continues to serve many boards and societies.

She currently is a member of the AC Ranch Foundation Board, and is a docent for the Ranch House sharing the history of the Camarillo family. Mary is on the boards of Ventura County Reading Association, American Association of University Women (AAUW)—Creative Arts Workshop Director and past President--, and also the PV Historical Society Board.

Mary grew up in Granada Hills, but lived in Seattle where she received a Masters Degree in Library Science from the University of Washington. In 1986, husband, Alan, and her family moved to Camarillo and she has worked in several Ventura County libraries as the Children's Librarian. They raised two children who, as you can imagine, have a special bond of reading to their children.

While working at the “old” Camarillo Library, she enjoyed planning and watching the new library emerge. She encouraged more space for children's books, and a larger staff room that allowed planning for more community programs for children and adults.

She is chair of AAUW's annual Knowledge Bowl which was started in 1964 by Betty Rutherford. In 2021 she coordinated the first AAUW-Camarillo Speech Trek via Zoom. This program gives high school students an opportunity to present speeches on a topic chosen by the committee.

Mary works with the creation of programs for kidSTREAM at the old library site. She works with the accession team for PVHS—with special interest in the Fulkerson Library and planning for the Children's Library for the new building to include vital historical experiences for the children. Her mother gave her the “history bug.”

She also participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, with a ceremony giving the chance to reflect, remember, honor and support those who have been touched by cancer.

Doña Diana Hagen

Inspiring, energetic volunteer



First of all, can you believe that she is 97 years old and still leads the early morning Senior Exercise classes at PVR&PD? Diana has been doing that for 26 years 3 times/week and has enjoyed the deep bonds and friendships with generations of other seniors over the years.

Her many friends in the class relate that she brings, each day a consistent, positive and encouraging presence. She feels that it is important for all seniors to be physically active, socially engaged and to have a sense of purpose. Diane attributes her exercise regimen for herself maintaining good health, vitality, and mental acuity.

She is passionate about relationships with her friends and buys cards and has the class sign and send them to ill or homebound friends. During the earlier Covid pandemic, she continued her classes outdoors in the quad area, masked and socially distanced.

Diana is an avid supporter and donator to Cal Lutheran University, NPR, the Camarillo Ranch House, Pleasant Valley Historical Society, and the printed version of the Ventura STAR. She was a member of AAUW and led fund-raising efforts for scholarships.

Her long involvement with the Mount Cross Lutheran Church includes Bible study and fellowship groups and the prayer shawl ministry—she buys the yarn, organizes the knitters, and arranges delivery. She helped organize the Quilt Ministry which has given over a thousand quilts to the Lutheran World Relief's global assistance.

An avid reader herself, she enthusiastically introduces people to new authors and genres. She actually has a lending library in her garage benefitting friends and neighbors, shut-ins of all ages.

She was born in Bagley, MN and attended schools in Duluth. Diana has a degree in Advertising Design from U of Michigan, and post-graduate studies at the U of Chicago Divinity School. She married Charles Hagen in 1950 who was a pioneer in JPL Aerospace Program. They moved to Camarillo in 1976. She has 3 children, 3 grand-children, and 6 great-grands.



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Don Donald Howald

Have tool belt—will travel

In the many buildings on the Camarillo United Methodist Church grounds, Don probably had his hands on the tools that built it!

He learned many of his construction skills from volunteering over 20 years at UMC Camp Cisquito, located in the mountains. Over the years, he has been involved with many global missionaries' buildings and repairing wherever needed—such as in Chile and Kenya. In Kenya he helped locals build a drinking water system for a college campus.

Nationally, he is still active with UMC Volunteers in Mission and has responded to disasters in at least eight states across the country when and where needed.

Locally, at the church, he has been instrumental in the construction of the sanctuary, parsonage, fellowship hall [has a room named after him—the Howald Parlor], and converting the parsonage to the Mission House to accommodate the Japanese American congregation. He assisted in the Le Breton Medical Supply Project building. He is a member of the church choir and has led the Men's Group for over twenty-five years.

Don has helped build Habitat for Humanity houses, volunteered at Food Share, built recreation equipment at Mesa Union Elementary School, and helped build the snack bar at Rio Mesa HS.

He participates in the Ventura County Organization Active in Disaster, is active in the Recovery Group during the Thomas Fire, and volunteers at the Camarillo Airshow for nearly twenty years. He also coached his daughters' softball teams at PVR&P District.

