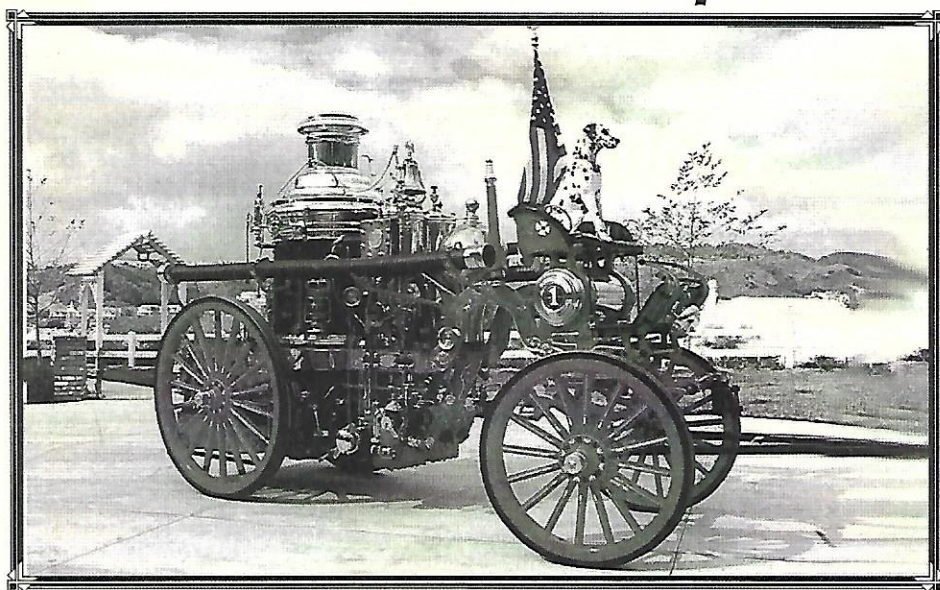


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Salute to Firefighters on July 20th at FHS *11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*



Early 1990's

In an old barn in Fallbrook, CA, Dave and Barbara Hubert stared at the rusted, incomplete remains of this "wonder of yesteryear" and knew they had to seize the opportunity and attempt to restore the steamer, all the time hoping against hope that, somehow, the boiler would still function after ninety plus years. So Dave, a retired fire captain, set out on a mission. After six years of searching for the many missing parts, fabricating the rest, and painstaking restoration, including sending the huge wheels back to the Amish craftsmen to rebuild, it was finally time to paint the chassis and finalize all the gold leafing.

Today- Alive again!

Celebrating over 104 years of service, the horse drawn 1902 American Steam Fire Engine is finally restored to its original glory. Today, as a salute to the California Fire Service, and known as the "CSFA Steamer Team" this colorful display can be seen traveling throughout the state

attending community events, in the interest of fire prevention and life safety education. Miraculously, the boiler is back in action and can still pump 1000 GPM! Along with this vintage icon, nine other unique fire trucks from bygone eras will be on display, including Fallbrook's own "Alfie."

Program Schedule

The Fallbrook Historical Society, in partnership with the North County Fire Protection District, have planned a full program along with educational and historic displays, a visit from Smokey Bear, and a Fire Prevention booth with valuable safety

information and gifts for children. Firefighters will be available throughout the grounds to answer questions and demonstrate the display vehicles.

The formal program will begin at noon with the entrance of the San Diego County Firefighters Pipes and Drums and the Camp Pendleton Fire Department Honor Guard, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the National Anthem by Christa Noetzel. A brief slide presentation, entitled "The History of Firefighting in Fallbrook" will follow along with remarks by North County Fire Protection District Chief William Metcalf. The program will end with a Salute to Firefighters – the community's expression of gratitude to our firefighters – past and present – for their service and their commitment to our safety and well-being.

