

# FALLBROOK HISTORIAN

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The Society is located at the corner of Rocky Crest Road and Hill Avenue., in the Historical House

"HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A DREAM?"

Well, drive to the property on the corner of Rocky Crest Drive and South Hill and you will see a dream coming true. The Fallbrook Historical Society and the Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society are watching, planning, working on funding and seeing dreams being realized. The Historical Society Museum will house the parts of Fallbrook's past which it has been collecting over the years from our interested citizens, and the Gem and Mineral Society will have a home for their displays, a place to work, and a way to share with the community. Now, can you see why we are excited?

Funding is still an important item. We need more money to complete the Museum. Landscaping, walkways, stairs, ramps, and of course--display cases, tables and storage. Also the present Museum will need some items to change it into a house reflecting the past. Dining room table and chairs, plus new paint for the outside are needed.

Also a side board, kitchen table and chairs. So keep up the good work of the past and we in Fallbrook will all benefit. Fallbrook residents have been most generous. Unless the donor requests otherwise, all donations of funds will go into the building fund for the present. Please help in any way possible.

Marjorie Yackey, President.



## Brief history of the land where the Historical House and the new museum are located

Who used this land in the past? Until the Spanish occupation, this was Luiseno Indian territory. In the early 1800's it was part of the ranch lands of the San Luis Rey Mission. With independence in 1821, the Republic of Mexico took control, and the land was theirs until the United States won its war of conquest and signed the peace treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo in 1848. Then the land was owned by the United States government, which surveyed the land, validated the titles of ranchos, like Santa Margarita and Monserate, and opened the rest of the land for homesteading. Millard Neff homesteaded this piece of land in 1881, paying \$1.25 per acre, and selling it four years later for \$26.25 per acre. William Pittenger, a hero of the Civil War and pastor of the Fallbrook Methodist Church, paid even more than that for his twenty acres in the 1890's. When Dr. Davies lived in the Historical House, he also maintained an office here, where he treated many Fallbrook residents in the 20's and 30's. In 1946, John and Marion Griffin purchased the Rocky Crest Ranch and raised a family here. Griffin heirs sold two acres of property to the Fallbrook Historical Society in 1981.



**HISTORICAL HOUSE HOURS**

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
on the first Tuesday  
of the month.  
Or by appointment.  
Call 723-4125

**MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOCIETY**

Open to anyone interested  
in the history of the  
Fallbrook area.  
Membership Chairman:  
Cecelia Njust - 728-3271

**DUES SCHEDULE**

Adult	\$ 5.00
Family	10.00
Contributing	20.00
Business & Professional	25.00
Life Member	250.00
Patron	500.00

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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

GEORGE AND JOSEPHINE KELSEY

If George and Josephine had some dreams for Fallbrook, and I know they did, one of them would have been for a large Historical Museum. Now this dream is being realized. Thanks to their bequests to the Fallbrook Historical Society, among other gifts and donations, a new Museum is a reality. Thank you George and Josephine for your part in a dream. Now it is a reality.