He is a native of Ohio and still manages the family farm where he grew up. He attended Ohio State University and then served in the USAF as an officer and pilot for 5 years. He flew as a commercial airline pilot for 35 years. After the military, Nancy and he lived in the LA area and have lived in in Camarillo for 52 years. Daughters, Anna Binney and Marian Brock, live in Camarillo. Third daughter, Beverly Schippmann, will be moving here soon. They have 5 grandchildren.

Don Curt Luft Influential Educator



Teacher, administrator, counselor, coach, advisor, athletic director, Curt worked through the ranks of public-school academia for 34 years, retiring in 1999.

However, he continued in education fields after “retiring.” Teaming with Dale Ackerman, they worked with Cal Lutheran University supervising candidates working on their teaching credentials. Five years later, they joined the staff of National University supervising student teachers and interns. Most were placed in PVSD for further training. For six years, Curt and Dale also teamed to do short-term interim administrative positions for PVSD. His first job was a teacher of history at Thousand Oaks HS and served on the TOHS staff for seventeen years, many years as advisor to student activities. He then was 17 years at Westlake High School serving as head of counseling, athletic director, education issues, and filling the Vice-Principal and Principal positions.

In 2021, he was inducted in the Ventura County Educators’ Hall of Fame. He received many awards from Thousand Oaks HS and Westlake HS. The Association of CA School Administrators (ACSA) have given Curt numerous prestigious awards over the years—too numerous to list—you will have to ask Curt!

Curt was born in Iowa, but raised in Gilroy, CA. Although it is the “Garlic Capitol of the World,” Curt was only a “prune picker” and “apricot cutter” to earn money! He served four years in the Army Intelligence before joining the CIA for a short time. Wife, Beverly, and he returned to California and settled in Camarillo in 1967. They have been married for 63 years.

They are members of Trinity Presbyterian Church, and Curt has held numerous leadership roles there—Deacon, Ruling Elder, as well as long-time member of the choir. He supervises and instructs at the free after-school study center for Rancho Campana HS students that Trinity members established. Curt has also volunteered as a poll worker for many years.

His four children, Steve, Scott, Sean and Laura all went to schools in Camarillo. Scott lives in Texas, but the others live in Camarillo. They have 3 grandchildren and 1 great-grand.



Doña Mary Ann Novak

Passionate Volunteer

Volunteering at myriad projects has been her passion. From making and serving Thanksgiving dinners for years to the homeless in LA who could not go to a shelter, adopting families at Christmas, to being a docent for eight years at Shambala (ROAR Foundation), a big cat sanctuary founded by Tippi Hedren.

She devoted great time and energy to the Rubicon and Cabrillo Theaters working with non-profit groups as a producer of musicals. She started as an aide to the original producer and ended up being the producer herself.

Joining the Amber's Light Lions seven years ago has given her so many opportunities to give back. And, since retirement four years ago, she has had a lot more time. Mary Ann became club president for the "COVID" year, 2020-2021 term, but despite the limitations, the club served over 2,500 hours and was named the #1 Club for MD4-A3 District. The club has projects with vision, environment, hunger, seniors, diabetes, youth and pediatric cancer. In addition to the club projects, she was the District Student Speaker Chair for three years.

Mary Ann has been given several awards for her leadership and service in Lions clubs, including the Henry J Asian Fellow from the Student Speakers Foundation, the Melvin Jones Fellow for dedicated humanitarian services, and the Lion International President's Certificate of Appreciation (4th highest award in Lionism!). She is part of the district Global Membership Approach Team and works on the diabetes walk.

Born at March AFB in Riverside, CA, Mary Ann spent her early life as an Air Force brat. Living in many places, including graduating from high school in France, it wasn't until moving to Camarillo in 1975 that she had her first permanent home. She took a "temp" job at St. John's Hospital that transitioned into 44 years and becoming the Director of Medical Staff Services for both St. John's Regional Center and St. John's Pleasant Valley.

Besides Lions, Mary Ann has also been a volunteer for the PVHS museum for several years, helping weekly with accessions and other projects. She is appreciated for her thoroughness and attention to information with a local impact. She is a "blender." She brings people from her wide circle of contacts into other opportunities benefitting all. She says, "It's a joy to see the museum expand both its collections and its building!"

Doña Gwen Speakes

She Makes Things Happen



Gwen inspires people to do more than they ever thought that they could. During the last 24 years, she has held lead positions in the Meadowlark Service League, and President for multiple times. She helped make MSL annual fund-raising contributions from \$35K her first year to over \$200K in recent years. This allows grants to be given to more than 25 local charities and scholarships for college students.