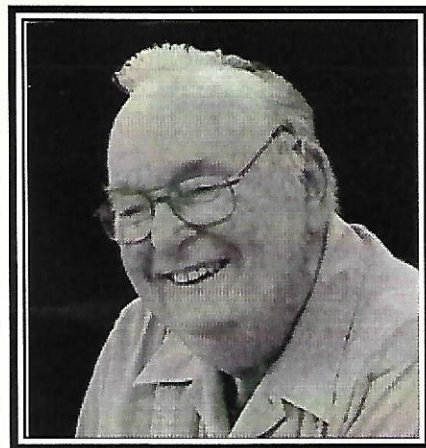
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President's Message

Most everyone reading this is a member of the Fallbrook Historical Society. We are folks who are interested in the history of this town. We are individuals of different ages and background and we have different ideas of what the history of the town is. I looked up the word (history) and in general it refers to any thing that has happened in the past, even just a minute ago. I have always been interested in history whether it's world or local. That's probably why I'm writing this message in a historical presentation. By far my favorite reminiscing time frame is school-age days. That seems to be the most vivid.

Unlike what one of our prominent political figures has been seen quoting on the TV in recent months (what difference does it make) things that have taken place in the past, both good and bad, are important to us when we are planning our future. Since 1976 a steady group of dedicated, revolving individuals have established a beautiful ever increasing display on Rocky Crest Road where anyone can come and enjoy all things involved in the community's past. Our goal is to reach out and get more people interested in activities concerning the Fallbrook story. The potential is unending. Come by on one of our days when we are open, or make a special appointment to talk to us about it.

HiSTORYcally Yours, Jack



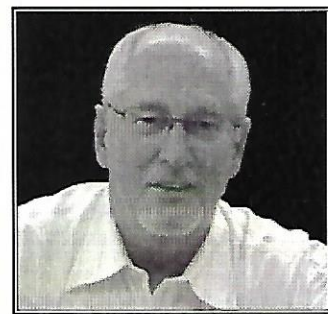
Historical Society Offers Photo Preservation Class and Combined "Story Time"

The Fallbrook Historical Society is hosting a two-session Photo Preservation Class which began on Wednesday, June 12, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. and will conclude on Wednesday, June 19, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. at the Historical Society Museum grounds. Each session is combined with a "Story Time" segment, a personal narrative from a Fallbrook native about life in Fallbrook. The "Story Time," in addition to being highly entertaining, exemplified the value of preserving personal stories about Fallbrook which could be lost if not recorded.

This year, especially as fire season approaches, everyone is acutely aware of the increased danger to our community after such an unusually dry year – and worried about how to protect irreplaceable photographs and vital documents. To address those worries Fallbrook Historical Society and Cory Carrier, a computer instructor and photo archivist, joined together to offer the community a free class in preserving and archiving photos and documents. The class is covering how to scan and preserve photographic prints on CD's and restore photos damaged by light, heat, or water, as well as how to organize and archive photos into a digital photo album CD.

Each session concluded with a "Story Time" – a special appearance by a guest speaker who shared one or two entertaining stories about Life in Fallbrook – to exemplify the importance of creating a video diary. The "Story Time" will be videotaped and archived at the Historical Society as part of its oral history series and also posted on YouTube. The initial speaker will be Charles Mackey, long-time resident of Fallbrook, son of Wilbur and Marian Mackey, owners and

*Charles Mackey, guest
speaker for the June 12
"Story Time"*



publishers of the Fallbrook Enterprise and current owner the Fallbrook Directory.

The speaker for the second session on June 19 will be Marion Clemmons, oldest living native son of Fallbrook who, needless to say, has a wealth of entertaining stories to share.

Seating is limited, so if you missed the first class, do make a reservation for the second. We also hope to repeat the class in the future, so let us know if you would be interested in that as well by calling the Historical Society (760) 723-4127 (leave your name and phone number) or send an e-mail to:

Fallbrook Historical Society@gmail.com

*Life's Tragedy is that
we get old too soon and
wise too late.*

– Benjamin Franklin



William Ahrend, left, is celebrated as the Vintage Award honoree and Neil Rhodes, right, as the Pioneer of the Year by the Fallbrook Historical Society on May 18. The event was held at the Reche Schoolhouse.

