The Birth of the Fallbrook Historical Society

- **Nov. 1-2, 1975** The Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce and its Bicentennial Committee, under the leadership of Ted Young and Gene Norman, put together a Heritage Exhibit. At this exhibit, 150 people signed a sheet indicating that they were interested in forming a Fallbrook Historical Society.

- **Jan. 6, 1976** At the Bicentennial Committee meeting, the group endorsed forming a historical society and George Kelsey was asked to be temporary Chair. A public meeting was held to test public interest in a historical society.

- **Feb. 23, 1976** A small but enthusiastic group met and Kelsey appointed an organizing committee. Those chosen to be Incorporators were Kelsey, Bob White, and Don Dussault, with Hilda Hroch as Secretary.

- **June 1976** Chamber of Commerce and Fallbrook Historical Society honor Maie Ellis.

- **Aug. 9, 1976** Date for the official organization of the Society.

- **Oct. 14, 1976** Incorporators White, Dussault and Kelsey, who were the first directors, met and presented the Charter, Articles of Incorporation, acceptance of exemption from State Tax Board and IRS. Officers elected were: George Kelsey, President; W.R. White, Vice President; Don Dussault, Sec/Treas. Bylaws were adopted and a bank account was opened.

*First in a series of articles of the history of FHS.*
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Watch for announcements of the Caboose arrival in early May!

The Railroad Heritage Park will be located at the corner of Elder and Main Ave. where the train used to cross the street in downtown Fallbrook.

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Fallbrook Historical Society Members visit
Rancho Santa Margarita y Las Flores Museum
Camp Joseph H. Pendleton

The 8,500 square foot Rancho Santa Margarita y Las Flores Ranch House (circa 1827) was and remains the center of ranch and Marine Corps Base life. This magnificent building is a stunning example of early ranch architecture in California, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Sites. It was part of a 133,440-acre (540.0 km²) Mexican land grant in present-day northwestern San Diego County, California given by governor Juan Alvarado in 1841 to Andrés Pico and Pío Pico. After Juan Forster died in 1882, his sons sold Las Flores Adobe as part of Rancho Santa Margarita y Las Flores to Richard O'Neill and James L. Flood. In 1888, the new owners hired the Magee family to manage the ranch. The U.S. government acquired the ranch land in 1941 and established Camp Pendleton there.

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