She spends much of her time doing graphic design for the MSL fund raisers and using her creative ideas and organizational skills on the planning and execution of these events such as Taste of Camarillo, Homes for the Holidays, and Charity Luncheon and Tennis/Pickleball Tournament. Gwen related, “I have enjoyed working side by side with many amazing men and women working hard to make our community strong.”

Moving to Camarillo from Claremont over 25 years ago after retiring from the Defense Industry, she quickly made a mark in her new town. She raised her family along with involvement in charity work that began to be overflowing each new day. Gwen was first working with her children’s organizations--school, basketball, and AYSO Director—, and then discovered the Meadowlark Service League “magic” where she was able to use her business experience and skills in graphic design.

She served on the St. John’s Hospital Community Board, and worked with the Camarillo Ranch Foundation and Boys and Girls Club of Camarillo. In 2011, working with the Friends of the Camarillo Library, she used her graphic design skills to design bookmarks, website art, and recently a new unique logo all of their display platforms. As a leader in the community, she was awarded 2017 Camarillo Woman of the Year, and Acorn’s Top Ten in 2018.

Born in Chicago, she enjoyed a fun childhood of sports and academics. She graduated from Northwestern University with a BA in Mathematics. Later, she completed an MBA from the Peter Drucker School of Management at the Claremont Graduate School.

A very active family, Gwen and Jeff have been married for 39 years enjoying outdoor activities such as tennis, pickleball, Pilates and skiing. She has 3 children—VC Supervisor Kelly Long, Thomas (Lauren) in Costa Mesa, Ally (James) in Pacifica, and two granddaughters.

Come relax with Andy on the “Back Porch.”

During construction, The Charles Honn Botanical Garden is open Saturdays noon-4:00. Monarchs are abundant, vegetation is always beautiful, breezes come, shady spots are throughout the walkway. The four display buildings and mural found on the walkways are full of artifacts and information.





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As a rancher, Andy spends a lot of time working with his horse “Kegasus”. Andy learns a lot from the artifacts in the barn—tack from local ranches, cobblers’ tools, woodworking tools, bee paraphernalia, garage items, an 1898 Montalvo Bridge sign, and much more. Look for his “Kegasus” stabled in the barn. Andy can be seen below getting ready to rope up some racoons.



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Don David Tennesen

Sheriff and Volunteer

David met his wife, Valerie, in jail. But that is another tale! You will have to ask him to explain. He grew up in eastern South Dakota, but ended up in Camarillo after Sergeant Tennesen retired from the US Marine Corp. His last duty station was at the Port Hueneme Naval Base.

In 1978 he was honorable discharged from service with the opportunity to stay in the area. He bought his first house in Camarillo in 1979.

Immediately after his military service, he began his career with the Ventura County Sheriff's Office. From entry level to many senior executive management positions, he served thirty-two plus years. He was Police Chief of Camarillo from 1999-2004 and retired from the VC Sheriff's Office in 2011.

David has always committed to serving the Camarillo area, professionally as a law enforcement officer, but also through volunteerism. He served on the board of managers of the Camarillo Family YMCA for four years during which time they embarked on a capital campaign which resulted in the YMCA's first full-service facility in Camarillo.

He served twice on the board of the Boys & Girls Club of Camarillo. The second time from 2015-2021 included a two-year term as the Board Chair, during which time they had a capital campaign to rejuvenate and add onto the existing facility. Construction is presently underway from that successful campaign.

Other organizations included the Camarillo Optimist Noontime Club, and later a member and President of the Camarillo Sunrise Rotary Club, where he became a "Rotary Master PRLS graduate"—management courses. He also served in an advisory capacity for the local Boy Scout Council.

He holds a BA in management from Ashford University in Iowa, and an MPA in administration from CSUN.

He and his wife of 21 years, Valerie who is a practicing RN, are members of Padre Serra Parish. His daughter, Jessie Green is a local educator and has two sons. Stepson, Steve Toney, has 4 sons.

Recently, David has entered the Camarillo City Council—District 1 race!

Doña Betty Weyek

Pleasant Valley Music Advocate



Yes, Betty and Karen Gatchel have similar passions! They have been friends united with the same interest for over twenty years.

During Betty's son, Doug's, seventh grade year in Pleasant Valley School District it was announced that the district would be eliminating the music program. Knowing how important a role music played in her own development as a young person, Betty truly believed in the power of music and was committed to ensuring the continued success of the music program in PVSD. She also works as Music Program Coordinator for Pleasant Valley School District.