Memorials

In Passing, our condolences to their families and friends. We shall miss these fine patrons...

Cecelia Njust, Membership

PAT DUSSAULT

We had mail from Patrick Dussault, the son of Don and Pat that his mother had passed away last month. Don was our second president and had been on the committee that fostered the local Bicentennial celebration in Fallbrook. Those volunteers were some of the founders of our society with Don and Pat at the forefront. He and Pat were mainstays in all our activities and their patronage helped with funding for our purchase of the museum property. After Don's death Pat moved to Omaha to be near her son. Patrick's comment in reply to my letter of condolence was heartwarming. "Thank you for your message. I wish my father could have lived to see what the Historical Society has become; he would have been proud to have been part of an organization that has been so effective in remembering and preserving Fallbrook's heritage."

POLLY SCRAPE

It is always hard for me to say Scrape when referring to Polly's fine family--the Village includes her as part of that Tire Place on Main, one of the most highly regarded businesses in the county. She and her marine husband came here in 1944. Forrest was his name but Scrappy was the name he lived by; And Scrappy's is still on Main and still a family business. Their help as patrons of our society was unending. I remember one time Polly and I were walking around the museum grounds discussing the Society's fu-

ture. I knew how she loved to dance and jokingly promised that I would help her plan a barn dance or sock hop if we ever had a barn. At that point we were not at all sure we would ever have the barn we have today. Her optimism was one of the assets we needed to see the project through.

ARLYNE INGOLD

When Arlyne and Bob Ingold joined the society early in our existence the first thing Arlyne said was, "What can we do to help?" which of course immediately placed her on our Board of Directors. And help they both did, not just financially, as they did for nearly every worthy cause in Fallbrook, but with time and elbow grease. For every fund drive and activity they, and later Arlyne alone, were there. We'll think of them every time we look at Bob's red Model A that she had restored for one of his birthdays. They gave the car to the society and it became the nucleus of our Ford Room. Always interested in children's welfare she was early in urging us to host tours for school children. A fond memory is her being photographed for the media with our then president Marge Yackey, both turning the first shovels of sod to the start the barn raising. The following year she was our Village Vintage Awardee. We'll miss her good humor, great smile and especially her encouragement.

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Refreshments will be served. The event is open to the general public and free of charge.

Spaghetti Lunch

The Fallbrook Rainbow Girls will host a spaghetti lunch on July 20, at the Masonic Lodge, 203 Rocky Crest Road, from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. to coincide with the "Salute to Firefighters." The lunch will include spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert, and drinks. Tickets for the lunch are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12 and can be purchased at the Masonic Lodge or at the Historical Society on the day of the event.

The Fallbrook Rainbow Girls have long been participants in the Society's events and have played a key role in welcoming guests and serving refreshments. For more information on the Rainbow Girls Spaghetti Lunch, call Kathy Perkins, 760-758-2845.

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*"Remember this, that very little is
needed to make a happy life."*

— Marcus Aurelius

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We wish to welcome all the new members to the FHS and encourage them to come and visit the museum, the Barn and especially the Pittenger House. All venues are unique and offer materials and artifacts that are steeped in historical significance to the Fallbrook area. We are always looking for volunteers to assist us as docents so if after visiting, you think that you might be interested, please give us a call at the museum and we will be in touch.

AND.... there are several members who are late renewing, please check your mailing label for the expiration date of your dues.

Thanks again for your prompt renewals.

Ten Renewals:

Evans, Burdick, Simpson, Gordon, O'Donnell, Gregg, Towery, Fisher, Stokes, Curry and Wright.

DONATIONS

We would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for their special contributions and support:

Evelyn Fetzner Estate

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We need volunteers to do computer research on the value of certain Historical Society items and volunteers to help restore the 19th-century horse-drawn carriage. If you are interested in helping in either of these areas, or if you know of someone who might be interested, please contact:

Roy Moosa email: roymoosa@att.net



We are currently conducting Docent Training and if you are interested in becoming a Docent please call our office at (760) 723-4125 and leave your name and number and we will contact you.

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