And so, with healthy servings of perseverance and community support, the organization, Save Our Kids' Music (SOKM) was created. Before becoming a non-profit in 1991, the group of interested parents worked through the PTA Council. Betty was on this first group that made sure something would be done to promote the mission of ensuring that every child in the community has access to a music program. She has continued to serve on the board of SOKM for the past thirty years!

Through the years, SOKM has provided financial support of the music program for PVSD as well as scholarships for students to ensure they were able to participate regardless of financial status.

In addition to her work with SOKM, Betty is active in the community where she has served as a Cub Scout Leader, a Girl Scout Leader, the Steering Committee Chairperson at Los Primeros, and Unit Director for the Camarillo Christmas Parade for twenty years. As a member of the Camarillo Community Band she serves as Vice President. Finally, she is a member of the Ventura County Concert Band where she is the Band Librarian.

Betty was honored to be named, 1998-99 PVSD Classified Employee of the Year, 2001 Camarillo Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year, and 2016 Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District Volunteer of the Year.

She spent six formative years in Camarillo, attending district schools. She returned to Camarillo in 1986 to raise her family and has been part of the community ever since. She met her husband, Rick in college and they have been married for 46 years. They have 2 children, Doug and Melissa, and 6 grandchildren.



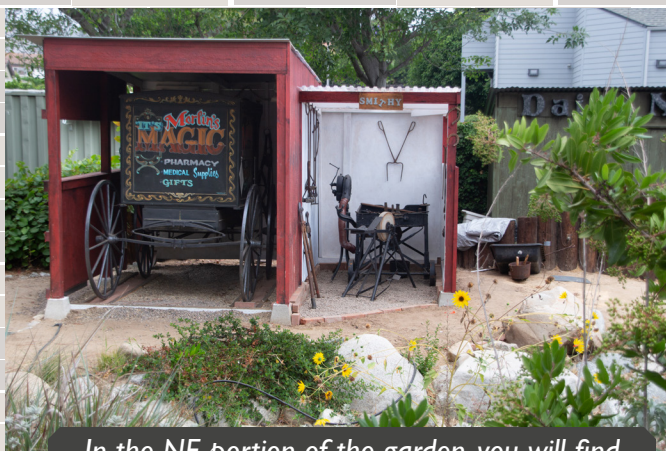
"The Barn" constructed in 2020 has a variety of ranch, woodworking and garage items



The "Back Porch" constructed in 2021, displays a copper washing machine, copper farm tub, and viewing of the kitchen.



The kitchen features a 1920s Magic Chef range, appliances and utensils



In the NE portion of the garden, you will find an extensive Chumash display, the "Medicine Buggy Barn," and the "Smithy" shed with blacksmith forge and tools.

Even though the museum building is closed, volunteers are hard at work constructing new buildings, maintaining the gardens, and working through the hardwork of assessing and restoring historical pieces.

Andy is particularly excited about this WW I poster from the collection of Max Riave, painstakingly restored by our team of volunteers, and protected in an archival sleeve.

Before Restoration



After Restoration



WE'VE BROKEN GROUND!

On June 26th we ceremoniously broke ground to begin the expansion project. Bob Burrow, Bob Fulkerson, Bob Fierro [contractor], Mark Pettit [architect], Tony Trembley [City councilman], and Joy Todd did the honors of turning sod with a variety of “gold” plows from the museum collections. The spectators were informed of the long-time planning process and necessary city planning requirements to get to this point.





One of the ways to contribute to the building while providing a long-lasting tribute to family and friends is to fund a brick. Go to our website, or scan this QR code to fill out a form.



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Congratulations

to the 2022

Pleasant Valley Historical Society

Dons & Doñas

PVHS has the original 1918 deeds to Ivy Lawn plots for the Daily family and other local families. The deeds are embossed with a seal and have a revenue stamp. Included is a map of the 1918 cemetery. The connection between Ivy Lawn Memorial Park history and that of the Pleasant Valley are once again, affirmed.

Ivy Lawn Memorial Park has been telling the story of Ventura County's history in a way no other site could for over 100 years. They have been designated Ventura County's only historic cemetery district as they are the final gathering place for the county's largest collection of historically significant people.

We are especially proud of the nomination of Don Wayne Brueckner this year. Wayne is serving as a member of the Ivy Lawn Board of Directors. As part of the Ivy Lawn's family, we share this picture of Wayne's extended family!



Of great interest is the user-friendly "Records" search of names on the Ivy Lawn Memorial Park website: www.ivylawn.org

Ivy Lawn Memorial Park & Funeral Home

Jeanne Clark, President / General Manager

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Congratulations 2022 Dons & Doñas





ANDY WOULD LOVE



Andy and Ann love to sit in the box and reminisce about their adventures.



Shh! Don't tell President Harding. What happens in the garden stays in the garden.



Taco Tuesday is extra special when Andy starts making tortillas from scratch!



Everyone has the sibling that's a showoff.



Don't forget to follow PVHS Museum and Garden. You will find Andy's adventures and much more! .

SHOWING YOU AROUND!



*Andy's love of learning never stops.
when you are over 100, it's hard to
remember what you read yesterday.*



*Sometimes your best
companion is the white horse
that doesn't talk back.*



*At the end of the day, Andy definitely
feels a little raggedy.*

PLEASANT VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESIDENTS

1966 – 1969 JACK McEWEN [3 years]
1969 – 1983 JACK FULKERSON [14]
1983 – 1992 BETTY RUTHERFORD [9]
1992 – 1994 FRED ROLLYSON
1994 – 1996 LIZ DAILY
1996 – 1998 RON FRANZ
1998 – 2002 ERIC DAILY [4]
2002 – 2005 IRA GROOMS [3]
2005 – 2006 PAIGE HIBBITS
2006 – 2008 DAVID HIBBITS
2008 – 2010 LIZ DAILY
2010 – 2011 PAIGE HIBBITS
2011 – 2013 STAN DAILY
2013 – 2015 FRANKLIN ROTH
2015 – 2018 MAX COPENHAGEN [3]
2018 – 2020 JOY TODD
2020 - 2022 BOB BURROW
2022 - 2024 JOY TODD

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Beverly & John Pearson, Paul Rockenstein Bob Rust,
Betty Sullivan, Valerie Tackett, Debra Thiessen,
Bill & Joy Todd, Renee Whitlock

Dates of Interest:

March, 1986 – PVHS signed contract with the City of Camarillo for our present building—formerly the Camino Water District offices, well, and reservoir.

November, 1988– PVHS opened to public at 720 Los Posas Road after extensive modifications to its interior by members of the society.

November, 1993 – The Amish Garden Gazebo opened to public for intimate events such as small weddings, luncheons, and parties.

April, 2017--Mural painted by muralist, Lisa Kelly, on entire east wall of museum.

March, 2020 “The Barn” built

August, 2021 Diane Elias Painted mural in east garden area

August, 2021 “Back Porch”built

May, 2022 “Medicine Buggy Barn” built

July, 2022 “Smithy” built

**2022-2023 Expansion
Project will happen!**

The background of the entire slide is a close-up photograph of pink flowers, likely hydrangeas, with green leaves visible. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some showing more detail than others. The lighting is soft, creating a gentle, celebratory atmosphere.

Sincere THANK YOUS

to:

our generous benefactor of the BBQ
Ivy Lawn Memorial Park

Joe Erickson & Pacific Beverage
for contributions of drinks

**The many hard workers
who made this BBQ event possible:**

Don & Doña Selection Committee Chair: Bob Burrow

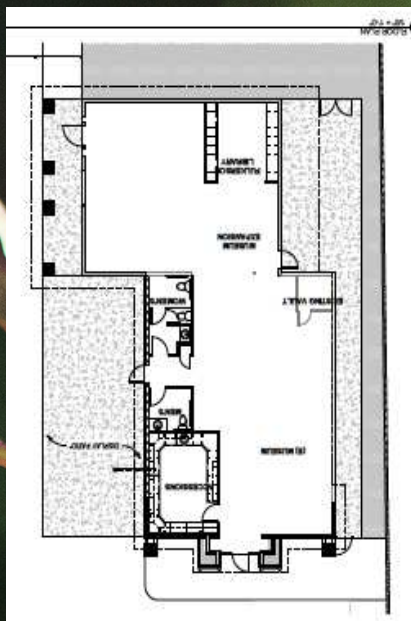
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Judy Crenshaw, Joy Todd, Debra Thiessen

Don & Doña BBQ Memory Booklet and photos:

Bill Todd, Heidi Hoover, Joan Rust

BBQ Emcee: Bob Rust



Front entrance--faces Las Posas



Architect's drawings of proposed expansion

Come Visit Us!

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[just east of Rosewood]

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Garden open hours:

Noon-4:00 p.m. Saturdays
or by special arrangement for groups

For Garden and Gazebo events:

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